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GREETINGS

March 26, 2018

President John R, Denninger
Southeastern District, LCMS

Dear John,

Audrey and I are honored by the invitation to attend the 38th convention of the Southeastern District. It brought back a flood of memories of desperate times which our nation and our Synod faced in the 60s and 70s. By the grace of God and the determination of dedicated people and parishes of the Southeastern District it not only survived that “stormy present” but has prospered. What better proof of that than the 38th convention’s positive, get-up-and-go, future oriented theme, “Let’s Go Fishing”.

To my eyes that theme a wonderful extension of the District’s determination at its founding nearing 80 years ago. Because it went fishing then with little more than a wooden pole, some string and a safety pin shaped into a hook -- and kept at it across subsequent generations of parishes, pastors and people -- it is what it is today. President Rasmeyer in days of yore urged on the District he led saying, “...the work of the church is being everlastingly at it.” Under a succession of District leaders, not the least of whom are the servant leaders of today, “being everlastingly at it” has been a recognized and continuing goal.

Audrey and I regret that while nearing our 90th birthdays we don’t venture far from our own Illinois fishing hole. But from afar we will pray for and admire today’s generations as they, rod and reel in hand, follow in the footsteps of founding SED mothers and fathers who, made Peter’s announcement, “I am going fishing” (John 21, 3) their own.

So go for it. We were licensed to fish in our baptism. Let’s catch all that we can.

Blessings,



Charles S. Mueller, Sr

