



**DAILY MINUTES  
OF THE  
38<sup>TH</sup> CONVENTION OF THE  
SOUTHEASTERN DISTRICT, LCMS**

**THURSDAY, MAY 10, 2018**

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**Call to Order**

Rev. Dr. John R. Denninger called the Convention to Order at 6:04 PM under the theme *Let's Go Fishing*.

**Welcome & Introduction of Guests**

Chairman Denninger welcomed delegates, guests and special guests to the 38<sup>th</sup> Convention of the Southeastern District, LCMS. Special guests in attendance: Rev. Dr. Robert J. Scudiere; LCMS President Rev. Dr. Matthew Harrison (delayed arrival); Emeritus SED Presidents present Rev. Dr. Roy & Ann Maack, Rev. Dr. Art & Linda Scherer, Rev. Dr. Jon T. Diefenthaler – recalling wife Vivi, who was called to glory only weeks ago.

District Staff were introduced as well as Regional Facilitators. Board of Directors members; Presidium; Laura Ramey, office manager and Constance Denninger, wife of our District President

Rev. David Guelzow, Convention Co-Chaplain - opened with prayer

An introductory video on the Theme “Let’s Go Fishing” with Rev. David Betzner

**Report of the Registration Committee**

As of 6:01 PM 109 Pastoral Voting Delegates and 118 Lay Voting Delegates (227 voting delegates) in addition 42 Ordained & Commissioned Advisory Delegates, and 54 others for a total of 323 present. A Quorum is established.

**Testing of Electronic Voting System** – The election committee was introduced and Deaconess Roberta Hillhouse gave basic keypad instructions

**Convention Procedures and Announcements**

All Cell Phones are to be in “Airplane Mode” during elections

**Adoption of Standing Rules (requires 2/3 vote)**

239 Yea, 4 Nay The motion passed.

### **Adoption of Convention Schedule (requires 2/3 vote)**

238 Yea, 6 Nay. The motion passed

### **Call for Nominations for Selected Offices from the Floor**

Presidential Floor Nominations were called for. As none were offered, nominations for the office of President were declared closed.

Lay Member Board of Directors Floor Nominations were called for. As none were offered, nominations for the office of Lay Member Board of Directors were declared closed

### **Listening Prayer: For the Vision of the SED**

Rev. David Ziehr, (convention co-chaplain) led the convention in prayer and then instruction in listening prayer. Mark 10:35-45 was the scripture used for this first moment of listening prayer.

### **District President's Report (Part 1) – Rev. Dr. John Denninger (see attached)**

### **Introduction of Presidential Candidates**

President Denninger yielded the chair to 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Rev. William Beyer to introduce the candidates offering 2 minutes to each candidate

Rev. Dr. John Denninger (incumbent) – excluded as he just addressed the convention  
Rev. Dr. David Maack 1<sup>st</sup> vice president  
Rev. Elliott Robertson

### **Prayer and Election of the SED President** Rev. David Guelzow

Led by Deaconess Roberta Hillhouse of the Elections Committee, the convention voted and elected Rev. John Denninger, who received 139 votes, (David Maack 22, Elliott Robertson 57)

### **Welcome and Acceptance by the President Elect**

President Denninger resumed leading the convention

President Denninger accepted the will of the convention to serve as President of the Southeastern District for the next triennium. He welcomed his wife to the podium with thanks



### **Open Nominations for Selected Offices from the Floor**

(Close Nominations for Vice President and Lay Members)

Vice Presidential Floor Nominations were called for. As none were offered, nominations for the office of Vice President were declared closed.

### **First Ballot for Board of Directors – Lay Members**

President Denninger yielded the chair to 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President Rev. William Harmon to complete the elections and introduce worship participants as President Denninger prepared for worship.

A paper ballot was used as there are 15 nominees and only a capacity for 10 on the electronic audience participation devices (voting devices). If 5 are not elected on this first ballot, paper ballots will continue to be used until 9 or less remain from whom the 5 will be elected, at which time the electronic voting devices will be used.

Service of the Ascension – Rev. Dr. Matthew Harrison, LCMS President, Proclaimer

At the conclusion of the worship, Chairman Denninger declared the Convention in recess until Friday morning 9 AM in the convention hall.

