



**DAILY MINUTES
OF THE
38TH CONVENTION OF THE
SOUTHEASTERN DISTRICT, LCMS**

SATURDAY, MAY 12, 2018

Morning Devotions (8:35am)

Rev. Mark Schroeder, Boone, NC

Installation of Circuit Visitors and BOD Members

After the installation, our chaplain, David Guelzow offered prayer over Pastor Mark Schroeder who has been called as the Southern Region Mission Engagement Facilitator.

Call to Order

Rev. Dr. John R. Denninger called the meeting to Order at 8:50 am and invited Rev. David Guelzow to begin with prayer.

Report from Registration Committee

As of 8:30 am, 128 Pastoral Voting Delegates and 143 Lay Voting Delegates (271 voting delegates) in addition 49 Advisory Delegates, and 69 all others were present for a total of 389.

Approval of Friday's Proceedings

Motion to approve was received with a second. As there was no discussion, the convention, by voice vote, approved the minutes.

Recognition of Those Completing Their Service

Res. NE 06-18-02 is before the convention, the committee moves adoption by the rising and singing of the Doxology.

President Denninger invited forward all who were concluding their service and the convention stood and joined voices in the Doxology as approval of Res. NE06-18-02

SED Board of Directors Report – Dr. Dina Vendetti

A Video report was shared by Dr. Vendetti as, for medical reasons and under doctor's orders, she was unable to attend the convention. The report was received by the convention with applause.

District President's Report (Part 2) – Rev. Dr. John Denninger
(see attached)

Convention Essayist – Presentation 2 – Rev. Dr. Robert Scudieri

Floor Committee: Bylaws
Mr. Russ Boraas Chairman

BL-04-18-03a was brought before the convention, the committee moved adoption

James Young, Grace, Woodbridge, VA feels an editing error exists. Also, does the floor committee have the right to amend resolutions? Gil Baruch, for the committee answered the question... Once an amendment is published a floor committee may amend as it is empowered to amend overtures, to present to the convention. Adjustments can be made up through the floor committee hearings. With this answer, Mr. Young spoke against the amendment. The committee made clear that Mr. Young's comments are about section 1 of the Resolved which is NOT being considered for amendment in the bylaws, only section 2 and section 3.

Richard Murphy, Lay Delegate, Delaware – expressed concern if the CCM refuses to act on our resolution, he believed that the matter should wait until the next convention. The Floor Committee's answer was that by passing this, the BOD could bring the item into compliance of the CCM without having to wait three years.

Rev. Burger, Columbia, SC – spoke in favor of the motion

Hankins – Cumberland, MD, asked if CCM has preapproved our initial resolutions. The answer is yes. However, the convention may make changes, so that it must be resubmitted and may need changes again from the CCM response. Mr. Hankins feels the BOD is not the convention body. He would support changes coming back to the convention in 3 years. Gil Baruch responded that if the delegates made a major change to the bylaws, we would still have to go to CCM. If they say no... all the work of the convention went for nothing... allowing the BOD to fix the resolution so that the convention's will is met.

Question called – by voice vote the chair has closed debate.

Resolution BL-04-18-03a was adopted 169 to 19

BL-04-18-02a has come before the convention – the committee moves adoption



Rev. Christopher Burger, spoke against the amendment with Pastor Herb Mueller coming from Synod using the tool as a long-term project to get parties to talk to one another, it is not a resolution system.

Rev. Jaim Gann, Bowie, MD spoke against the motion. He has been a reconciler for the SED and LCMS. He is convinced the long-term dialogue of Koinonia project is appropriate.

Tryon, NC Rev. Tom Olson – feels we have muddied the water of Matt. 18 requiring members to meet face to face.

Rev. Jeff Wurdzt Chesapeake Community of Hope – spoke in favor of this resolution. He was convinced this is a good “first step” in preventing conflicts

Rev. Elliott Robertson, Martini Lutheran Baltimore – spoke against the resolution. He moves to amend “Koinonia Project” be removed from wherever it appears in the resolution. It was 2nd.

Mike Ramey, Bethel Claremont, speaks against the amendment.

Point of order – James Young - the amendment would not be necessary as it would make the Resolution null.

Amendment is dropped

BL-04-18-02a was defeated 37 to 63.

Judy Koucky of the Nominations and Elections Committee

NE-06-18-03 has come before the convention, the committee moves adoption

Resolution NE-06-18-03 was adopted by the convention rising and singing Jesus Loves Me, followed by prayer.

Rev. Travis Guse presented a video on “The Coaching Network”

Floor Committee: Mission Development

MD01-18-07 comes before the convention. We are being asked to pick one emphasis each for Witness, then Mercy and then Life together. The committee moves adoption within each category

WITNESS: The Convention selected: church planting

MERCY: The Convention selected: Human Care

LIFE TOGETHER: The Convention selected: sustaining and revitalizing member congregations



By Voice Vote, these three were adopted to be sent on to the LC-MS from our SED convention

Floor Committee: Congregational Outreach
Rev.Dan Crew Chairman

CO02-18-01 comes before the convention, the committee moves adoption

Resolution CO02-18-01 was adopted 159 to 16

CO02-18-02a comes before the convention, the committee moves adoption

Rev. Mike Ramey Claremont, NC, stated pastors only go to pastors. We need a pastor in this slot. Pain in the ministry leaves no safety net or safe place. The care team is helpful, but a dedicated staff person is critical, armed with resources to offer the worker so that no worker slipped through the process. He speaks for the resolution.

Bill Weber, Upper Marlboro, MD – point of information- is this limited to rostered workers or for all workers? Rev. Denninger answered that it is primarily for rostered workers as a first priority, yet we understand the growing need for all workers and for congregations. Mr. Weber recommends we amend the motion to say “Rostered Workers”. The committee received this as a “friendly amendment”.

Resolution CO02-18-02a as amended was adopted 158 to 14.

CO02-18-03 comes before the convention, the committee moves adoption

Resolution CO02-18-03 was adopted 162 to 6



CO02-18-06 comes before the convention, the committee moves adoption (see attached)

Rev. Chris Ogne, Bryans Road, MD speaks in favor of the motion

Rev. Peter Eckardt, Immanuel, Alexandria, seeks information. Are we seeking a CTCR study or is this optional? The committee felt first it should be sent to COP then CTCR as appropriate.

Resolution CO02-18-06 was adopted 153 to 18.

CO02-18-05C was brought before the convention, the committee moves adoption.

Resolution CO02-18-05c was Adopted by voice vote.

ByLaws Floor Committee came before the convention

BL04-18-01a was brought before the convention, the committee moves adoption

Resolution BL04-18-01a was adopted 153 to 15

BL04-18-04 was brought before the convention, the committee moves adoption

Resolution BL04-18-04 was adopted by voice vote

A resolution was made by Rev. Elliott Roberston, BL04-18-05 supporting the Koinania project. Second by the floor committee.

Beth Elgert, King of Glory, Williamsburg, VA asked if this belongs in bylaws... the committee agreed we would proceed to be expeditious on this.

Rev. Wayne Lehrer, VA asking us to champion something many are not familiar with in a short time seems unrealistic.

The Bylaws committee made a friendly amendment by removing the date by when it must be done.

Resolution BL04-18-05 was adopted by voice vote



Recognition of Retiring Staff

NE06-18-04 was brought before the convention, the committee moves adoption

The convention rose to sing “Now Thank We All Our God” and the resolution was adopted.

Prayer for Meal

Closing Prayer and Sending

Adjournment of 38th SED Convention 12 noon

