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MISSION DEVELOPMENT FLOOR COMMITTEE (MD-01)

Resolutions for the 2018 Convention of the Southeastern District, LCMS

1 **MD 01-18-01: TO AFFIRM THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH**

2
3 **WHEREAS**, the words of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Great Commission (Matthew
4 28:18-20) call and compel us as the baptized people of God to carry the Gospel into all
5 the world and “make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father
6 and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have
7 commanded you.” And in so doing, we also trust that this same Lord Jesus Christ is with
8 us as we go into all the world: “And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age”;
9 and

10
11 **WHEREAS**, we live in a mission-rich field not only in these United States of America,
12 but specifically within the boundaries of the Southeastern District of The Lutheran
13 Church—Missouri Synod; and

14
15 **WHEREAS**, the historical roots of the LCMS are found in the immigration of the 1800’s,
16 and as we continue to be surrounded by multi-ethnic people groups, immigrants, and an
17 emerging generation of unchurched people; and

18
19 **WHEREAS**, the Southeastern District has a long and glorious history of 75 years of
20 being mission-minded, and is perceived as such by other districts of The Lutheran
21 Church—Missouri Synod, and has been commended for its creative and forward-
22 looking mission endeavors, including iNeighborhood; and

23
24 **WHEREAS**, because of our sinful human nature we are constantly being tempted to
25 turn inward on ourselves and lose sight of the Great Commission, thereby undercutting
26 and undermining the primary work of Christ’s Church, which is carrying the Gospel into
27 all the world; and

28
29 **WHEREAS**, the enormity of the mission field before us requires the first-fruits of all the
30 resources which God has entrusted to our care so that our stewardship of time, talent,
31 and treasure is freely and gladly devoted to Christ’s Great Commission; and

32
33 **WHEREAS**, the complexities of the particular era and culture in which we live call for
34 fresh insights and new ways that proclaim “a changeless Christ for a changing world”;
35 therefore be it

36
37 **RESOLVED**, That the Southeastern District lift up and affirm again in this missionary
38 age that the Church’s unique work must be to proclaim joyfully the Good News of
39 salvation in Jesus Christ in word and deed to all the world; and be it further

40
41 **RESOLVED**, That the Southeastern District commit itself anew to Christ’s Great
42 Commission, encouraging and resourcing congregations and schools, church workers
43 and laity to see themselves through the lens of Christ’s Great Commission; and be it
44 further

45



46 **RESOLVED**, That Southeastern District congregations open their hearts and doors to
47 every tribe, language, and people groups as they seek to connect neighbors with Jesus;
48 and be it finally

49
50 **RESOLVED**, that the Southeastern District in Convention commend and thank those
51 congregations partnering in multiethnic and specialized ministries.



1 **MD 01-18-02: TO AFFIRM iNEIGHBORHOOD MINISTRY**

2
3 **WHEREAS**, the work of the Southeastern District, LCMS (SED) is to connect 32 million
4 people with Jesus by 2021; and

5
6 **WHEREAS**, the SED is composed of a rich tapestry of people of all ages, ethnicities,
7 languages and backgrounds; and

8
9 **WHEREAS**, all LCMS Lutherans in the SED are called to intentionally reach out to their
10 neighbors through iNeighborhood; therefore be it

11
12 **RESOLVED**, That the SED in convention thank God for the gift of neighborhood
13 ministry that all may know the love of Jesus; and be it further

14
15 **RESOLVED**, That the SED in convention commit anew to the work of iNeighborhood
16 ministry; and be it finally

17
18 **RESOLVED**, That the SED in convention urge all congregations to intentionally reach
19 out to people of all generations, ethnicities, languages and backgrounds who live in the
20 neighborhoods in the Southeastern District.



1 **MD 01-18-03: TO SUPPORT GAINESVILLE, VIRGINIA MISSION**

2 *(Overture 01-18-04)*

3

4 **WHEREAS**, the Mission Committee of Circuits 9A and 9B has been instrumental in
5 collecting congregational best practices by creating a monthly forum at which to
6 exchange ideas; and

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8 **WHEREAS**, the Mission Committee of Circuits 9A and 9B has been involved in
9 targeting new mission starts across the Circuits because of those Circuit exchanges;
10 and

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12 **WHEREAS**, it has become clear through exchange of ideas by Circuit and District
13 leaders, and leaders of congregations in the middle and southern portion of Circuit 9B
14 that a new start is needed in the Gainesville, Virginia area; and

15

16 **WHEREAS**, leaders of Our Savior's Way Lutheran Church in Ashburn, Vine & Branches
17 Lutheran Church in South Riding, and Hope Lutheran Church in Manassas have all
18 seen a reason to focus on work in this area, and talk collectively about it; therefore be it

19

20 **RESOLVED**, That the Southeastern District (SED) affirm work in the Gainesville,
21 Virginia area as a model for new mission opportunities through a creative partnership
22 between congregations, circuits, and the Southeastern District.



1 **MD 01-18-04: TO ENCOURAGE ENGAGEMENT WITH LONG AND SHORT-TERM**
2 **MISSION OPPORTUNITIES**

3 *(Overture 01-18-05)*
4

5 **WHEREAS**, our God sends His church into the world (Acts 1:8) that all might be saved
6 and come to a knowledge of the truth (1 Tim. 2:3-4); and
7

8 **WHEREAS**, this sending is an act of God’s love and mercy to the lost; and
9

10 **WHEREAS**, the church is an instrument in the hands of God sent to proclaim His
11 kingdom to the world; and
12

13 **WHEREAS**, all Christians are called to “live as those sent by Christ” (LW 69:336);
14 therefore be it
15

16 **RESOLVED**, That the district encourage individual and congregational engagement
17 with long and short-term mission opportunities with organizations such as the Mission of
18 Christ Network, Office of International Mission, Mission Central, and Lutheran Hour
19 Ministry.



1 **MD 01-18-05: TO DEVELOP WORKER TRAINING PLAN**

2 *(Overtures 01-18-01, 01-18-02, 01-18-09)*

3
4 **PREAMBLE:** Recent analysis of pastors within The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod
5 reveals that, over the next ten years, roughly two-thirds of today’s pastors will have
6 reached or passed the age of retirement. Additionally, seminary graduation rates over
7 the past decade have been well below retirement rates. Similar shortages exist for
8 commissioned ministers. Therefore, this analysis makes it clear that our church body
9 has a worker supply-demand problem. Unless these trends are reversed, before the
10 year 2027 our church body will not have enough church workers to serve our church
11 body.

12
13 **WHEREAS,** The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, gathered in Convention in 2016,
14 limited Word and Sacrament ministry to ordained pastors, eliminating the use of any
15 other designated servants; and

16
17 **WHEREAS,** the Southeastern District’s iNeighborhood ministry targets include:

- 18 • 500 new neighborhoods (ZIP codes) being reached and engaged
- 19 • 100 church workers serving in their neighborhood; and

20
21 **WHEREAS,** one of the critical resources required to meet these targets is a
22 theologically-trained workforce; and

23
24 **WHEREAS,** Concordia Seminary (St. Louis), Concordia Theological Seminary (Ft.
25 Wayne), and the Concordia University System are not currently supplying sufficient
26 quantity of theologically-trained workers to resource the mission initiatives of the
27 Southeastern District; and

28
29 **WHEREAS,** the Southeastern District’s priority is to expand our mission activity, not to
30 contract it; and

31
32 **WHEREAS,** these mission initiatives will be on-going, requiring workers to be recruited,
33 trained, and released into ministry over the coming decades; and

34
35 **WHEREAS,** the Southeastern District has utilized programs to provide formal
36 theological training for potential workers, including the current Specific Ministry Program
37 (SMP), the Ethnic Immigrant Institute of Theology (EIIT), the Center for Hispanic
38 Studies (CHS), Mission Training Center (MTC) and the Certified Lay Deacon program at
39 Concordia – New York; and

40
41 **WHEREAS,** Article XIV of the Augsburg Confession states that “no one should publicly
42 teach in the Church or administer the Sacraments unless he be regularly called;”
43 therefore be it

44
45 **RESOLVED,** That the Southeastern District Board of Directors and President develop a
46 worker training plan to supply pastors, ordained and commissioned ministers, and other



47 church workers to serve the mission and congregations of the District, working with our
48 partner institutions when appropriate; and be it further

49

50 **RESOLVED**, That the Southeastern District petition the 2019 Convention of The
51 Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod to do the same, with examination of strategies and
52 strategic partnerships for training and deploying church workers throughout the Synod;
53 and be it finally

54

55 **RESOLVED**, That the President of the Southeastern District present this plan to the
56 2021 District Convention.



1 **MD 01-18-06: TO CONTINUE THE LICENSING OF CERTIFIED LAY DEACONS FOR**
2 **WORD AND SACRAMENT MINISTRY IN EMERGENCIES**

3 (*Overture 01-18-03*)
4

5 **WHEREAS**, the Scriptures enjoin leaders of the church to equip the laity for the work of
6 ministry (e. g., Ephesians 4:11–12); and
7

8 **WHEREAS**, the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, in convention, has recognized the
9 contribution of consecrated lay workers by recommending that those who have been
10 certified to serve be allowed temporary licensure for, among other things, “preaching
11 and administration of the sacraments...in extreme circumstances and emergencies”
12 while under the supervision of an ordained LCMS pastor;¹ and
13

14 **WHEREAS**, the number of candidates for ordination, ordained pastors available on the
15 clergy roster of the LCMS, and retired clergy has been steadily *decreasing* while the
16 number of small congregations that are unable to readily support a pastor financially in
17 the LCMS has been rapidly *increasing*; and
18

19 **WHEREAS**, the Lord of the Church is calling laypeople today to even greater
20 involvement in areas of ministry traditionally left to pastors and full-time church workers;
21 and
22

23 **WHEREAS**, the Southeastern District of the LCMS has responded to the call in Holy
24 Scripture to equip the laity for ministry by developing a program for certified lay deacons
25 with Concordia College—New York and endeavored to be faithful to the Lord of the
26 Church by licensing certified deacons for preaching and administration of the
27 sacraments in emergencies; therefore be it
28

29 **RESOLVED**, That the Southeastern District, in convention, reaffirm its commitment to
30 supporting residential seminary programs and non-residential pastoral training
31 programs like SMP; and be it further
32

33 **RESOLVED**, That the Southeastern District, in convention, declare its intention to
34 continue certifying lay deacons and licensing them for preaching and administration of
35 the sacraments in emergencies; as outlined in Resolution 13-02A of 2016 LCMS
36 Convention; and be it further
37

38 **RESOLVED**, That the Southeastern District facilitate a conversation within the LCMS to
39 develop a clear, reasonable, and consistent path for the training, certification, and
40 licensure of lay deacons Synod-wide that takes into account the present actions of lay
41 deacons in districts like the Southeastern District; and be it finally
42

43 **RESOLVED**, That this path remain consistent over time, as the seminary path has.

¹ Cf. 1989 Resolution 3-05B; also, more recently, 2013 Resolution 4-06A, page 4.



1 **MD 01-18-07: TO COMMEND TO SYNOD PRIORITIES FOR NATIONAL MISSION**
2 **AND MINISTRY EMPHASES**

3
4 **WHEREAS**, Synod Bylaw 4.2.1.d directs the “district convention, through delegate vote,
5 forward to the national convention a list of two or three triennial mission and ministry
6 emphases for consideration by the national convention;” and
7

8 **WHEREAS**, the delegates to the 2018 Convention of the Southeastern District, LCMS
9 have selected the top three mission and ministry priorities from among the nine
10 previously identified by circuit and congregational representatives in circuit forums
11 throughout the District; therefore be it
12

13 **RESOLVED**, That the Board of Directors of the Southeastern District forward the three
14 selected emphases to the Synod on behalf of the District in Convention for
15 consideration in developing national priorities for mission and ministry.
16

17 ***To Vote on National Mission and Ministry Emphases***

18
19 *Delegates at the Circuit Forums identified the following to be considered for the National*
20 *Mission and Ministry Emphases. Convention delegates will vote to identify the three top*
21 *emphases selecting one from each category below.*
22

23 **WITNESS**

- 24 1. Expand our WITNESS of God’s saving Gospel by intentionally promoting,
25 supporting, and encouraging church planting in densely populated and multi-
26 cultural settings.
- 27 2. Expand our WITNESS of God’s saving Gospel by increasing support of early
28 childhood, elementary, and secondary education and youth ministry.
- 29 3. Expand our WITNESS of God’s saving Gospel by offering the historical Luther
30 proclamation of the Gospel as witness to the church universal.

31 **MERCY**

- 32 1. Extend our response to God’s great MERCY by performing human care in close
33 proximity to Word and Sacrament ministries.
- 34 2. Extend our response to God’s great MERCY by collaborating with Synod’s
35 members and partners to enhance mission effectiveness.
- 36 3. Extend our response to God’s great MERCY by strengthening and supporting our
37 families in living out God’s design.

38 **LIFE TOGETHER**

- 39 1. Enhance the quality of our LIFE TOGETHER under God’s Grace by sustaining
40 and revitalizing our member congregations.
- 41 2. Enhance the quality of our LIFE TOGETHER under God’s Grace by supporting
42 and expanding affordable and accessible theological education
- 43 3. Enhance the quality of our LIFE TOGETHER under God’s Grace by promoting
44 and nurturing the spiritual, emotional, and physical well-being of pastors and
45 professional church workers.



1 **MD 01-18-08: OMNIBUS B**
2 *(Overtures 01-18-06, 01-18-07, 01-18-08)*

3
4 **WHEREAS**, a number of issues have been presented through overtures to which the
5 District in convention has previously spoken; and

6
7 **WHEREAS**, after careful consideration of these matters, there appears to be no valid
8 reason to change or alter the stated position of the District, therefore be it

9
10 **RESOLVED**, That petitioners offering the following overture be referred to previous
11 convention action as indicated.

12	<i>Number</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Previous Action</i>
13			
14			
15	OV 01-18-06	To Encourage Support of RSOs (Recognized Service Organizations) Within Synod and District	CO 02-12-06
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18	OV 01-18-07	To Support RSO's Within Synod and District	CO 02-12-06
19			
20	OV 01-18-08	To Support Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) Registered Service Organizations (RSOS) In The Southeastern District (SED)	CO 02-12-06
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CONGREGATIONAL OUTREACH FLOOR COMMITTEE (CO-02)

Resolutions for the 2018 Convention of the Southeastern District, LCMS

1 **CO 02-18-01: TO CREATE AND IMPLEMENT A DISTRICT PROGRAM**
2 **TO SUPPORT OUR VITAL MINISTRY OF EARLY CHILDHOOD**
3 **EDUCATION**

4 *(Overtures 02-18-01, 02-18-02, 02-18-03)*

5
6 **WHEREAS**, God commands parents, "Train up a child in the way he should
7 go; even when he is old he will not depart from it" (Prov. 22:6); and

8
9 **WHEREAS**, Martin Luther said that "when schools flourish, all flourish;" and

10
11 **WHEREAS**, the raising of children and the teaching of the Christian faith is most
12 effectively accomplished when parents and school personnel work together in
13 partnership; and

14
15 **WHEREAS**, the Southeastern District, LCMS operates 17 child development centers
16 and 46 preschools serving around 3000 students ages 6 weeks – 4 years, early
17 childhood education has become a powerful extension of the congregation through
18 which all families and neighborhoods can be effectively connected to the love of Jesus;
19 and

20
21 **WHEREAS**, to ensure the effectiveness of our early childhood ministries it is
22 essential to equip pastors, school personnel and parents in their roles; therefore be
23 it

24
25 **RESOLVED**, That a taskforce be appointed to create a program to support early
26 childhood education by resourcing our schools with appropriate curricula, training
27 and development of all essential personnel, and guidelines for outreach to include
28 families and neighborhoods; and be it further

29
30 **RESOLVED**, That this taskforce report their progress to the Southeastern
31 District Board of Directors (SED BOD) twice per year; and be it further

32
33 **RESOLVED**, That upon hearing the taskforce's report, the SED BOD will explore and
34 assess areas that will require additional funding; and make provisions in their work on
35 the budget for such needs; and be it further

36
37 **RESOLVED**, That a progress report be brought to the SED in convention in 2021; and
38 be it finally

39
40 **RESOLVED**, That district congregations continue to encourage and pray for the ministry
41 of early childhood programs, including all essential personnel, parents and students.



1 **CO 02-18-02: TO ADVOCATE FOR CHURCH WORKERS AND THE**
2 **CONGREGATIONS THAT CARE FOR THEM**

3 *(Overture 02-18-04)*
4

5 **WHEREAS**, the needs of church workers require specific, ministry-related care that is
6 not always available; and
7

8 **WHEREAS**, congregations also require support when faced with their responsibility for
9 the health and well-being of their church worker; and
10

11 **WHEREAS**, the SED Worker Care Team has surveyed SED workers and identified
12 supportive resources as well as specific areas of need; therefore be it
13

14 **RESOLVED**, That the Southeastern District of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod
15 (SED) provide assistance for its workers through the SED Worker Care Team for the
16 well-being of body, mind, spirit, and relationships; and be it further
17

18 **RESOLVED**, That the SED provide intentional care in a variety of ways, such as trained
19 coaches within each circuit to provide care for the church workers and their families,
20 and conferences dedicated to church worker health and well-being; and be it finally
21

22 **RESOLVED**, That the SED provide this caring support through its staff, Facilitators, and
23 Reconcilers.



1 **CO 02-18-03: TO SUPPORT LCMS U AND OTHER LCMS CAMPUS MINISTRIES**
2 **THROUGHOUT THE SED**

3 *(Overtures 02-18-05, 02-18-06)*
4

5 **WHEREAS**, the Lord has created, sustains, and continues to grow the kingdom through
6 the working of the Holy Spirit, connecting people with other people; and
7

8 **WHEREAS**, the college students of our congregations need to be connected to a
9 church in a very real and tangible way so that their faith deepens and their sharing of
10 the gospel increases; and
11

12 **WHEREAS**, the Lord has raised up many LCMS U chapters and other LCMS campus
13 ministries in the Southeastern District of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod to help
14 connect college students to the church; therefore be it
15

16 **RESOLVED**, That congregations in the Southeastern District are encouraged to use the
17 following websites:

- 18 • <https://www.lcms.org/campus-ministry/find-lcms-u-chapter>
- 19 • www.se.lcms.org

20 to locate a campus ministry or LCMS U chapter to which they can refer their students;
21 and be it further
22

23 **RESOLVED**, That the congregations support LCMS U and other LCMS campus
24 ministries in the Southeastern District and throughout the Synod; and be it further
25

26 **RESOLVED**, That the SED maintains a list of all congregations, including LCMS U
27 chapters, involved in campus ministry in the SED; and be it finally
28

29 **RESOLVED**, That the congregations of the Southeastern District are encouraged to
30 pray for the LCMS U ministries and other LCMS campus ministries in their outreach to
31 college students.



1 **CO 02-18-04: OMNIBUS A**
2 *(Overture 02-18-09)*

3
4 **WHEREAS**, the Floor Committee has considered all overtures assigned to it and has
5 concluded, for various reasons, that certain overtures should be declined; therefore be it
6

7 **RESOLVED**, That the following overture be referred to the Council of Presidents.
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9	<i>Number</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Reason</i>
10			
11	OV 02-18-09	To Ask for Guidance Regarding Non-Legal	This is not a matter for the CTCR, so it will be passed on to the Council of Presidents for consideration.
12		Marriages Recognized by the Church	
13			
14			
15			



1 **CO 02-18-05: OMNIBUS C**
2 (*Overtures 02-18-07, 02-18-08*)

3
4 **WHEREAS**, some of the following overtures suggest to the convention acceptable
5 approaches in dealing with matters mentioned; and

6
7 **WHEREAS**, others among the following overtures thank and commend laudable
8 individuals and efforts; therefore be it

9
10 **RESOLVED**, that the following overtures be received as expressions of encouragement
11 or gratitude:

12
13 ***Number*** ***Title***

14
15 OV 02-18-07 To Give Thanks for Our District President and Staff in Their Advisory
16 Roles To Calling Congregations

17
18 OV 02-18-08 To Give Thanks for Our District President and Staff in Their Advisory
19 Roles To Calling Congregations



STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE FLOOR COMMITTEE (SF-03)

Resolutions for the 2018 Convention of the Southeastern District, LCMS

1 **SF 03-18-01: TO RECOGNIZE THE WORK OF MID-ATLANTIC LUTHERANS IN**
2 **MISSION AS A FUNDING SOURCE FOR SOUTHEASTERN DISTRICT MISSION**
3 **EFFORTS**

4 *(Overture 03-18-01)*

5
6 **WHEREAS**, the Southeastern District, LCMS was formed for the sake of advancing the
7 Gospel of Jesus Christ in a geographic area where the fields were ripe for the harvest;
8 and

9
10 **WHEREAS**, today the opportunity to reach more than 32 million people within the area
11 of the District continues to demonstrate a great opportunity for mission work; and

12
13 **WHEREAS**, the funding of mission comes from congregations, individuals, and
14 agencies who share the same goal of reaching all people with the Gospel; and

15
16 **WHEREAS**, the opportunities to support and contribute to mission work include
17 numerous sources; and

18
19 **WHEREAS**, Mid-Atlantic Lutherans in Mission has been organized to serve as another
20 source for mission support in the Southeastern District; therefore be it

21
22 **RESOLVED**, That the Southeastern District in Convention rejoice and give thanks to
23 God for congregations, individuals, and agencies who provide support for the work of
24 the Gospel throughout the District; and be it further

25
26 **RESOLVED**, That the Southeastern District recognize Mid-Atlantic Lutherans in Mission
27 as an agency that is fully supportive of the work of funding mission advancement and
28 committed to connecting giving opportunities with mission work; and be it further

29
30 **RESOLVED**, That the Southeastern District in Convention recognize with thanksgiving
31 those who faithfully support and contribute to mission work; and be it finally

32
33 **RESOLVED**, That each congregation, individual, and agency is encouraged to support
34 the work of mission advancement through Mid-Atlantic Lutherans in Mission and other
35 means and opportunities provided within the Southeastern District.



1 **SF 03-18-02: TO REDUCE SOUTHEASTERN DISTRICT CONVENTION /**
2 **CONFERENCE COSTS**
3 *(Overture 03-18-02)*
4

5 **WHEREAS**, we are blessed to have opportunities to come together as the Southeastern
6 District, LCMS in conventions and conferences; and
7

8 **WHEREAS**, we commend the Southeastern District over the years for working to keep
9 convention and conference costs down so they might be more affordable so that all
10 congregations can send their workers; therefore be it
11

12 **RESOLVED**, That the District continue to work to keep costs down on extended District
13 conventions and conferences so that all congregations can send their workers.



1 **SF 03-18-03: TO ENSURE PROPER FINANCIAL REPORTING FROM THE SYNOD**
2 *(Overtures 03-18-03, 03-18-04)*

3
4 **WHEREAS**, a principle of Biblical stewardship is to be accountable with the resources
5 with which one has been entrusted, as expressed in the Parable of the Talents
6 (Matthew 25:14ff; Luke 19:11ff); and

7
8 **WHEREAS**, much is required of those to whom God has entrusted His gifts. As Jesus
9 said, “Everyone to whom much was given, of him much will be required, and from him to
10 whom they entrusted much, they will demand the more” (Luke 12:48b); and

11
12 **WHEREAS**, the Scriptures teach “it is required of stewards that they be found faithful”
13 (1 Corinthians 4:2); and

14
15 **WHEREAS**, the Synod has historically recognized its responsibility of accountability and
16 faithfulness in the handling of the finances entrusted to it by its members, as is
17 witnessed in Bylaw 1.5.4, “The Synod and each of its agencies shall fully disclose their
18 financial books and records to any member congregation of the Synod;” and

19
20 **WHEREAS**, there have been few tangible reports about the financial struggles of the
21 Synod, such as the need to trim \$4 million from the budget of Synod (ref. July 7, 2017
22 *Reporter* – <https://www.lcms.org/2017/international-national-mission>) and the May 19-
23 20, 2017 Synod Board of Directors’ minutes
24 (<https://www.lcms.org/Document.fdoc?src=lcm&id=4769>); and

25
26 **WHEREAS**, more thorough and frequent reports will be helpful in keeping members of
27 Synod informed about the financial condition of the Synod; and

28
29 **WHEREAS**, transparency and regularity in reporting the financial situation of the Synod
30 is of utmost importance to the members and congregations of the Synod who have a
31 vested interest in the financial viability of the Synod and who merit clear, concise, and
32 timely reports; therefore be it

33
34 **RESOLVED**, That the Southeastern District of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod,
35 gathered in Convention in May 10-12, 2018, requests that the Chief Financial Officer of
36 Synod report on a quarterly basis in the Synod’s official publications and the LCMS
37 Website about the financial position of the Synod, in a format easily understood by
38 persons unfamiliar with financial terminology, such reporting to include, but not be
39 limited to income and expenses, budget versus spending, cash reserves, etc.; and be it
40 further

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42 **RESOLVED**, That the Southeastern District encourage that all members of Synod be
43 clearly informed of the ongoing financial situation of corporate Synod; and be it further

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45 **RESOLVED**, That quarterly reports include information about the regular Synod budget
46 as well as reporting on special appeals and Synod indebtedness; and be it finally



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48 **RESOLVED**, That the Southeastern District in Convention thank the Synod for its
49 understanding of the need for financial transparency.



BYLAWS FLOOR COMMITTEE (BL-04)

Resolutions for the 2018 Convention of the Southeastern District, LCMS

1 **BL 04-18-01: TO AMEND SYNOD’S CONSTITUTION TO ALLOW ALL MEMBER**
2 **CONGREGATIONS VOICE AND VOTE**

3
4 **PREAMBLE:** Article V.A. of the LCMS Constitution introduces the undefined term
5 “parish” when describing which members hold voting rights in the Synod which creates
6 an internal inconsistency, to wit:

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8 “All organized congregations that have joined the Synod hold voting membership.
9 At the meetings of the districts of the Synod every congregation or parish
10 (emphasis added) is entitled to two votes, one of which is cast by the pastor and
11 the other by the lay delegate.”

12
13 The term “parish” has been interpreted multiple times by opinions of Synod’s
14 Commission on Constitutional Matters (CCM) and rulings by the Secretary of the Synod
15 as being “two or more congregations served by one pastor.” However, in other places in
16 Synod’s Constitution and Bylaws, the term “parish” is used to refer to a person or
17 persons serving a single congregation. The practical effect of this inconsistency is that it
18 makes the first sentence of Article V.A. above untrue. It also creates a second class of
19 Synod membership, congregations with no say or stake in membership. This issue has
20 been around for more than 40 years and it is time to put an end to the controversy it
21 generates, which only serves to divide us when the times in which we live demand our
22 unity, particularly on matters not involving sacred doctrine.

23
24 The issue on congregation disenfranchisement has taken on more importance in recent
25 years as the process for electing the President of the Synod has changed by allowing
26 individual congregations to vote in a pre-convention process. Not allowing some
27 congregations to participate in this process is not only demoralizing for the
28 congregations involved, but removes any incentive for other congregations to become a
29 part of our Synod, particularly if they are small and dependent upon outside support for
30 Word and Sacrament ministry.

31
32 One of the frequently voiced arguments for keeping things the way they are has to do
33 with the theoretical ‘balance’ between lay and clergy representation. Such
34 representation is not guaranteed by current practice. For instance, congregations with
35 vacancies not being served by called and installed Intentional Interim pastors are still
36 entitled to their lay representation even though they do not have clergy representation.
37 As the available supply of ministers of religion-ordained continues to shrink, the number
38 of such congregations is destined to grow. Also, there are no procedures in place to
39 assure such ‘balance’ is attained either at district or Synod level. In fact, for Synod-wide
40 election/ratification processes, the results are determined by percentage of votes
41 actually cast, not on percentage of eligible voters. In the last election for Synod
42 President, only 78% of eligible votes were actually cast.



44 Past efforts to deal with the issues involved have included lengthy and valid theological
45 and historical arguments, all of which have gone to naught. Perhaps it is time to realize
46 that the real rationale for addressing and correcting this inconsistency is simply that it is
47 the ‘meet, right, and salutary’ thing to do. What is the harm in allowing our brothers and
48 sisters in Christ a full stake and share in the conduct of our ministry together? How can
49 we say to them that we are “walking together” so long as they stay one step behind and
50 to the left of the rest of us? Are we not all equal partners in this journey of faith?

51
52 The path to correction is simply to eliminate the dual use of the word “parish” as follows:
53

54 **WHEREAS**, the current wording of Article V.A. of the LCMS Constitution contains an
55 internal inconsistency which simultaneously grants and then removes voting
56 membership from certain congregations; and
57

58 **WHEREAS**, the term “parish” is used inconsistently throughout the LCMS Constitution
59 and Bylaws by sometimes referring to a grouping of congregations served by one pastor
60 and other times referring to individuals serving a single congregation; and
61

62 **WHEREAS**, all member congregations of the Synod should be “walking together” in
63 ministry and practice; therefore be it
64

65 **RESOLVED**, That the Southeastern District of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod
66 in Convention petition the Synod in Convention to correct the inequity in congregation
67 voting rights by taking the actions described in this overture; and be it further
68

69 **RESOLVED**, That Article V.A. of the Constitution be amended by the Synod in
70 Convention as follows:
71

72 All organized congregations that have joined the Synod hold voting membership.
73 At the meetings of the districts of the Synod and for all Synod-wide elections and
74 ratifications every congregation or parish is entitled to two votes, one of which is
75 to be cast by the pastor and the other by the lay delegate. In the case of a pastor
76 serving two or more congregations by regular call, he shall be entitled to only one
77 vote. At the meetings of the Synod a number of congregations shall form a group
78 which shall be represented by two voting delegates, one a pastor and one a lay
79 delegate.
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81 and be it further
82

83 **RESOLVED**, That Article 3.1.2.1 (c) of the Bylaws be amended by the Synod in
84 convention as follows:
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86 (c) The privilege of voting shall be exercised by one pastor and one layperson
87 from each member congregation of the circuit, both of whom shall have been
88 elected in the manner prescribed by the congregation. ~~Multiple parishes shall~~



89 ~~be entitled to a lay vote from each member congregation~~ Pastors serving
90 multiple congregations shall be entitled to only one vote.

91
92 and be it further

93 **RESOLVED**, That Article 3.1.2.1 (h) which defines the delegates and alternates to
94 Synod Convention of the Circuit in the Bylaws be amended by the Synod in convention
95 as follows:

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97 (h) All four persons elected shall come from four different ~~parishes~~
98 congregations.

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100 and be it further

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102 **RESOLVED**, That Article 3.12.2.3 of the Bylaws be amended by the Synod in
103 convention as follows:

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105 3.12.2.3 The Secretary of the Synod shall compile and maintain the voters list for
106 the election of the President of the Synod. This list and any of its parts shall not
107 be disseminated.

108 (a) This voters list shall include:

109 (1) the pastor ~~of serving each a member congregation, s-or multi-~~
110 ~~congregation parish~~ Pastors serving multiple congregations shall be
111 entitled to only one vote.

112 (2) a lay person from ~~the each~~ congregation ~~or parish~~

113 (b) The congregation shall present to the Secretary of Synod 90 days prior to the
114 election a proper credentials form provided by the Secretary, signed by two of the
115 congregation's officers. If a congregation ~~or parish~~ has more than one pastor
116 eligible to vote, the congregation shall designate on the credentials form which
117 pastor will cast a vote on behalf of the congregation.

118 (c) If one or both delegates are unavailable, congregations shall be provided
119 opportunity to select substitute voters up to a deadline designated by the
120 Secretary.

121
122 and be it further

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124 **RESOLVED**, That Article 4.8.2(d)(1) of the Bylaws be amended by the Synod in
125 convention as follows:

126
127 (1) Attendance at the official conferences shall be obligatory for ordained
128 and commissioned ministers serving in congregations ~~and parishes.~~

129
130 and be it further

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132 **RESOLVED**, That all prior rulings and opinions of the Secretary of the Synod and
133 Commission on Constitutional Matters on this subject be declared superseded by this
134 action; and be it finally



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RESOLVED, That we renew our pledge that all member congregations of the Synod strengthen and encourage each other in all aspects of our walk together in our work to fulfill the Great Commission in our fallen world.



1 **BL 04-18-02: TO ENCOURAGE THE USE OF CHRISTIAN CONFLICT RESOLUTION**
2 **AND THE KOINONIA PROJECT**

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4 **PREAMBLE:** “The ‘Koinonia Project’ is a long term initiative of the Office of the
5 President of the Synod developing spiritual and theological solutions under the Word of
6 God for some of our long term spiritual and theological issues in the Synod. The project
7 fosters theological study and discussion groups at many levels designed to bring
8 together capable and respected people to study God’s Word and the Confessions of our
9 church so that, by God’s grace, we come to clear agreement on **1) the points at issue,**
10 **2) what we confess together, 3) what we reject and 4) what we will therefore do**
11 **together, on the basis of Scripture and our Confessions.”** (Herb Mueller, Brief
12 Report, <http://wmltblog.org/tag/koinonia-project/>)
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14 The Koinonia Project is not a substitute for the Synodical Dispute Resolution Process, a
15 more formal procedure outlined in the Handbook of the Lutheran Church—Missouri
16 Synod. However, the Koinoina Project offers another way to address disagreement or
17 conflict that follows the principles identified in Matthew 18:15-20 prior to initiating action
18 under Synod’s Dispute Resolution Process.
19

20 Synod Bylaw 1.10.1.4 states: “Christian conflict resolution seeks to resolve disputed
21 issues in a manner pleasing to God. Those in conflict are urged to proceed prayerfully in
22 good faith and trust. Disputes are more likely to be resolved harmoniously if those
23 involved in the conflict recognize one another as redeemed children of God.”
24

25 **WHEREAS,** The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod has an established a Dispute
26 Resolution Process and District Reconcilers to respond in a formal way in times of
27 disagreement or conflict; and
28

29 **WHEREAS,** the Office of the President of the LCMS is using the Koinonia Project to
30 also address matters of concern as we are reminded that koinonia is a “sharing of what
31 is given, given by Christ in His means of grace” (2013 Koinonia Concept Paper); and
32

33 **WHEREAS,** these same principles are embodied within the Christian Conflict
34 Resolution process; and
35

36 **WHEREAS,** both of these processes are Biblically based and doctrinally sound;
37 therefore be it
38

39 **RESOLVED,** that the Southeastern District, LCMS in Convention encourages the use of
40 Christian Conflict Resolution and the Koinonia Project within the District to bring
41 concord, harmony, and peace in interpersonal relationships and church relationships
42 that are broken prior to the initiation of proceedings under Synod’s Dispute Resolution
43 Process; and be it finally
44

45 **RESOLVED,** that the Southeastern District in Convention petition the Synod in
46 Convention to formally require that the Christian Conflict Resolution and the Koinonia



- 47 Project to be used as precursor tools prior to initiating formal action under Synod's
- 48 Dispute Resolution Process.



1 **BL 04-18-03: TO BRING SOUTHEASTERN DISTRICT BYLAWS INTO HARMONY**
2 **WITH THE CONSTITUTION, BYLAWS, AND RESOLUTIONS OF THE SYNOD**
3

4 **WHEREAS**, the 2016 Convention of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod made
5 several changes to the Synod’s Constitution and Bylaws which were subsequently
6 ratified by the congregations of the Synod; and
7

8 **WHEREAS**, Synod Bylaw 4.1.1.2 (a) requires that the Bylaws of the districts of the
9 Synod not conflict with the Constitution and Bylaws of Synod; and
10

11 **WHEREAS**, a review of the Southeastern District, LCMS (SED) Bylaws by the District
12 Board of Directors (BOD) disclosed several instances where the District’s Bylaws
13 needed to be brought into harmony with the Constitution and Bylaws of the Synod; and
14

15 **WHEREAS**, Synod Bylaws 3.9.2.2.3 and 4.1.1.2 (b) require districts of the Synod to
16 submit all changes to the Commission on Constitutional Matters (CCM) for examination
17 to ascertain that they are in harmony with the Constitution, Bylaws, and resolutions of
18 the Synod; and
19

20 **WHEREAS**, in response to the SED BOD submission of proposed changes in
21 accordance with Synod Bylaws 3.9.2.2.3 and 4.1.1.2 (b), the CCM issued its Opinion
22 _____, _____ date _____ recommending that certain further changes be made to
23 bring the SED Bylaws into harmony; therefore be it
24

25 **RESOLVED**, That Article VIII.4. of the Bylaws of the SED be amended as follows:
26

- 27 4. The Board of Directors, acting on behalf of the congregations of the District, shall
28 issue the Call to the President-Elect, and shall extend the Call to rostered
29 workers who serve as District staff or in special ministries of the District. They
30 shall also appoint and maintain a roster of District Reconcilers as prescribed by
31 Synod Bylaws.
32

33 and be it finally
34

35 **RESOLVED**, That Article X of the Bylaws of the SED be amended as follows:
36

- 37 1. These Bylaws may be amended at a District Convention by the majority vote of
38 those members present at a regular session, provided there is written notice to
39 congregations concerning the proposed amendment 30 days in advance of the
40 Convention.
41 2. Normally, the Board of Directors shall submit proposed amendments to the
42 Synod’s Commission on Constitutional Matters to insure they are not inconsistent
43 with the Constitution and Bylaws of the Synod prior to consideration by the
44 District Convention. The Board of Directors will also obtain legal guidance to
45 ensure that any proposed amendments are not inconsistent with the laws of the
46 District of Columbia.



- 47 3. In the event an amendment is approved by the District in convention without prior
48 approval of the Synod's Commission on Constitutional matters, such amendment
49 will be contingent on approval of the Commission on Constitutional Matters. The
50 amended articles or bylaws shall become effective immediately upon, and only
51 upon, approval of the Commission on Constitutional Matters. Should the
52 Commission on Constitutional Matters not approve the adopted changes, the
53 District Board of Directors may modify the amendments to comply with the
54 Commission on Constitutional Matters requirements upon their two-thirds vote.
55 4. Amendments to the District Articles of Incorporation shall be approved by a
56 District Convention. The provisions and processes for such amendments shall be
57 the same as for amendments to the Bylaws.



1 **BL 04-18-04: OMNIBUS B**
2 *(Overture 04-18-01)*

3
4 **WHEREAS**, a number of issues have been presented through overtures to which the
5 District in Convention has previously spoken; and

6
7 **WHEREAS**, after careful consideration of these matters, there appears to be no valid
8 reason to change or alter the stated position of the District, therefore be it

9
10 **RESOLVED**, That petitioners offering the following overture be referred to previous
11 convention action as indicated.

12	<i>Number</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Previous Action</i>
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14			
15	OV 04-18-01	To not Disenfranchise Members of Synod from	SF 03-15-03
16		Attending the District Convention	



THEOLOGY & PRACTICE FLOOR COMMITTEE (TP-05)

Resolutions for the 2018 Convention of the Southeastern District, LCMS

1 **TP 05-18-01: TO RESCIND CCM 16-2791**

2 (*Overture 05-18-01*)

3

4 **WHEREAS**, the Commission on Constitutional Matters rendered Opinion 16-2791
5 stating that (then) current Bylaws regarding “ecclesiastical supervision” in The Lutheran
6 Church—Missouri Synod were “unconstitutional” giving the accuser the right to appeal
7 the decision of a District President when he fails to act or declines to suspend a
8 worker’s membership in the Synod; and

9

10 **WHEREAS**, the Commission on Constitutional Matters refused to accept the clear
11 language of Constitution Article XI that does not give the Synod President the specific
12 authority to suspend, where Article XII, 8 gives specific authority to District Presidents to
13 suspend from membership ordained and commissioned ministers; and

14

15 **WHEREAS**, the Constitution Articles XI, A, 1 and XIV give no explicit constitutional
16 authority to suspend or expel members, thus, the Bylaws of Synod cannot confer such a
17 right to the President of Synod; and

18

19 **WHEREAS**, upon the basis of Opinion 16-2791 the Commission on Constitutional
20 Matters brought forward Resolution 12-01A, “To Restore the Right of Accuser to Appeal
21 When a District President Fails to Act or Declines to Suspend,” to the 2016 Synodical
22 Convention which was postponed indefinitely; therefore be it

23

24 **RESOLVED**, That the Southeastern District of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod
25 declare that Constitutional Articles XI and XII are clear and unambiguous and should be
26 understood as they are written; and be it further

27

28 **RESOLVED**, That the Commission on Constitutional Matters Opinion 16-2791 be
29 rendered null and void by the next Synodical Convention; and be it finally

30

31 **RESOLVED**, That the changes to the Bylaws authorized through Resolution 12-14, but
32 based on this erroneous opinion, also be also rendered null and void by Synod in
33 Convention in 2019.



1 **TP 05-18-02: TO REMOVE THE LUTHERAN CHURCH—MISSOURI SYNOD (LCMS)**
2 **BYLAW 2.14.5**

3 *(Overtures 05-18-02, 05-18-03, 05-18-04, 05-18-05, 05-18-07)*
4

5 **WHEREAS**, the Constitution of the Synod indicates: “The officers of the Synod must
6 assume only such rights as have been expressly conferred upon them by the Synod”
7 (Art. XI A 1); and
8

9 **WHEREAS**, the Constitution of the Synod defines the scope of the ecclesiastical
10 supervision of the President of the Synod as the officers of the Synod, all such as are
11 employed by the Synod, the individual districts of the Synod, and all district presidents
12 (Art. XI B 1); and
13

14 **WHEREAS**, the Constitution of the Synod defines the scope of the ecclesiastical
15 supervision of district presidents as the ordained and commissioned ministers of their
16 districts (Art. XII 7) and entrusts them with the power to suspend ordained and
17 commissioned members from membership in the Synod (Art. XII 8); and
18

19 **WHEREAS**, the Synod was created to be as primarily congregational in nature
20 (Constitution Art. VII 1; Bylaw 1.3.3); and
21

22 **WHEREAS**, the CCM has previously affirmed the sole responsibility of the district
23 presidents for ecclesiastical supervision of members in their respective districts
24 (Opinions Ag. 1970; 13-2669); and
25

26 **WHEREAS**, the 2004 LCMS Convention rescinded Bylaw 2.27.G to eliminate the
27 possibility of an accuser appealing a complaint that has been terminated by a district
28 president; and
29

30 **WHEREAS**, this amendment recognized the congregational nature of the Synod and
31 affirmed that complaints and accusations are best handled locally by those most familiar
32 with the circumstances and individuals involved, in keeping with the constitutional
33 authority given only to the district presidents; and
34

35 **WHEREAS**, RES 12-14 authorized the Board of Directors, following the 2016 LCMS
36 Convention held in Milwaukee, to amend the Bylaws in consultation with the Council of
37 Presidents (COP), to provide opportunity for an accuser to appeal to the President of
38 the Synod if the District President fails to act in a matter regarding a member of Synod;
39 and
40

41 **WHEREAS**, in fact there was no consensus among the COP as reported in the minutes
42 of the November 2017 LCMS Board of Directors, in fact significant disagreement among
43 the COP members; and
44

45 **WHEREAS**, Bylaw 2.14.5 is in conflict with the Constitution of the Synod Article XI B 1;
46 and



47

48 **WHEREAS**, permitting an appeal of an accusation or complaint against a member of
49 the Synod after a district president has terminated the matter undermines the
50 ecclesiastical supervision of the district president, tends to centralize power for
51 ecclesiastical supervision in the President of the Synod; and

52

53 **WHEREAS**, such action requires the accused to defend him or herself twice (before the
54 district president and the President of the Synod), placing the accused in double
55 jeopardy, and potentially costing an immense amount of time, energy, emotion, and
56 money – resources that are best expended upon ministry needs; therefore be it

57

58 **RESOLVED**, That the 2019 LCMS Convention be memorialized to remove Bylaw
59 2.14.5; and be it finally

60

61 **RESOLVED**, That the 2019 LCMS Convention reinstate the previous method of
62 ecclesiastical supervision adopted in the Bylaw changes by the 2004 Convention.



1 **TP 05-18-03: FORMATION OF A TASK FORCE ON ECCLESIASTICAL**
2 **SUPERVISION**

3 *(Overture 05-18-01)*
4

5 **WHEREAS**, the Southeastern District, LCMS received numerous overtures regarding
6 CCM Opinion 16-2791 and suggested/requested changes to Synod Bylaw 2.15.5 with
7 regard to ecclesiastical supervision; and,
8

9 **WHEREAS**, there has been much conversation and concern expressed across The
10 Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod since these bylaw changes were announced;
11 therefore be it
12

13 **RESOLVED**, That the Southeastern District in Convention memorialize The Lutheran
14 Church—Missouri Synod in Convention require the formation of a Task Force to study
15 the history of the exercise of ecclesiastical supervision within the Synod as well as
16 authorize the study of the Scriptures and Confessions among the members of Synod to
17 speak to this matter formally and finally by the 2022 Convention.



1 **TP 05-18-04: OMNIBUS A**
2 *(Overture 05-18-06)*

3
4 **WHEREAS**, the Floor Committee has considered all overtures assigned to it and has
5 concluded, for various reasons, that certain overtures should be referred; therefore be it
6

7 **RESOLVED**, That the following overtures be assigned to the Council of Presidents:
8

9 <i>Number</i>	10 <i>Title</i>	11 <i>Reason</i>
12 05-18-06	13 To Authorize the Council of Presidents 14 (Acting as the Board of Assignments) To Create a System for the Placement of Inactive—Candidate Members	Assigned to Council of Presidents



NOMINATIONS & ELECTIONS COMMITTEE (NE-05)

Resolutions for the 2018 Convention of the Southeastern District, LCMS

1 **NE 06-18-01: TO RATIFY THE SLATE OF CIRCUIT VISITORS**

2

3 **WHEREAS**, each circuit forum elected a pastor for the position of Circuit Visitor for the
4 coming triennium (2018-2021); therefore be it

5

6 **RESOLVED**, That the following slate of individuals elected at their respective circuit
7 forum to the position of Circuit Visitor be ratified and thereby constitute election by this
8 convention.

9

10	Circuit 1	Rev. David F. Nuss
11	Circuit 2	Rev. James L. Banach
12	Circuit 3	Rev. Charles C. Minetree
13	Circuit 4	Rev. Dr. David R. Maack
14	Circuit 5	Rev. Martin J. Schultheis
15	Circuit 6	Rev. Christopher D. Harrison
16	Circuit 7	Rev. Peter A. Schiebel
17	Circuit 8	Rev. Dr. Jonathan A. Blanke
18	Circuit 9A	Rev. Gary D. Rueter
19	Circuit 9B	Rev. Wayne J. Lehrer
20	Circuit 10	Rev. Dr. Matthew D. Bean
21	Circuit 11	Rev. William W. Carr, Jr.
22	Circuit 12	Rev. Lawrence J. McReynolds
23	Circuit 13E	Rev. James M. Daub
24	Circuit 13W	Rev. Michael S. Merker
25	Circuit 14	Rev. James A. McDaniels
26	Circuit 15	Rev. Dr. Ronald J. Wiese
27	Circuit 16	Rev. Anton G. Lagoutine
28	Circuit 17	Rev. David W. Ziehr
29	Circuit 18	Rev. Ted L. Crandall
30	Circuit 19	Rev. Dr. John G. Brunner



1 **NE 06-18-02: TO THANK MEMBERS OF THE BOD AND CIRCUIT VISITORS**
2 **WHOSE TERM OF OFFICE HAS BEEN COMPLETED**

3
4 **WHEREAS**, the Southeastern District is blessed to have God-pleasing administration
5 and good governance to carry out the mission and ministry of connecting people to
6 Jesus; and

7
8 **WHEREAS**, we give all the glory to God who places the gifts in His people and His
9 people in places of service; and

10
11 **WHEREAS**, we recognize that certain members of the Board of Directors and Circuit
12 Visitors have completed their term of office; therefore be it

13
14 **RESOLVED**, That the District in convention rise, be led in a prayer of thanksgiving and
15 sing together the Doxology in praise to God.



1 **NE 06-18-03: TO THANK THE SED WORKER CARE TEAM**

2
3 **WHEREAS**, God wants His workers to be cared for in their areas of ministry; and

4
5 **WHEREAS**, we are thankful for those who have served as innovators in promoting
6 health and wellbeing among servants in the church; and

7
8 **WHEREAS**, in the Fall of 2016 the Worker Care Team was established for the purpose
9 of promoting the health and care of church workers and their families in the
10 Southeastern District; therefore be it

11
12 **RESOLVED**, That the District in convention give thanks to God for DCE Stacey
13 Crosson, Teacher Stephanie Guelzow, Ms. Sheila Langston, Rev. Kevin Martin, DCE
14 Emily Phoenix, Mrs. Ann Teske, Rev. Art Umbach, and Mrs. Lana Wingate by rising to
15 sing “Jesus Loves Me” and be led in a prayer of thanksgiving.



1 **NE 06-18-04: TO THANK SED STAFF MEMBERS COMPLETING THEIR MINISTRY**
2
3 **WHEREAS**, the Southeastern District has been blessed through the longevity of its
4 faithful workers; and
5
6 **WHEREAS**, we give all the glory to God who places the gifts in His people and His
7 people in places of service; and
8
9 **WHEREAS**, we ask God's blessings on the Southeastern District staff who are retiring
10 in 2018 having served a collective 96 years; therefore be it
11
12 **RESOLVED**, That the District in convention rise and give thanks for their faithful service
13 by singing, "Now Thank We All Our God" and be led in a prayer of thanksgiving.



1 **NE 06-18-05: TO WELCOME NEWLY CHARTERED MINISTRIES**

2

3 **WHEREAS**, the Holy Spirit calls, gathers and enlightens His church throughout the
4 world; and

5

6 **WHEREAS**, the Lord commissions His people to go forth, make disciples of all nations,
7 baptizing them in the name of the Trinity and teaching them to obey all that Christ has
8 commanded; and

9

10 **WHEREAS**, during the last triennium the following congregations have been chartered
11 within the Southeastern District, LCMS:

12

13	Ethiopian Evangelical Mekane Yesus Lutheran Church, Cary, NC	11/05/2017
14	Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Midlothian, VA	05/17/2015
15	New Hope Lutheran Church, Mooresville, NC	12/14/2016
16	Oromo Evangelical Lutheran Church of North Carolina, Cary, NC	12/11/2016
17	Oromo Lutheran Church of Baltimore, Baltimore, MD	08/27/2017
18	Oromo Resurrection Evangelical Lutheran Church, Kensington, MD	10/15/2017
19	Trinity Hmong Lutheran Church, Newton, NC	05/14/2017;

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21 therefore be it

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23 **RESOLVED**, That the District in convention stand, give thanks to God for these
24 congregations and welcome them as we are led in prayer and by singing “We Are
25 Marching in the Light of God.”

