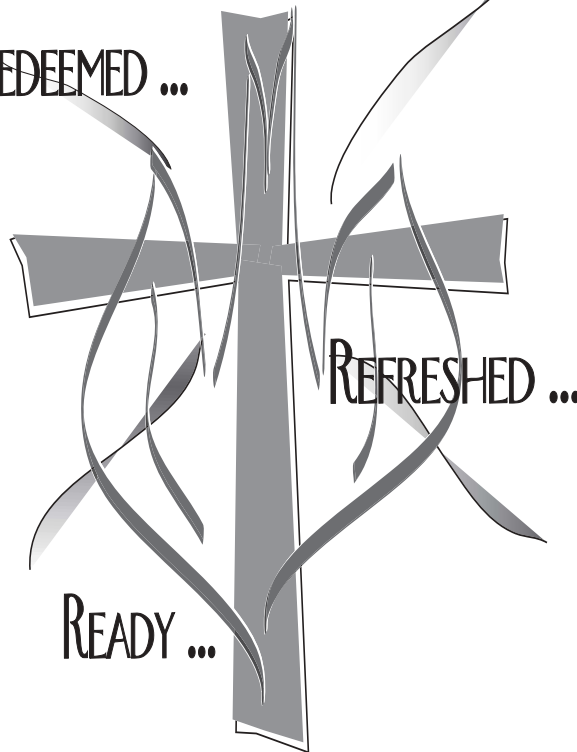


CONVENTION WORKBOOK – PART II

CELEBRATING GOD'S FAITHFULNESS

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REFRESHED ...

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98TH MICHIGAN DISTRICT CONVENTION
CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY, ANN ARBOR
JUNE 25–28, 2006

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AGENDA
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<p>“I always thank My God as I remember you in my prayers, because I hear about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints. I pray that you may be active in sharing your faith, so that you will have a full understanding of every good thing we have in Christ. Your love has given me great joy and encouragement, because you, brother, have refreshed the hearts of the saints. ... I do wish, brother, that I may have some benefit from you in the Lord; refresh my heart in Christ.”</p> <p style="text-align:right">Philemon verses 4-7, 20</p>

June 25 Sunday Afternoon

- 2:00-7:00 pm Registration (and after Opening Service until 10 pm)
- 3:00-5:00 Open Hearings
- 5:00-6:30 Ministry Tent Open - Live Music
- 7:00 Opening Service – Chapel of the Holy Trinity
 The Preacher: Rev. Dr. Gerald B. Kieschnick – President of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod
- Reception following the service

June 26 Monday Morning - “Celebrating God’s Faithfulness: Redeemed ... Refreshed ... Ready ...”

- 8:15-9:00 am Opening Devotions – Chapel of the Holy Trinity
 The Preacher: Rev. Donald O. Neuendorf - St. Paul, Ann Arbor
- 9:10-9:30 Registration Report – Mr. Marshall Gibbs
 Official Opening – Rev. C. William Hoesman, President
 Adoption of Agenda
 Greetings & Welcome from Concordia University - Dr. Thomas Ahlersmeyer
 Orientation – Rev. John Merrill, St. John Lutheran Church, Fraser
 Introduction of Parliamentarian – Judge Gene Schnelz
- 9:30-9:45 Committee on New & Revised Constitutions – Rev. Lawrence Witto, Chairman
 Reception of Congregations, Ministers of Religion Ordained and Commissioned who have joined the Synod in the past triennium (printed report)
- 9:45-10:05 District President’s Address – Rev. C. William Hoesman
- 10:05-10:25 Nominations Committee – Rev. Robert Appold, Chairman
 Elections Committee – Rev. Peter Nickel, Chairman
 Elections of District President/Vice Presidents/Boards/Committees, etc.
- 10:25-10:30 125th Anniversary Vignette
- 10:30-10:35 Concordia Seminary - St. Louis
- 10:35-10:40 Concordia Theological Seminary - Ft. Wayne
- 10:40-10:45 Stretch

- 10:45-11:30 President Kieschnick's Convention Report
- 11:30-11:45 Elections Continued
- 11:45-1:00 Lunch [Ministry Tent]
(Caucus for election of advisory ordained/commissioned delegates to Synodical Convention & Caucus for election of Circuit Counselors for Circuits 11-Flint North, 18-Birmingham, 25-Dearborn, 30-Jackson - Rev. Paul Theiss, District Secretary)
- June 26 Monday Afternoon - "Celebrating God's Faithfulness: Redeemed ... Refreshed ... Ready ..."**
- 1:15-1:20 pm Devotions – Convention Hall - Rev. Galan Walther, Congregation Ministry Facilitator
- 1:20-1:25 125th Anniversary Vignette
- 1:25-2:25 Office of the Ministry/Priesthood of Believers - Rev. Joel Lehenbauer/Rev. Galan Walther
- 2:25-3:00 President Kieschnick - Q & A
- 3:00-3:15 Stretch
- 3:15-3:30 Option Finder Survey Questions
- 3:30-4:00 Floor Committee #1
- 4:00-4:05 Greetings
Lutheran City Ministries
LATINO Mission Society
- 4:05-4:35 Floor Committee #2
- 4:35-5:00 Ministry Presentations
- 5:00-5:15 Elections Continued as needed
- 5:15-5:20 Michigan District Commission on Ministerial Growth and Support - Rev. Mark Hetzner
- 5:20-5:30 Treasurer's Report
- 5:30 Closing Prayer - Rev. Roosevelt Gray, Michigan District Director of Missions
- 6:00 125th Anniversary Dinner - Manor
- 7:00 125th Anniversary Program
- 9:30 Evening Prayer – Chapel of the Holy Trinity - Rev. Dr. Albert Collver III - Hope, DeWitt

- 4:55-5:00 Closing Prayer - Rev. Dr. Peter E. Larsen, Congregation Ministry Facilitator
- 5:15 Dinner
- June 27** **Tuesday Evening** - *“Celebrating God’s Faithfulness: Redeemed ... Refreshed ... Ready ...”*
- 6:30 pm Service of Installation – Chapel of the Holy Trinity
The Preacher: Rev. C. William Hoesman, President of The Michigan District
- Convention Group Photo – Riverside Patio following the service
- Reception for newly elected officers, board members, circuit counselors and President Gerald Kieschnick
- 9:30 Evening Prayer - Chapel of the Holy Trinity - Rev. David Fleming - Our Savior, Grand Rapids
- June 28** **Wednesday Morning** - *“Celebrating God’s Faithfulness: Redeemed ... Refreshed ... Ready ...”*
- 8:15-9:30 am Memorial Service – Chapel of the Holy Trinity
The Preacher: Dr. John L. Heins, Michigan District President Emeritus
The Lector: Dr. Richard L. Schlecht, Michigan District President Emeritus
- 9:40-9:45 125th Anniversary Vignette
- 9:45-10:45 Office of the Ministry/Priesthood of Believers - Rev. Joel Lehenbauer/Rev. Galan Walther
- 10:45-10:50 Greetings
Mission Opportunities Short Term (MOST Ministries)
Synodical Commission on Ministerial Growth and Support
Lutheran Blind Mission
- 10:50-10:55 Stretch
- 10:55-11:15 Ministry Presentation
- 11:15-11:25 Closing Prayer and Adjournment
- 11:30 Service of Sending – Chapel of the Holy Trinity
The Preacher: Rev. Farrukh Khan - People of the Book Lutheran Outreach

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NOMINATIONS 2006

* = Incumbent

DISTRICT PRESIDENT

(VOTE FOR 1)

David A. Davis 1895 Penobscot, Okemos MI 48865
Age 48 Current Position: Pastor, St. Luke Lutheran Church, Haslett, MI
Education/Degrees/ Honors: BA Concordia Ann Arbor, MI, 1979; M. Div., Concordia, St. Louis, MO, 1983; Pastoral Leadership Institute, 1999

History of service - past and current:

Service: St. Matthew, Spring Lake, MI, 1984-1994; St. Paul, Trenton, MI, 1994-1998; Immanuel, Grand Rapids, MI, 1998-2003; St. Luke, Haslett, MI, 2003-present

Circuit: Circuit Mission Coordinator; Founding Pastor of Lakeshore, Spring Lake; Grace, Coopersville

District: Board for Mission Development, Chairman 1988-1997; Task Force on Reorganization; Ablaze Coordinator (2005-present); West Michigan Pastors' Conference, Chairman

Community: Exploratory Committee for West Michigan Lutheran High School Chairman; Sponsor Southwest Detroit Mission Site

Other: Chaplain Lutheran Laymen's Men's Retreat; Sectional Leader Lutheran Adult Gathering; Participant Mission Opportunities Short Term

David C. Fleming 1888 Ridgemoor SE, Grand Rapids MI 49506
Age 46 Current Position: Pastor, Our Savior Lutheran Church, Grand Rapids, MI
Education/Degrees/Honors: M. Div. Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, IN, 1986; B.F.A. Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa, 1982

History of service - past and current:

Service: Graduate Assistant, Pastoral Ministry, Concordia Sem. Ft. Wayne, IN, 1986-1987; Good Shepherd, Warrenville, IL, 1987-1993; Our Savior, Grand Rapids, MI, 1993-present

Circuit: Circuit Secretary, 2003-present, Grand Rapids North Circuit; Secretary, Exploratory Committee for what has now become West MI Lutheran HS

District: West Region Pastors' Conference Planning Committee, 2004-2006; Central Regional Pastors' Conference NID, 1992-1993 President; NID Church Professionals Recruitment Committee, 1989-1993; NID Youth Board, 1988-1991; Lectionary Subcommittee for Lutheran Hymnal Project (now LSB), 1999-2005

Community: Warrenville Persons in Ministry, Secretary, Warrenville, IL 1989-1993.

Other: Lutherans for Life Zone Counselor, 1989-1993; LWML Zone Counselor, 1995-1998; LLL Zone Counselor, 1989-1996

***C. William Hoesman** 2372 Sun Valley Drive, Ann Arbor MI 48108
Age 65 Current Position: District President
Education/Degrees/Honors: BS-RF/MS (Ed. Admn.) - U of WI; BD & M. Div., Springfield, IL; Servus Ecclesiae Christi Award - Ft. Wayne Seminary, IN; Alumnus of the Year Award - River Forest, IL; LL.D from Concordia University, Ann Arbor, MI; DD from Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne, IN

History of service - past and current:

Service: Teacher - St. John, Portage, WI, 1962-1966; Pastor - Eternal Trinity, Milton, FL, 1970-1972; Our Saviour, Detroit, MI, 1972-1974; Zion, Holland, MI, 1974 -1987; St. Lorenz, Frankenmuth, MI, 1987-1997; District President, 1997 - present

Circuit: Chmn. Tri-Circuit Conf.; Youth Rep.; Education Rep.

District: President 1997-current; 1st Vice President 1985-1988; 4th Vice President 1982-1985; Chairman Professional Church Workers Gathering; President's Rep to Board of Education, Board of Family Life; Chairman Board of Education 1978-1982; Regional Director His Love/Our Response; Task Force on District Restructuring; Board of Directors, LCFS of MI; Board of Regents, Concordia University, Ann Arbor, MI

Synod: Commission on Structure; LCMS Foundation Board; Chairman Floor Committee on Elections; Floor Committee on Congregation Services; Tell the Good News About Jesus Task Force; Funding the Mission Task Force;

Council of Presidents Placement Committee; Recognized Service Organization Task Force; Chairman, Council of Presidents

Community: Detroit Police Department, Chaplain; Advisory Committee Holland Sentinel; Holland Hospital Attending Clergy Association, Treasurer; Holland Public School Health Advisory Committee; Exchange Club; Kiwanis; Alzheimers Education Committee; Frankenmuth School District Committee On AIDS Education; Rotary

Rev. David P. E. Maier

4860 Diamond Way, Dimondale MI 48821

Age 49

Current Position: Administrative Pastor, Our Savior, Lansing, MI;
West Region Vice President, Second VP

Education/Degrees/Honors: AA, BA, Concordia College, Ann Arbor, MI; M. Div. Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne, IN

History of service - past and current:

Service: Our Savior, Marlette MI, 1982-1984; St. Peter, Arlington Heights IL, 1984-1989; Our Savior, Lansing MI, 1989 - present

Circuit: Ambassadors for Christ Leader; LWML Pastoral Advisor; Mission Representative; Circuit Counselor

District: Circuit Counselor; Circuit Counselor Chairman; Board of Directors; 3rd Vice President, West Region VP 2000-2003; 2nd Vice President, West Region VP 2003-2006; District 125 Anniversary Steering Committee; Concordia University Advisory Board

Synod: Synodical Convention Delegate (3X); Synodical Convention Floor Committee; Synodical Convention Advisory Delegate (2X)

Community: Kiwanis Club; Veterans Day Chaplain; Rotary Club Presenter

Other: Frequent men's retreat leader; Frequent youth retreat leader/Camp Arcadia confirmation Dean; Frequent Dean Camp Arcadia; Guest Preacher/Bible Study Leader; Mission Trips

Robert M. Zagore

1003 South Maple St., Traverse City, MI 49684

Age 44

Current Position: Senior Pastor, Trinity Lutheran Church, Traverse City, MI

Education/Degrees/Honors: BS in Accounting, Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, IN, 1983; M. Div., Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne, IN, 1990;

History of service - past and current:

Service: Hope, Stanton, MI, 1991-1997; St. Paul, Niles, MI, 1997-2001; Trinity, Traverse City, MI, 2001 - present

Circuit: Circuit Counselor, St. Joseph Circuit, 1999-2001; Chairman, Board of Directors, Barnabas Mission Society, Buchanan, Cassopolis & Niles, Michigan, 1998-2001; Circuit Missions' Council, 2001-present

District: West Michigan Pastor's Conference Chairman, 2005-2006; Area Counselor, Lutheran Laymen's League, 1998-2001; Zone Counselor, Lutheran Women's Missionary League, Tri-River Zone, 1993-1997

Synod: LCMS President's Roundtable participant, 2006

Community: Board of Directors, Treasurer, Greater Niles Community Development Corporation, Niles, MI, 1998-2001; Executive Search Committee, Niles CDA, Chairman, Niles, MI, 2001; Board of Directors, St. Joseph & Berrien County, Michigan Guardianship Board, 1999-2000; Board of Directors, League Treasurer Stanton Youth League, 1993-1997

Other: Editor, Editorial Board, Logia: A Journal of Lutheran Theology, 1998-present; Chairman of the Board of Directors, Friends of Mercy, 2005 - present; Board of Directors, Ephphatha Deaf Mission Society, 2004-present; Editor in Chief, Cornerstone, Concordia Theological Seminary, 1996

VICE PRESIDENT – METRO EAST REGION

(VOTE FOR 1)

Mark W. Hetzner 23142 Hayes, Eastpointe MI 48021
Age 53 Current Position: Senior Pastor, Saint Thomas, Eastpointe
Education/Degrees/Honors: AA Concordia Ann Arbor - 1973; BA Concordia River Forest - 1975; MA (Sch. Admn.) Concordia River Forest - 1976; Colloquy Concordia St. Louis - 1983

History of service - past and current:

Service: DCE, Charity, Detroit MI 1976-1981; Pastor, Charity, Detroit MI 1983-1995; Pastor, Saint Thomas, Eastpointe 1995-present

Circuit: Circuit Counselor 1988-1995; Circuit Program Committee 1998-2001

District: Youth Board 1978-1981 & 1983-1987; Youth Gathering Coordinator 1984, 1987; HL/OR Area Coordinator; Stewardship Board Speakers' Bureau; Urban Concerns Committee; Urban Pastors Retreat Committee; Circuit Realignment Committee 1994; Commission on Ministerial Growth and Support 1998-present/Chmn. 2000-present

Synod: Convention Delegate (2X)

Community: Board of Directors, Kelly Morang Center; Pediatric Palliative Care Task Force, Saint John Hospital 2005-present

Other: Lutheran Center Book Store Committee 1979-1984; Historic Trinity Advisory Council; Board of Directors, Psychological Studies and Clergy Consulting Program 1998-2003; Treasurer, Lutheran Association of Larger Churches 2002-2005

***Michael J. Roth** 22900 Gratiot Avenue, Eastpointe MI 48021
Age 46 Current Position: Senior Pastor, St. Peter's, Eastpointe
Education/Degrees/Honors: BA Michigan State University-Social Work & Psychology-1982; M. Div. - Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne IN-1986

History of service - past and current:

Service: Senior Pastor, St. Peter's, Eastpointe MI 2000-present; Associate Pastor, Peace, Saginaw MI 1994-2000; Pastor, St. Thomas, Ohio City & Zion, Willshire, OH 1990-1994; Associate Pastor, St. Thomas, Rocky River, OH 1986-1990

Circuit: Saginaw Valley Pastor-Teacher Conference chairman & vice chairman; Circuit Youth Representative- OH; Circuit Evangelism Representative-OH; LWML Counselor-OH; Board of Trustees, Cleveland Lutheran High School Association-OH; Education Committee; Ongoing Ambassadors for Christ, Pastoral Counselor-OH; Circuit Convocation Committee chairman-OH; Circuit Pastor's Conference chairman & secretary-OH; Circuit Pastor's Conference chaplain-MI; Circuit Church Planting Committee chairman-OH; Circuit Youth Coordinator-OH; Genesis Study Committee chairman-LHS Association-Greater Detroit

District: Ohio District Foreign Mission Task Force chairman; Ohio District Foreign Mission Committee-PROMPT (Ohio and Puerto Rico in Mission Partnership Together) chairman; Vice President-Michigan District; 125th Anniversary Committee-Michigan District.

Synod: Synodical Convention Delegate-Wichita, KS, Pittsburgh, PA, St. Louis, MO; Advisory Regent-Concordia University, Ann Arbor

Community: Lion's Club-OH; Chamber of Commerce-Eastpointe, MI

Other: Witnessing Workshop; Dialog Evangelism; Ongoing Ambassador's for Christ; Church Growth; Great Commission Convocations; District Evangelism Workshops

VICE PRESIDENT METRO WEST REGION

(VOTE FOR 1)

***K. Frank Graves** 7193 Summit Ridge, Brighton MI 48116
Age 59 Current Position: Pastor, Shepherd of the Lakes, Brighton MI
Education/Degrees/Honors: AA Concordia St. Paul MN 1966; BA Concordia Ft. Wayne IN 1968; M. Div. Concordia Seminary, St. Louis MO 1972; D. Min. Western Theological Seminary, Holland MI 1981

History of service - past and current:

Service: Immanuel, Grand Rapids MI 1972-1997; Shepherd of the Lakes, Brighton MI 1997-present

Circuit: Chairman Tri-Circuit Conference-Grand Rapids; Circuit Counselor 15 years; Organized Circuit Convocations; Program Committee - NW Pastor's Conference

District: Chairman Circuit Counselors 12 years; RSI Steering Committee; Lead Marriage Enrichment Weekends; Ministerial Health Commission; Chairman Committee to organize 911 Task Force; Reconciler for District; Vice President of District 2000-present

Synod: Reconciler

Community: Board of Governors, Chair of Public Relations & Recruitment Committee-Grand Valley Blood Center-Grand Rapids; Chaplain Downtown Grande Rapids Days Inn; Pastoral Advisory Board for Hope Rehabilitation Network-Grand Rapids; VP, Program Chair & Chair-Grand Rapids organizations to promote cooperative ventures among Grand Rapids churches; Chair of Clergy Interracial Forum; Steering Committee on Marriage Policy for greater Grand Rapids metro areas

Other: Board of Lutheran Child & Family Services of MI 1970s

Donald O. Neuendorf 411 Pine Brae, Ann Arbor MI 48105
Age 48 Current Position: Senior Pastor - St. Paul, Ann Arbor MI
Education/Degrees/Honors: BS - Seward, 1979; M. Div. - Ft Wayne, 1985; M.S. (Leadership & Administration) Concordia Ann Arbor, 2004

History of service - current and present:

Service: St John, Black River Falls, WI (1985 - 1990); Immanuel, Frankentrost, MI (1990 - 2001); St Paul, Ann Arbor, MI (2001 - present)

District: Bd. of Parish Services, Wisconsin District - 1980s; Also Bd. Directors Lutherans For Life of Wisconsin; Bd. Of Directors Lutheran Homes of Michigan (1993 - 1999)

VICE PRESIDENT NORTH AND EAST REGION

(VOTE FOR 1)

Dale C. Ahlschwede 1020 W. Tuscola, Frankenmuth MI 48734
Age 60 Current Position: Associate Pastor - St. Lorenz, Frankenmuth
Education/Degrees/Honors: Concordia Academy -St Paul; Concordia College - St. Paul; M. Div. - Concordia Seminary - Springfield; Servus Ecclesiae Christi - 1987 Concordia Theological Seminary - Fort Wayne

History of service - past and current:

Service: Grace Mashla & Mt. Olive, Bouvey, Minnesota 1972 - 1975; Trinity Lutheran - Slayton, Minnesota 1975 - 1980; St. Lorenz Lutheran - Frankenmuth, MI 1980 - present

Circuit: Circuit Counselor - 1991 - present

District: Cong Visitation for Stewardship; His Love/Our Response Coordinator

***Wayne H. Wentzel** 7040 Mancour Road, Grand Blanc MI 48439
Age 62 Current Position: Pastor, Faith, Grand Blanc, MI
Education/Degrees/Honors: BS Concordia Seward; M.S. - Kansas State University; M. Div. - Concordia, Fort Wayne; D. Min Concordia, St Louis

History of service-past and current:

Service: St John, Kilmanagh 1977-1983; St Peter, Macomb 1983-1992; Faith, Grand Blanc 1992-present

Circuit: Circuit Counselor; Program Committee

District: Board of Education, Chair; Regional V.P.; C.E.U Committee; Adult Ed. Committee; 125th Anniversary Committee

Community: Area Clergy Association; Habitat for Humanity

VICE PRESIDENT WEST REGION

(VOTE FOR 1)

***Rev. David P. E. Maier** 4860 Diamond Way, Dimondale MI 48821
Age 49 Current Position: Administrative Pastor, Our Savior, Lansing, MI;
West Region Vice President, Second VP
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DISTRICT SECRETARY

(VOTE FOR 1)

William W. Hessler 4235 Williamson Road, Box 242, Bridgeport MI 48722-0242
Age 55 Current Position: Pastor, Faith, Bridgeport MI
Education/Degrees/Honors: Concordia Senior College 1973; Concordia Seminary, St. Louis MO 1977;
History of service - past and current:
Service: St. Philip, Chicago IL 1977-1979; Hope, Jerseyville IL 1979-1984; Trinity, Berrien Springs MI 1984-1988;
Faith, Bridgeport MI 1988-present
Circuit: Circuit Counselor
District: Treasurer & Chair Pastor Conference; HLOR Area Coordinator; LWML Counselor
Synod: Convention Delegate
Community: Bridgeport Community Task Force-Fundraising Chairman
Other: Lutheran Marriage Encounter Presenter; Peacemakers Ministry Trainee;

David H. Reed 307 West Ruth Street, Auburn MI 48611
Age 55 Current Position: Pastor, Grace, Auburn MI
Education/Degrees/Honors: BS Concordia, Seward 1972; M. Div. - Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort
Wayne 1983

History of service - past and current:
Service: Teacher, Trinity, Fremont, NE 1972-1979; Pastor, Prince of Peace, Crystal Lake, IL 1983-1987; Pastor,
Indianapolis, IN 1987-1991; Pastor, Grace, Auburn MI 1991-present
Circuit: Circuit Counselor
District: Secretary/Treasurer N & E Pastoral Conference; MI District Board for Christian Care;
Synod: Introductory Committee for Lutheran Service Book
Other: Advisor-Lutherans for Life; LHS Board of Directors; Board of Directors-Indianapolis LHS

William C. Winter 302 Kimberley Drive, Prudenville MI 48651
Age: 58 Current Position: Pastor, St. John, Houghton Lake, MI
Education/Degrees/Honors: AA-Winfield-1967; BA-Ft. Wayne-1969; M. Div. – Concordia Seminary St. Louis-
1973

History of service - past and current:
Service: St. Paul, Bertrand, NE 1973-1975; Pastor, St. John, Houghton Lake MI 1975-present
Circuit: Circuit Counselor
Other: LWML Zone Counselor

DISTRICT TREASURER

(VOTE FOR 1)

Peter A. Bullock 1131 Bennington Drive, Lansing MI 48917
Age: 60 Current Position: Retired Banker
Home Congregation: St. Luke, Haslett
Education/Degrees/Honors: BS, MA University of WI; Business Courses U of Detroit; MSU; U of M
History of service - past and current:
Congregation: Chairman; Elder; Evangelism; Treasurer
Community: Treasurer & Finance Chairman-Greater Lansing Food Bank
Other: Delta Twp. Education Board; Highfields Foundation Board; President-So. Sudan Rescue & Relief Assoc.

Arnold K. Firnhaber 1801 Weldon Blvd., Ann Arbor MI 48103
Age 82 Current Position: Retired CPA State of Michigan
Home Congregation: St. Luke, Ann Arbor
Education/Degrees/Honors: College
History of service - past and current:
Congregation: Chairman; Board of Elders; President; Treasurer; Church Audits

***William Young** 8969 - 24th Avenue, Jenison, MI 49428
Age: 61 Current Position: Banker - Commercial Loans
Home Congregation: Holy Cross, Jenison
Education/Degrees/Honors: College
History of service - past and current:
Congregation: Vestry; Bethel Teacher
District: District Treasurer

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

METRO EAST REGION

ORDAINED MINISTERS: (VOTE FOR 1)

E. Paul Burow 47955 Valley Forge Drive, Macomb MI 48044
Age: 67 Current Position: Pastor Emeritus - Minister of Pastoral Care, Immanuel, Macomb
Education/Degrees/Honors: BA - Fort Wayne; M. Div. - Springfield
History of service - past and current:
Service: Risen Christ, Mississauga, ON 1966-1972; St. John, Rochester, MI 1972-1995; Concordia, San Antonio, TX 1995-2000; Immanuel, Macomb 2000-2004
Circuit: LWML Advisor; Lutherans for Life Vice Chairman; Circuit Counselor
District: District Board of Directors; District Campus Committee; District Youth Board;
Synod: Convention Delegate
Community: Rochester Schools Health Committee; Pro-life Events
Other: Dean at Camp Pioneer; Speaker & Dean at Camp Concordia

***Robert E. Kasper** 17051 24 Mile Road, Macomb MI 48042
Age: 46 Current Position: Administrative Pastor, St. Peter, Macomb
Education/Degrees/Honors: B.A. St. Paul, MN 1979; M. Div. - St. Louis 1983; D Min - St. Louis 1997
History of service - past and current:
Service: Webster Gardens, Webster Groves, MO 1983-1989; Our Savior, Fenton, MO 1989-1993; Administrative Pastor, St. Peter, Macomb 1993-present
District: MO District Nurture Board; MI District Board of Directors 2000-present
Other: Lutheran Special Education Ministries; Lutheran Homes of Michigan "Christ Care-We Share" Steering Com.; Lutheran HS Association Board of Directors; Authored for CPH "Can I Really Tell My Friends" youth evangelism training kit; Frequent Dean & Lecturer at Camp Arcadia

COMMISSIONED MINISTERS: (VOTE FOR 1):

Terry Davis 23775 - 24 Mile Road, Macomb MI 48042
Age: 59 Current Position: Principal, St. Peter Lutheran School, Macomb
Education/Degrees/Honors: B.A. River Forest
History of service - past and current:
District: Chairman-S & E Teachers Conference-1982; Chairman MI District Principals Conference 1995; Chairman of Macomb County Principals
Community: Hunter Safety Instructor for Department of Natural Resources since 1970
Other: Member Lutheran Education Association since 1981; Board of Directors for Lutheran Special Education Ministries currently.

Stanley R. Topel 5710 Victory Circle, Sterling Heights, MI 48310-7707
Age 71 Current Position: Retired
Education/Degrees/Honors: AA-Concordia, St. Paul-1955; BS-Concordia, Seward-1957; MA-Uof M, Ann Arbor-1963; Doctor of Ed., Coast U, Santa Ana, CA-1989
History of service - past and current:
District: S & E Teacher Conference Treasurer
Community: Library Commissioner; Precinct Delegate
Other: Board member Lutheran Brotherhood & Thrivent

LAYPERSONS: (VOTE FOR 2)

Millard Becker 5720 Lakeshore Road, Fort Gratiot MI 48059
Age 71 Current Position: Semi-Retired; trial attorney, Sr. Partner
Home Congregation: Faith, Port Huron
Education/Degrees/Honors: Valparaiso; JD-Law School
History of service - past and current:
Congregation: President; Board of Trustees; Board of Education; Stewardship; Choir
Community: President Defense Trial Counsel, Detroit

***John E. Held** 3187 Bloomfield Sh. Dr., West Bloomfield MI 48323
Age 68 Current Position: Retired - Director of Engineering-GM
Home Congregation: Our Shepherd, Birmingham
Education/Degrees/Honors: College
History of service - past and current:
Congregation: Chairman of Congregation; Chairman-Board of Elders
District: Board of Directors
Community: President Homeowners-Lake Association

David C. Merte 42 Grove Park, Mount Clemens MI 48043
Age: 47 Current Position: Director of Music/Operations Manager-Hope
Home Congregation: Hope, Warren
Education/Degrees/Honors: 3 ½ years college
History of service - past and current:
Congregation: Chairman of Trustees; Chairman of Outreach; Facility Supervisor; Chairman of Interior Decorating;
Boiler Operator; Sound Tech and Installation;
District: Nominating Committee; Lay Delegate
Community: Young Republicans Club

Margaret O'Reilly 41143 Justin, Clinton Twp. MI 48038
Age 44 Current Position: Bookkeeper at St. Luke
Home Congregation: St. Luke, Clinton Twp.
History of service - past and current:
Congregation: Volunteer School Parent; Congregation Harvest Dinner Outreach; Women's Guild; Altar Committee
Community: MCREST (Macomb County Rotating Emergency Shelter Team)

WEST REGION

ORDAINED MINISTERS: (VOTE FOR 1)

***Dieter E. Haupt** 521 Marion, Grand Haven MI 49417
Age: 56 Current Position: Pastor, St. John's, Grand Haven
Education/Degrees/Honors: AA - Ann Arbor-1969; BA - Ft. Wayne-1971; M. Div. - St. Louis-1975
History of service - past and current:
Service: Immanuel, Parkers Prairie, MN 1975-1978; Christ the King, Altoona, IA 1978-1983; St. John, Grand Haven, MI 1983-present
Circuit: Circuit Counselor (IA & MI)
District: Board of Directors-currently; Board of Evangelism (MN)
Community: Love, Inc.- past board president

Thomas F. Meyer 1934 52nd Street SE, Kentwood MI 49508
Age: 60 Current Position: Pastor, St. Mark, Kentwood
Education/Degrees/Honors: BA - River Forest-1968; M. Div. - Springfield-1972
History of service - past and current:
Service: Hope, Aurora, CO 1972-1979; Executive Secretary-Parish Services, Rocky Mt. District 1979-1986; Zion, Anaheim, CA 1986-2001; St. Mark, Kentwood 2001-present
Circuit: Circuit Counselor; Chairman Circuit & Regional Pastor's Conf. (RM & PSW)
District: Sunday School Com. (RMD); Dist. Youth Gathering Steering Com. (RMD); Stewardship Com. (PSD); Parish Services Commission (RMD); Dist Convention Floor Com. Chair (RMD & PSD);
Synod: Community Life Leader for 6 Synodical Youth Gatherings; Concordia U Irvine CA Board of Regents 6 yrs.
Community: Anaheim, CA Gang & Drug Task Force

Other: Denver LH Board of Dir 5 yrs; Orange, CA Lutheran High Board of Dir 6 yrs.; W MI Lutheran High Board of Dir. Current

COMMISSIONED MINISTERS: (VOTE FOR 1)

Richard C. Krueger 1659 Diamond Court NE, Grand Rapids MI 49525
Age: 44 Current Position: Parish Assistant, Messiah, Grand Rapids
Education/Degrees/Honors: Alma College-1983; Concordia, Ann Arbor-1989; Master of Music -U of M 1985
History of service - past and current:
Synod: Board of Regents, Concordia, Ann Arbor 1995-1998
Community: Volunteer, Grand Rapids Symphony Chorus, Degage Ministries

Norman McPherson 825 Ansley Drive, St. Joseph MI 49085
Age: 58 Current Position: Minister of Family Life and Parish Education, Trinity, St. Joseph
Education/Degrees/Honors: College, professional school; Prepare/Enrich Counselor; Stephen Ministry Leader
History of service - past and current:
District: Family Life Board
Community: Lory's Place Board (Bereavement Center); Benton Harbor Soup Kitchen Board;
Other: LEA

LAYPERSONS: (VOTE FOR 2)

Ruth E. Martin 2715 Oakwood Drive SE, Grand Rapids MI 49506
Age 50 Current Position: Senior VP - International Society of Primerus Law Firms
Home Congregation: St. Matthew, Grand Rapids
Education/Degrees/Honors: B.A.-Eastern Michigan University; J.D. - University of Dayton School of Law, Dayton, OH

History of service - past and current:

Congregation: Church Council, Lay Ministry and Worship & Music Committee Chair; Contemporary Worship Leader & VBS Director
District: Director of Development - Ohio District 1996-1999
Synod: Lay Delegate
Community: Precinct Chairperson-Hudson, OH
Other: Senior VP of International Society of Primerus Law Firms

John C. Raffel 618 West Montcalm, Greenville MI 48838
Age 50 Current Position: Sports Editor
Home Congregation: St. Peter's, Big Rapids
Education/Degrees/Honors: BS Public administration-Ferris State Univ.

History of service - past and current:

Congregation: Elder; Evangelism Chair; Church Council President & Vice President: Building Renovation and Fund-raising Chair
Synod: 2004 Convention Delegate
Community: President-MI Associated Press Sports Editors
Other: President & Vice President Michigan District International Lutheran Laymen's League

***James F. Sack** 1410 Shannon Lane, Lansing MI 48917
Age 71 Current Position: Retired
Home Congregation: Our Savior, Lansing
Education/Degrees/Honors: BSME-Michigan State University

History of service - past and current:

Congregation: President; Chairman Board of Elders
District: Board of Directors 1997-present
Community: College Baseball MSU All American; Former Member MSU Athletic Council; Former President MSU Varsity Alumni Club; Former President Lansing Builders Exchange

***Eileen M. Ritter** 17263 Buchanan Street, Grand Haven MI 49417
Age 62 Current Position: Retired; currently Dir. Of Music St. Johns; writer for CPH
Home Congregation: St. John, Grand Haven
Education/Degrees/Honors: Bachelor of Music Education-Valparaiso

History of service - past and current:

Congregation: President Concordia Society; Parent Teacher League; Board of Stewardship Life; Director, Board of Parish Education; Sunday School, VBS, Adult Bible Studies, LifeLight, Parent Partners in Confirmation Teacher; Chairperson fundraising campaign for expansion
District: Board of Christian Education 1991-1997; Adult Education Committee 1991-1997; Board of Directors 2000-present
Synod: Writing for the Church Workshop - LCMS Board for Parish Services
Other: Author of several books for CPH; Contributions to various curriculum for day school, weekday school, VBS, Sunday School & Junior Confirmation/ Writer for *Teachers Interaction, Happy Times, My Devotions, Portals of Prayer*

CHURCH EXTENSION BOARD OF TRUSTEES

ORDAINED MINISTERS: (VOTE FOR 2)

John L. Bush 25177 Alicia, Brownstown MI 48134
Age 56 Current Position: Senior Pastor, St. Paul, Trenton, MI
Education/Degrees/Honors: College; Professional School; Beeson Institute for Advanced Church Leadership
History of service - past and current:
Service: St. Paul, Trenton, MI 2000-present
Synod: Chairman KFUEO Radio Committee
Community: Chaplain for Trenton City, Rotary Club
Other: Board of Directors for Shoes 4 Hope

Joel F. Hoyer 250 E. Cleveland, Coopersville MI 49404
Age 46 Current Position: Pastor, Grace, Coopersville, MI
Education/Degrees/Honors: M. Div.
History of service - past and current:
Service: Immanuel, Eagle, NE 1985-1994; Grace, Coopersville, MI 1994-present
District: Chairman MI District N & E Pastors Conference - 1999-2002; Church Extension Fund Advanced Sites Committee 1997-present; NE District Stewardship Board 1987-1993; NE District Vision Planning Team 1991-1993; NE District Conflict Redemption team 1992-1994
Community: Coopersville Area Public Schools Strategic Planning 2005; Coopersville Area Public Schools Character Education Committee 1998-2002; Cooperstille Area Public Schools Reproductive Health Committee 1997-present; Eagle Vision Planning Committee 1991-1993
Other: Co-Author of Adult Confirmation Course "Fit for Life in Christ" 2004

Michael J. Lutz 8665 Elizabeth Ann, Utica MI 48317
Age 60 Current Position: Pastor, Immanuel, Macomb
Education/Degrees/Honors: Concordia, Ann Arbor 1966; Concordia Senior College, Fort Wayne-1968; Concordia Seminary, St. Louis-1972; B.A. & M. Div.
History of service - past and current:
Service: Trinity, Jasper, MN 1972-1976; St. John, Northbrook, IL 1976-1984; Immanuel, Macomb, MI 1984-present
Circuit: Circuit Counselor in IL
District: Northern Illinois District Evangelism Board Chairman; Northern Illinois District Program Committee of Pastoral Conference; Michigan District Evangelism & Church Growth Board 1987-1997 (Chair 1988-1997); Michigan District Mission & Ministry Chair 1997-2000;
Synod: Task Force on Evangelism through Christian Day School; Presenter at Great Commission Convocation; Mentor for Pastoral Leadership Institute 1999-present
Community: Jasper Volunteer Ambulance Department 1972-1976; Member Jasper Civic Club 1972-1976; President Pipestone Ministerial Association 1975-1976; Member Wheeling Ministerial Association 1976-1984; St. John Hospital Community Advisory Committee 1997-2000

Lynn F. Witt 70290 White Tail Lane, Romeo, MI 48065
Age 71 Current Position: Mission Planter-Family of Christ, Imlay City, MI
Education/Degrees/Honors: BS - Central MI U; Concordia Theological Seminary – Fort Wayne
History of service - past and current:
Service: Grace, Romeo 1991-2003; Mission Planter-Family of Christ, Imlay City, MI 2003-present
Circuit: Circuit Counselor
District: Nominating Committee Chair
Community: United Fund Rep.; President Chamber of Commerce-Romeo;
Other: Lutheran Layman of Year 1986; Lutheran Luncheon Club of Detroit; Retired Chrysler Corp.

COMMISSIONED MINISTERS: (VOTE FOR 1)

***Ian K. McDonald** 14844 Inkster Road, Redford MI 48239
Age 54 Current Position: Guidance/Technology Director-Lutheran High Northwest,
Rochester Hills

Home Congregation: Living Word, Rochester

Education/Degrees/Honors: MA;

History of service - past and current:

District: Church Extension Fund Board of Trustees - current

Henry G. Pahlkotter, II 9080 Saddle Horn Drive, Flushing MI 48433
Age 41 Current Position: Minister of Christian Education/Principal-St. Paul, Flint
Education/Degrees/Honors: BA-Concordia, Ann Arbor-1987; M. Ed-Saginaw Valley State Univ.-1997

History of service - past and current:

Circuit: Youth Ministry Rep.

District: President-Michigan Lutheran Principals; Curriculum Committee

Community: Thunder Bay Arts Council in Alpena

Other: Program Director Camp Mahn-Go-Tah-See (now Loon Lake Lutheran Retreat Center)

LAYPERSONS: (VOTE FOR 1)

Philip M. Krauss 9410 US 12, Brooklyn MI 49230
Age 68 Current Position: Retired
Home Congregation: St. Mark, Brooklyn
Education/Degrees/Honors: Skilled Trades, Military (Seabees) Navy

History of service - past and current:

Congregation: Elder; Chairman; Recording Secretary

Community: Chamber Secretary

Kenneth J. Palka 1925 Ashstan, Walled Lake MI 48390
Age 44 Current Position: CPA
Home Congregation: St. Matthew, Walled Lake
Education/Degrees/Honors: College

History of service - past and current:

Congregation: Treasurer

***Ray A. Seppamaki** 715 Strawberry Valley NW, Comstock Park MI 49321
Age 59 Current Position: Realtor
Home Congregation: Grace, Coopersville, MI
Education/Degrees/Honors: BBA

History of service - past and current:

Congregation: Chairman of Elders; Chairman of Evangelism; Chairman Pre School Committee; CEF Representative;
Chairman Building Committee; Congregation Chairman; Chairman Board of Stewardship; Deacon

District: Church Extension Board - 2000-present

David C. Vallie 6466 E. Maple Avenue, Grand Blanc MI 48439
Age 43 Current Position: Vice President Wealth Management
Home Congregation: St. Paul, Flint
Education/Degrees/Honors: College; Professional School; Financial Planning Specialist, Consulting Group
Univ.; Guided Portfolio Management Training I & II

History of service - past and current:

Congregation: Board of Finance Member 15 years

Community: affiliations with American Red Cross & Tall Pine Council, Boy Scouts of America

Other: Advise & Consult many religious organizations regarding their finances

NOMINATING COMMITTEE – 2009 MICHIGAN DISTRICT CONVENTION

METRO EAST REGION

ORDAINED MINISTERS: (VOTE FOR 1)

Timothy A. Bickel 8540 Crawford, Shelby Twp. MI 48316
Age 45 Current Position: Pastor, Redemption, Sterling Heights
Education/Degrees/Honors: BA-River Forest; M. Div. -Concordia, St. Louis-1998
History of service - past and current:
Service: Pastor, Salem, Springville, NY 1998-2003; Pastor, Redemption, Sterling Heights, MI 2003-present
Other: Active in Ministerium

Ray E. Scherbarth 1718 Poplar Drive, Troy MI 48098
Age 64 Current Position: Administrative Pastor, Our Shepherd, Birmingham
Education/Degrees/Honors: San Francisco St. Univ.; Milwaukee; Ft. Wayne - M. Div. -1984
History of service - past and current:
Service: Our Shepherd, Birmingham, MI 1984-present
Circuit: Program Chairman
District: S & E Pastors Conference Chairman
Community: Guest clergy, City of Clawson Council meetings
Other: Bd. Of Directors-LHS Association; Treasurer-Psychological Studies & Clergy Consultation; Treasurer-Lutheran Care for Aging

COMMISSIONED MINISTERS: (VOTE FOR 1)

Edward Dunklau 16034 Haverhill Dr., Macomb MI 48044
Age 57 Current Position: Teacher-Lutheran High North
Home Congregation: St. Peter, Macomb
Education/Degrees/Honors: BSEd-Seward; MA History-MSU
History of service - past and current:
Congregation: Organist; Bible Study Leader; Board of Parish Education
District: Mission Board
Community: Helped on Political Campaigns

***Gary L. Pawlitz** 50629 Cameron Drive, Macomb MI 48044-1337
Age 58 Current Position: Minister of Fellowship & Assimilation, Immanuel, Macomb
Education/Degrees/Honors: AA; BS; MS; PhD
History of service - past and current:
District: Nominating Committee; Chairman of Teachers Conf.; Chair, Michigan Lutheran Principals; Accreditation Committee
Community: Hunters Safety Ed for State of MI; MI HS Athletic Assoc. Basketball Official
Other: Touch Michigan Congregation Leader

LAYPERSONS: (VOTE FOR 1)

Anthony L. Bellhorn 8361 Bellarine, Shelby Twp. MI 48316
Age 52 Current Position: Cemetery Maintenance
Home Congregation: St. Peter, Macomb
Education/Degrees/Honors: BS
History of service - past and current:
Congregation: Stewardship Board; Chair-Board of Parish; 2nd VP; Currently Trainee-Stephen Ministry; Finance Committee
Synod: Lay Delegate-2001
Community: formerly Big Brothers

Phillip Fluegge 14419 Knightsbridge, Shelby Twp. MI 48315
Age 47 Current Position: Investment Advisor
Home Congregation: Immanuel, Macomb
Education/Degrees/Honors: College
History of service - past and current:
Congregation: Elder; Chairman; Human Resources Committee; Co-Chair, Capital Drive
Community: Zoning Board of Appeals, Macomb Twp.
Other: Board of Directors & Treasurer - Lutheran Heritage Foundation

METRO WEST REGION

ORDAINED MINISTERS: (VOTE FOR 1)

Joel H. Sarrault 2674 Oakwood Road, Adrian MI 49221
Age 44 Current Position: Pastor, St. John, Adrian
Education/Degrees/Honors: BA-Ann Arbor-1984; M. Div. – Concordia Seminary, St. Louis-1988
History of service - past and current:
Service: St. John, Mount Forest, Ontario 1988-1992; Eisleben, Scott City, MO-1992-1999; St. John, Adrian MI 1999-present
Circuit: Circuit Counselor-Ontario-1992
District: Pastor Conf. Committee/Chair 2003 & 2005
Synod: Convention Delegate 1998 & 2001
Community: Lenawee County Right to Life
Other: Pastoral Leadership Institute; CPE; Grad level Grief coursework

Michael W. Wentzel 2894 Dalton Drive, Ann Arbor MI 48108
Age 38 Current Position: Associate Pastor, St. Paul, Ann Arbor
Education/Degrees/Honors: M. Div. – Concordia Seminary, St. Louis-2002
History of service - past and current:
Service: St. Paul, Ann Arbor 2002-present
Other: formerly bookkeeper & systems analyst for a trust bank

COMMISSIONED MINISTERS: (VOTE FOR 1)

***Daniel W. Ramthun** 1719 N. Mildred, Dearborn MI 48128
Age 44 Current Position: Assistant Principal/Teacher-Lutheran High, Westland
Home Congregation: Guardian, Dearborn
Education/Degrees/Honors: Concordia, Ann Arbor; Masters in Guidance & Counseling-Eastern MI U
History of service - past and current:
District: Commission on Ministerial Growth & Support-current; Nominating Committee-current

LAYPERSONS: (VOTE FOR 1)

Ronald Bales 235 Berkley, Dearborn MI 48124
Age 69 Current Position: Retired
Home Congregation: Guardian, Dearborn
Education/Degrees/Honors: Ed.S. -U of MI
History of service - past and current:
Congregation: Congregation President; Board of Lay Ministry
District: Convention Delegate
Community: Work with Special Olympics
Other: Chairman-Board of Directors-LHS Association; VIP-Lutheran Center; Board Member-Historic Trinity, Inc., Detroit

***Larry P. Seltz** 460 Pine Brae Drive, Ann Arbor MI 48105
Age 66 Current Position: Retired
Home Congregation: St. Paul, Ann Arbor
Education/Degrees/Honors: College
History of service - past and current:
Congregation: Congregation President
Other: Launch Planning and Training

NORTH AND EAST REGION

MINISTERS ORDAINED: (VOTE FOR 1)

Paul R. Hinz 2561 Hemmeter Road, Saginaw MI 48603
Age 46 Current Position: Associate Pastor, Peace, Saginaw
Education/Degrees/Honors: BA-Bronxville-1983; M. Div. – Concordia Seminary, St. Louis-1991
History of service - past and current:
Service: Trinity, Reese, MI 1992-1997; Valley LHS, Saginaw, MI 1997-1999; Good Shepherd, Saginaw, MI 1999-2000; Associate Pastor, Peace, Saginaw, MI 2002-present
District: Stewardship Editorial Com.; His Love/Our Response Project Coordinator

Mark A. Loest 1220 S. Mueller Road, Saginaw MI 48601
Age 44 Current Position: Pastor, Immanuel, Saginaw
Education/Degrees/Honors: BA-River Forest-1984; M. Div. – Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne-1988; STM-Ft. Wayne-1996
History of service - past and current:
Service: St. John, Indianapolis, IN 1989-1992; St. Paul, Brownstown, IN 1992-1996; Concordia Historical Institute 1996-2003; Immanuel, Saginaw MI 2004-present
Other: 1996-2003 Assistant Director, Concordia Historical Institute, St. Louis; serve on Doctrinal Review

MINISTERS COMMISSIONED: (VOTE FOR 1)

Richard P. Cohrs 718 Kuhl Road, Bay City, MI 48720
Age 57 Current Position: Principal/Teacher - Immanuel, Sebewaing
Education/Degrees/Honors: BA Ed-River Forest-1971; M Ed Admn.-Midwestern State, Wichita Falls, TX-1986
History of service - past and current:
District: Social Ministry Committee SID; Board of Directors SID; Board of Parish Services-TX; Stewardship Editorial Committee-MI; Board of Stewardship Life-MI; Chair-Internet Implementation Task Force-MI; Chair-Principal's Conference-MI; District School Committee;
Synod: National Lutheran Schools Week Com-Bd. For Parish Services; Stewardship Board Consultant; LCMS Convention Planning Com. 2001/2004
Community: Member/Actor-Children's Theater of TX; Cub Master-Boy Scouts of America; Sebewaing Sugar Festival Com.; Trustee-Huron County Arts Council-Sebewaing;
Other: Representative Lutheran Hour Ministries ILLL Educational Committee

Kevin Hendrikson 9444 W. Saginaw Rd., P.O.Box 185, Richville, MI 48758
Age 35 Current Position: Principal-St. Michael, Richville
Education/Degrees/Honors: MA
History of service - past and current:

LAYPERSONS: (VOTE FOR 1)

John W. Nutzmann 11878 Parklane, Mt. Morris MI 48458
Age 57 Current Position: Teacher-Alternative Ed. Program-Clio Area Schools
Home Congregation: Messiah, Clio
Education/Degrees/Honors: BS in Ed
History of service - past and current:
Congregation: Chairman; Elder; Financial Secretary;
District: Delegate 10 times
Synod: Delegate 3 times

Dennis Stange 988 E. Genesee Street, Frankenmuth MI 48734
Age 59 Current Position: Financial Consultant for Thrivent Financial
Home Congregation: St. Lorenz, Frankenmuth
Education/Degrees/Honors: College & Professional School-MSE, ChFc
History of service - past and current:
Community: Gideons
Other: Board of Directors for Crossroads Counseling Ministries

WEST REGION

ORDAINED MINISTERS: (VOTE FOR 1)

***Robert B. Appold** 8653 Lilly Ridge Dr. SE, Alto MI 49302
Age 49 Current Position: Pastor, St. Matthew, Grand Rapids
Education/Degrees/Honors: AA-Ann Arbor; BA-River Forest; M. Div. - St. Louis

History of service - past and current:

Service: Holy Trinity, Luseland, Saskatchewan 1983-1987; All Saints, Edmonton, Alberta 1987-1990; Trinity-St. James, Munger, MI 1990-1993; Michigan District Planned Giving Counselor, Saginaw, MI 1993-1995; Our Savior, Lansing, MI 1995-2004; St. Matthew, Grand Rapids, MI 2005-present

Circuit: Circuit Mission/Action Council Member

District: Chairman District Pastor's Conference 2003; Member of Continuing Education Committee 8 years; Chairman District Youth Servant Events 2002; Currently District Nominating Committee

Community: Holt High School Booster Club Member; Coached various recreation leagues: baseball/softball

Other: LWML Zone Counselor; LHM Men's Retreat Chaplain 2005; Pastoral Leadership Institute-completed 2005; Evangelism Explosion Training; Zoe Score Pre-Marriage Counseling Trainer

Edward W. Filter 6824 Maynard Road, Portland MI 48875
Age 51 Current Position: Pastor, St. Andrew, Portland
Education/Degrees/Honors: AA-Ann Arbor; BA-River Forest; Cq/MAR-St. Louis-1989

History of service - past and current:

Service: Teacher in Lutheran Schools 10 years; Pastor, St. Andrew, Portland MI 1989 to present

Circuit: Pastoral Advisor, Circuit Mission Council

District: Detroit Area Campus Ministry Board

Community: Treasurer-Portland Area Ministerial Assn.; Treasurer, Portland District Library Board

COMMISSIONED MINISTERS: (VOTE FOR 1)

Timothy L. Ernst 1655 Sun Prairie, St. Joseph MI 49085
Age 52 Current Position: Teacher, Trinity, St. Joseph
Education/Degrees/Honors: College & Prof. School - Masters-Science Ed

History of service - past and current:

District: Program Committee MI Dist Teachers Conf

James W. Zehnder 8884 Rossman Hwy., Dimondale MI 48821
Age 63 Current Position: Teacher Emeritus

Home Congregation: Our Savior, Lansing

Education/Degrees/Honors: College; Prof School

History of service - past and current:

District: Stewardship Board

LAYPERSONS: (VOTE FOR 2)

Paul E. Dryburgh 8128 S. Cherry, Cadillac MI 49601
Age 65 Current Position: Retired-VP & Plant Mgr.
Home Congregation: Emmanuel, Cadillac
Education/Degrees/Honors: BSEE
History of service - past and current:
Congregation: Chair; Board of Elders

***David Marasus** 10361 Valley Ct., Canadian Lakes MI 49346
Age 68 Current Position: Retired & Minister of Music
Home Congregation: Chapel of the Lakes, Mecosta
Education/Degrees/Honors: College & Professional School
History of service - past and current:
Congregation: LLL Retreat Committee; Stewardship Chairman; Minister of Music
Circuit: MI District Planning Committee - 125th Anniversary
District: Nominating Committee
Community: Director-Annual Gospel Sing for Habitat

CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY, ANN ARBOR BOARD OF REGENTS

ORDAINED MINISTERS (VOTE FOR 1)

Bruce K. Lucas 6272 W. Albain Road, Monroe MI 48161
Age 49 Current Position: Pastor, Immanuel, Monroe
Education/Degrees/Honors: Ann Arbor/River Forest; MMus-MSU-1987; M. Div. -Ft. Wayne-1996

History of service - past and current:

Service: Teacher-LHS Assn., Detroit, MI 1978-1980; Teacher-St. Paul, Flint, MI 1980-1985; Teacher-Immanuel, Dundee, IL 1985-1991; Pastor-Immanuel, Monroe 1996-present

Circuit: Secretary

Synod: Steering Committee-CTS accreditation 1994-1995;

Other: Greek tutor, Ft. Wayne Seminary; Latin instructor at Lutheran High South

Paul R. Naumann 7211 Oakland Drive, Portage MI 49024
Age 47 Current Position: Senior Pastor, St. Michael, Portage
Education/Degrees/Honors: BA-Ann Arbor-1980; M. Div. -St. Louis-1985; STM-St. Louis-1990; D. Min-Trinity Ev. Divinity School-1994

History of service - past and current:

Service: Trinity, Oshkosh, WI 1985-1990; Concordia University, Mequon, WI 1990-1997; St. Michael, Portage 1997-present

Circuit: Circuit Counselor

District: District Pastors Conference Com.;

Synod: Community Life Builder-Synodical Youth Gatherings

Community: Police Chaplain-Oshkosh, WI 1985-1990

Other: President's Advisory Council-Concordia, Ann Arbor;

Kelly D. Smith Sr. 7790 Jefferson Road, Brooklyn MI 49230
Age 46 Current Position: Pastor, St. Mark, Brooklyn
Education/Degrees/Honors: BS-Bowling Green State-1982; M. Div. -Ft. Wayne-1991

History of service - past and current:

Service: Pastor, St. Paul, Amherst, WI 1991-1997; Pastor, St. Mark, Brooklyn, MI 1997-present

District: NWD Technology in Ministry Com.;

Community: Cubmaster; Tomorrow River School Board

***Ronald L. Young** 10995 Canada Road, Birch Run MI 48415
Age 51 Current Position: Pastor, St. Martin, Birch Run
Education/Degrees/Honors: AA-Ann Arbor-1974; BA-Wayne State U-1977; M. Div. -Ft. Wayne-1981

History of service - past and current:

Service: Grace, Lafayette, IN 1981-1984; Faith, Grand Blanc, MI 1984-1989; Our Shepherd, Birmingham, MI 1989-2003; St. Martin, Birch Run, MI 2003-present

District: Secretary S & E Pastor's Conference

Synod: Chairman, Concordia University, Ann Arbor Board of Regents

Community: Birch Run Advisory Board

Other: PALS Facilitator

COMMISSIONED MINISTERS: (VOTE FOR 1)

Richard O. E. Hackbarth 4670 Beechnut Drive, St. Joseph MI 49085
Age 61 Current Position: Director of Planned Giving/Principal-Trinity, St. Joseph
Education/Degrees/Honors: AA-Bethany, Mankato, MN; BS Ed-Seward; MA-MSU; CFRM (Certificate in
Fund Raising Management) - Indiana University

History of service - past and current:

District: Part-time Agencies Committee; Principal's Conference Chairman (SW); Board of Directors (SW);

Community: Heart of MI Racing Pigeon Club-Secretary/Treasurer; MI State Racing Pigeon Assn.-
Secretary/Treasurer; City of Mayville festival planning committee;

Other: N. Berrien Co. Thrivent Chapter Pres.; Pres. & VP Lutheran Elementary Teachers Department of LEA;
Refugee Settlement Committee; MI/IN Assn. Of Lutheran Development Executives; Board of Directors-The
Servant's Heart (Guatemala Mission); Board of Directors-Benton Harbor Lutheran Outreach Ministry

Eric M. Hagenow 2323 N. Raucholz Road, Hemlock MI 48626
Age 32 Current Position: Teacher-St. Peter, Hemlock
Education/Degrees/Honors: Concordia-Ann Arbor

History of service - past and current:

District: MI Lutheran Sports & Physical Ed. Association

Community: Coach Youth Soccer;

Melvin A. Macheimer 24502 Grove Avenue, Eastpointe MI 48021
Age 47 Current Position: Director of Music-St. John, Fraser
Education/Degrees/Honors: AA-Ann Arbor-1979; BA-River Forest-1981; MMus-So. IL Univ-1985

History of service - past and current:

Other: Lutheran Church Music Guild-President; Lutheran Schools Music Com.-Secretary

LAYPERSONS: (VOTE FOR 1)

Jon S. Etnyre 14222 Kerner, Sterling Hts. MI 48313
Age: 47 Current Position: Engineer
Home Congregation: Hope, Warren
Education/Degrees/Honors: BS and MS Mechanical Engineering
History of service - past and current:
Congregation: Chairman, Board of Ed
Community: Activist for Public School Improvement

***Dale D. Gust** 2814 South Coldwater Road, Mt. Pleasant MI 48858
Age 67 Current Position: Professor, College of Business, CMU
Home Congregation: Zion, Mt. Pleasant
Education/Degrees/Honors: PhD;
History of service - past and current:
Congregation: President; Board of Evangelism; Board of Elders
Circuit: Delegate to LCMS Convention 3 times
District: Delegate to Convention and Floor Committee member
Synod: Board of Regents, Concordia University, Ann Arbor 6 years - Secretary of Board of Regents
Community: Chair-Isabella Community Credit Union-20 years; UW Co-Chair; President-Band Boosters

Philip M. Krauss II 32223 Bertram, Westland MI 48185
Age 45 Current Position: Higher Education Administration
Home Congregation: Christ Our Savior, Livonia
Education/Degrees/Honors: BA-Adrian College; EMU
History of service - past and current:
Congregation: Congregation Chairman; Elder; Bible study leader & Usher;
Community: Board of Directors-Adrian College Alumni Assn.; EMU Judicial Board; EMU Foundation campaign representative; EMU & AC Student Senate advisor EMU Honors Program Advisory Committee; EMU Presidential Scholarship Screening Committee; United Way rep; Cub Scout Den Leader; Red Cross volunteer;
Other: Lutheran Homes volunteer; Governor-ILLL

2009 SYNODICAL CONVENTION NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

PROFESSIONAL CHURCH WORKER: (VOTE FOR 1)

Erwin Kostizen 1065 St. Andrews, Highland MI 48357
Age 66 Current Position: Pastor, Messiah, Clio
Education/Degrees/Honors: Milwaukee; Ft. Wayne; St. Louis

History of service - past and current:

Service: Messiah, Clio, MI 1965-present

Circuit: Circuit Counselor 18 years

District: Vice President 12 years; Chmn. Of Circuit Counselors 14 years; VP Church Extension Fund currently
Synod: Attended all Synodical Conventions since 1965 either as delegate, advisor or observer & served on several floor committees

Community: School Committees

Paul D. Theiss 2704 Ziegler Road, Bay City MI 48706
Age 56 Current Position: Pastor, St. Paul, Bay City
Education/Degrees/Honors: AA-Milwaukee-1970; BA-Ft. Wayne-1972; M. Div. -St. Louis-1977

History of service - past and current:

Service: Centennial, Superior, NE 1977-1983; Immanuel, Tilden, NE 1983-1986; St. Paul, Bay City, MI 1987-present

Circuit: Circuit Counselor 1989-1993; Bible Institute Chair; Program Committee; Circuit Mission Coordinator;

District: District Secretary 1998-present; Convention Floor Committee #1 1994; Committee on Circuit

Reorganization; Chair-Saginaw Valley Pastor/Teacher Conf; NE District Day School Subcommittee; Chair-NE

District Student Aid Committee; Mentor for Deacon in DELTO program 2004-present; Secretary-MI District 125th Anniversary Planning Committee

Synod: Delegate to Synodical Conventions 1979-1986-1995

Community: Board of Directors, Nebraska South Central Right to Life; Member-Day School Accreditation Committee, St. John, Amelith

Other: MI District LLL Pastoral Advisor 1988-1992; NE Dist. LLL Pastoral Advisor 1982-1986; Zone LLL Pastoral Advisor (NE); Zone LWML Pastoral Advisor (NE)

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History of service - past and current:

Service: Teacher-Lutheran High West, Detroit, MI 1977-1981; Homebound Visitor for Lutheran Outreach, Ft. Wayne, IN 1981-1982; Pastor, Christ, Maplewood, NJ 1986-1991; Headmaster & Assoc. Pastor Zion, Detroit, MI 1991-1993; Assoc. Pastor/Principal/Teacher, Redford, Detroit, MI 1993-2001; St. John, Taylor, MI 2001-present

District: NJ District Archivist 1988-1990; Secretary NJ Pastoral Conf. 1989-1990; Program Committee MI Teachers' Conf. 1998

Community: President, Woodward Academy Board; President Woodward Support Foundation

Other: Thrivent Branch Asst. Treasurer 2004-2005; Written Sunday School material for CPH, "Devotions"; 2 articles in *Lutheran Education*

2006 CONVENTION COMMITTEE

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Secretary/Publicity	Deb Fall
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Worship	Rev. Stephen Starke
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Board of Directors: Mr. John E. Held, 3187 Bloomfield Sh. Dr., West Bloomfield, MI 48323

District Staff: Dr. Peter Larsen and Rev. Roosevelt Gray

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District Staff: Mr. Chad Woltemath

CONGREGATIONS/MINISTERS ORDAINED/MINISTERS COMMISSIONED
OFFICIALLY BECOMING MEMBERS OF
THE LUTHERAN CHURCH – MISSOURI SYNOD BY
THE SIGNING OF THE CONSTITUTION

CONGREGATIONS

Heart of the Shepherd, Howell - 9/7/03
Lighthouse, Pentwater - 9/14/03
Open Arms, Belleville - 5/9/04
Grace, Canton - 10/31/04
Family of Christ, Alpine Township – 6/4/06

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Ajak, Simon A.
Astrowski, Leonard A.
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Canion, Matthew J.
Doenges, Joseph C.
Garrett, Dion T.
Garrison, Thomas B.
Gill, John M.
Grafe, Stephen D.
Grayl, Samuel J.
Griffith, Greg S.
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Hemme, Seth R.
Hill, James M.
Hoover, Chad E.
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Kelly, Bradley
Khan, Amer M.
Khan, Farrukh M.
Khan, Khurram M.
Kromer, John C.
Krueger, James F.
Manor, Jonathan J.
Masih, Afzal
Mayes, Benjamin T. G.
Messer, Thomas C.

Meyer, Craig M.
Meyer, Jonathan D.
Milatz, Mark
Muecke, Dan W.
Nelson, Robert J.
Nemec, Donald P.
Olsen, Roy C.
Parent, Raymond D.
Rufner, David J.
Schaedig, Michael W.
Schmidt, David P.
Schwartz, John W.
Shumaker, Thomas E.
Speckman, Timothy R.
Stolarczyk, Steven M.
Straub, John A.
Strefling, Allen R.
Streng, Karl
Sundaradhas, Arul J. A.
Timm, Luke R.
Voigt, Eric W.
Weber, Kurt A.
Williams, Rodger L.
Yakimow, Scott E.
Yeager, Mark A.

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Anderson, Kelly E. Nieman
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Grupe, Michele S. Rebant
Heck, David P.
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Janetzke, Emily L. Bluege
Johnson, Melanie L. Marshall
Kalis, Amy M.
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Kaufman, Sarah M.
Keup, Cara J. Roubal
Kim, Hoon
Korbely, Marie A. Engelhardt
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Leitzke, Heidi L. Harris
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Martz, Kristine A.
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Merz, Jessica L. Stoltenberg
Merrill, Kenlyn S. Weller
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Palm, Lori A. Montney
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Schmidt, Sarah K.
Schmucker, Calvin F.
Schneider, Patti G.
Scott, Aaron M.
Smith, William T.
Snyder, Kimberly
Starr, Jesseca L.
Steffens, Kara J.
Vanneste, Sarah F.
Vicari, Matthew V.
Vogele, Sara M.
Watenpool, Jennifer L.
Yochum III, Lawrence H.

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NOMINATIONS REPORT TO 2006 MICHIGAN DISTRICT CONVENTION

MAY 15, 2006

DISTRICT SECRETARY

The following nominations were received from the congregations of the Michigan District for our consideration at the District Convention.

DISTRICT PRESIDENT

C. Wm. Hoesman	140	Accepted
Robert M. Zagore	4	Accepted
David A. Davis	2	Accepted
David C. Fleming	1	Accepted
Roosevelt Gray	1	Declined
Peter E. Larsen	1	Declined
David P. E. Maier	1	Accepted
Paul M. Moldenhauer	1	Declined

REGIONAL VICE-PRESIDENTS

NORTH / EAST REGION

Wayne H. Wentzel	43	Accepted
Dale C. Ahlschwede	2	Accepted
Kenneth D. Lueke	2	Accepted
Mark D. Brandt	1	Accepted
Dean G. Dumbrille	1	Declined
C. Wm. Weiss	1	Declined
Gregory A. Schlicker	1	Declined

METRO WEST REGION

K. Frank Graves	20	Accepted
Paul M. Moldenhauer	2	Declined
Donald O. Neuendorf	2	Accepted
Bruce K. Lucas	1	Accepted
Luther A. Werth	1	Accepted

METRO EAST REGION

Michael J. Roth	9	Accepted
Mark W. Hertzner	2	Accepted
Bradley A. Smith	2	Declined
John E. Merrill	1	Declined
Peter S. Nickel	1	Accepted
Michael P. Schulz	1	Declined

WEST REGION

David P E Maier	24	Accepted
Robert M. Zagore	4	Accepted
David A. Davis	2	Declined
John A. Bookshaw	1	Declined
David A. Dodge	1	Accepted
David C. Fleming	1	Accepted
Joel F. Hoyer	1	Accepted

Respectfully submitted,

Paul D. Theiss
Secretary, Michigan District LC-MS

125TH OBSERVANCE COMMITTEE

The purpose of the 2006 District Convention 125th Anniversary Observance Committee is to prepare an environment for God's people to comfortably gather which is recognizing and celebrating God's work among us during the past 125 years.



Barbara Hoffmeier (Chair), Barbara Hoesman, Rev. Edor Bickel,
Dr Barbara Adler, Patricia Larson

Projects our committee has undertaken for the event on June 25 – 28, 2006:

- I. **Five Vignettes For the Convention Agenda**
Short sketches to feature Changes through 125 Years:
Costumes and music; Worship Styles; Missions in Michigan; Programs; Education.
- II. **'Glimpses of the Past and the Present' - A Commemorative History Booklet**
To be included with each attendee packets, and
In post-convention CD for all congregations and the web-site
- III. **"125th Anniversary Commemorative" Ornament**
To be sold at the Ministry Tent and available for special guests of the convention
From Bronner's CHRISTmas Wonderland in Frankenmuth - 200 ordered.
- IV. **Anniversary Celebration: Monday evening, June 27th 5:30 – 8:30 – p.m.**
A German-style supper with music, food and beverages. Special entertainment: Les Stahlke. Special guests:
Families of Past District Presidents. Letters of invitation were sent ahead of time. Sponsored by Lutheran
Benefits Group. No cost to the attendees when pre-registered. Location: Outdoors under a large tent behind
Earhart Manor on campus. Time 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.
- V. **Special Exhibits and Mementos**
 - Ministry Tent Display – "A Walk Through Time"
 - A portable photo board for opportunities of photographs with attendees
 - A special photograph exhibit for viewing and identifying photographs
 - Large sign of the Michigan District Presidents welcoming all attendees
 - Poster and fliers to publicize the 125th Celebration on Monday evening
 - Appreciation gift given to musicians at the Opening Worship Service
 - Shirts for pages with German costume to fit into theme
 - Period costumes rented for Sunday and Monday's activities
 - Group photo taken outside the Riverside Room of all attendees
 - 125th Anniversary Observance snap-shots throughout convention

Celebrating God's Faithfulness: Redeemed ... Refreshed ... Ready ...

Michigan District of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod

Statement of Financial Position

January 31, 2006

(With Comparative Totals for 2005)

	Michigan District of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod			Detroit Urban Lutheran Schools	Total	
	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted		January 31, 2006	January 31, 2005
Assets						
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 393,547	\$ 205,050	\$ -	\$ 54,310	\$ 652,907	\$ 767,635
Investments	4,615,320	297,233	1,066,436	-	5,978,989	5,636,711
Accounts receivable	51,048	-	-	3,471	54,519	56,272
Contributions and Grants receivable	-	3,939,003	-	40,000	3,979,003	3,932,255
Prepaid expenses	49,557	-	-	2,720	52,277	70,030
Notes and loans receivable	2,299,256	-	-	332,670	2,631,926	2,416,333
Deferred gifts	-	9,167	6,278	-	15,445	16,099
Funds held in custody by others	-	-	170,455	-	170,455	171,952
Property and equipment	2,467,438	-	-	281,595	2,749,033	2,840,038
Total assets	\$ 9,876,166	\$ 4,450,453	\$ 1,243,169	\$ 714,766	\$ 16,284,554	\$ 15,907,325
Liabilities and Net Assets						
Liabilities						
Accounts payable	\$ 500,094	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 99,610	\$ 599,704	\$ 586,268
Deferred revenue	99,228	-	-	54,326	153,554	275,078
Synodical pledge	2,700,000	-	-	-	2,700,000	2,800,000
Grants payable	22,295	-	-	-	22,295	77,526
Notes payable	2,255,169	-	-	845,837	3,101,006	2,654,306
Total liabilities	5,576,786	-	-	999,773	6,576,559	6,393,178
Net Assets						
Unrestricted	1,713,956	-	-	(569,209)	1,144,747	834,385
Undesignated	2,467,438	-	-	281,595	2,749,033	2,840,038
Property and equipment	2,817,986	-	-	-	2,817,986	3,074,811
Board designated	(2,700,000)	-	-	-	(2,700,000)	(2,800,000)
Synodical budget	-	4,450,453	-	2,607	4,453,060	4,322,498
Temporarily restricted	-	-	-	-	-	-
Permanently restricted	-	-	1,243,169	-	1,243,169	1,242,415
Total net assets (liabilities)	4,299,380	4,450,453	1,243,169	(285,007)	9,707,995	9,514,147
Total liabilities and net assets	\$ 9,876,166	\$ 4,450,453	\$ 1,243,169	\$ 714,766	\$ 16,284,554	\$ 15,907,325

These statements are taken from the audited financial statements of the Michigan District. The statement of cash flows and the notes are an integral part of the financial statements, but are not presented here. A complete copy of the financial statements is available from the District office 888.225.2111.

Michigan District of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod
Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended January 31, 2006
(With Comparative Totals for 2005)

	Michigan District of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod			Detroit Urban Lutheran Schools		Total	
	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total	January 31, 2006	January 31, 2005	
Support, Revenues and Gains							
Support							
District congregation - District and Synod	\$ 436,705	\$ 4,950,343	\$ -	\$ 5,387,048	\$ -	\$ 5,387,048	\$ 6,071,113
District congregation - District only	101,862	152,808	-	254,670	-	254,670	241,573
Other gifts and grants	207,839	858,715	-	1,066,554	-	1,066,554	402,837
Revenues and gains							
Publications	110,694	-	-	110,694	-	110,694	109,118
Program fees	752,143	-	-	752,143	-	752,143	414,134
Convention registration and assessment	2,534	-	-	2,534	-	2,534	278,948
Investment income	236,081	92,833	754	329,668	-	329,668	250,360
Detroit Urban Lutheran Schools	-	-	-	-	1,408,440	1,408,440	1,415,836
Gain (loss) on sale of assets	211	-	-	211	-	211	(8,659)
Other	58,825	-	-	58,825	-	58,825	57,275
Net assets released from restrictions	5,924,175	(5,824,175)	-	-	-	-	-
Total support, revenues and gains	7,830,869	130,524	754	7,962,147	1,408,440	9,370,587	9,232,335
Expenses							
Synodical budget	2,689,161	-	-	2,689,161	-	2,689,161	2,793,938
Program services							
Missions	1,533,173	-	-	1,533,173	-	1,533,173	1,238,289
Congregation Ministry Facilitators	433,773	-	-	433,773	-	433,773	629,083
Christian Care	223,361	-	-	223,361	-	223,361	115,566
Lutheran Schools	408,572	-	-	408,572	-	408,572	419,479
Youth Ministry	427,063	-	-	427,063	-	427,063	59,435
Camp Mahn-Go-Tah-See	-	-	-	-	-	-	32,753
Other Congregation Program Services	168,819	-	-	168,819	-	168,819	159,931
Communications	264,386	-	-	264,386	-	264,386	262,821
Student Aid	98,446	-	-	98,446	-	98,446	105,983
Planned Giving	218,725	-	-	218,725	-	218,725	170,284
Worker Care	309,057	-	-	309,057	-	309,057	259,184
Detroit Urban Lutheran Schools	-	-	-	-	1,565,152	1,565,152	1,513,074
Ecclesiastical and program administration							
Administration	606,817	-	-	606,817	-	606,817	589,169
Convention	(32,988)	-	-	(32,988)	-	(32,988)	265,738
District properties and depreciation	263,222	-	-	263,222	-	263,222	290,881
Total expenses	7,611,587	-	-	7,611,587	1,565,152	9,176,739	8,935,618
Change in net assets	219,282	130,524	754	350,560	(156,712)	193,848	296,717
Net assets - beginning of year	4,080,088	4,319,929	1,242,415	9,642,442	(128,295)	9,514,147	9,217,430
Net assets - end of year	\$ 4,299,380	\$ 4,450,453	\$ 1,243,169	\$ 9,993,002	\$ (285,007)	\$ 9,707,995	\$ 9,514,147

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1 COMMITTEE NAME: THEOLOGY, MISSION and RELATIONS
2 RESOLUTION NUMBER: 1-01
3 SUBJECT: To Encourage Michigan District Congregations to Embrace an “All
4 Nations” Emphasis
5 REFERENCE: Overture 1-01, CW Overtures Page 1
6

7 WHEREAS our communities are the recipients of many of those transitioning to life in our
8 country or to new states and cities as well as many who have been here for generations and have not yet
9 received the Gospel, and

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11 WHEREAS Jesus breaks through all racial, cultural and economic barriers through His death
12 and resurrection, and

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14 WHEREAS Jesus commands His church to make disciples of “all nations,” (Matthew 28:18-
15 20), and therefore it is reasonable to expect that Christian churches in the United States would be an
16 integration of God’s people, of all different ethnic backgrounds, genders, ages, and socio-economic
17 classes worshipping God together, and

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19 WHEREAS some of our Michigan District congregations are divided because of a failure to
20 make an intentional effort toward evangelism to all people, and

21
22 WHEREAS our LCMS, which is blessed with the absolute biblical truth, can not preach the
23 Gospel and get involved in the struggle against injustice, poverty and disease with true sincerity to the
24 rest of the world until we seek inclusion of all the people in our communities within our churches, and

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26 WHEREAS exclusivity is a bad witness to the non-Christian world, and we can not be effective
27 ambassadors for Christ abroad if we cannot embrace an All Nations emphasis here at home, therefore be
28 it

29
30 RESOLVED that the 2006 Convention of the Michigan District encourage each of the
31 congregations of the Michigan District to pray for the Holy Spirit to help them intentionally embrace all
32 socio-economic, ethnic and cultural groups in their communities, and be it further

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34 RESOLVED that we reaffirm that Jesus’ death and resurrection has broken all barriers and that
35 it is our solemn duty as LCMS congregations, equipped with the absolute biblical truth, to ensure that
36 we preach inclusion and outreach and practice it daily, and be it finally

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38 RESOLVED that because the Gospel is for everyone, our Michigan District congregations
39 address the issue of inclusion at all levels and come up with specific intentional strategies to engage and
40 seek out all people in our respective communities.

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42 Committee #1 - Theology, Mission and Relations
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1 COMMITTEE NAME: THEOLOGY, MISSION and RELATIONS
2 RESOLUTION NUMBER: 1-02
3 SUBJECT: To Encourage Professional Church Workers and Congregational
4 Experience in Mission Work
5 REFERENCE: Overture 1-02, CW Overtures Page 3
6

7 WHEREAS Jesus sent his disciples out into the world (Matthew 28:18-20), and
8

9 WHEREAS our church body has its roots and heart in worldwide evangelization, and
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11 WHEREAS many have learned much from a mission experience, and
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13 WHEREAS there are a number of excellent LCMS mission sending agencies, and
14

15 WHEREAS professional church worker leadership is crucial for congregational development,
16 therefore be it
17

18 RESOLVED that the 2006 Convention of the Michigan District encourages each of the
19 District's congregations to enable through financial support its professional church worker(s) to
20 participate in a short term mission experience during the next triennium, and be it further
21

22 RESOLVED that the District Board of Directors encourage called district staff to likewise
23 participate in a short term mission experience during the next triennium, and be it finally
24

25 RESOLVED that each of our congregations be encouraged to help send at least one team made
26 up of the congregation's members on a short term mission experience during the next triennium.
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1 COMMITTEE NAME: THEOLOGY, MISSION and RELATIONS
2 RESOLUTION NUMBER: 1-03
3 SUBJECT: To Encourage Each of Our Congregations to Register for Ablaze
4 Tabulation Project
5 REFERENCE: Overture 1-03, CW Overtures Page 4
6

7 WHEREAS our church body has its roots and heart in worldwide evangelization, and
8

9 WHEREAS we have been presented with a bold challenge to share the Gospel with
10 100,000,000 people between now and 2017, the 500th Anniversary of the Posting of the 95 Theses, and
11

12 WHEREAS we already count many things in our congregations, District and Synod, and
13

14 WHEREAS the saving of lost people adds great joy in heaven (Luke 15:7), and
15

16 WHEREAS we have committed to walk together by being part of the Lutheran Church-
17 Missouri Synod, therefore be it
18

19 RESOLVED that each of our congregations be encouraged to develop a system by which
20 Gospel contacts made by members in that congregation can be counted, and be it further
21

22 RESOLVED that each of our congregations be encouraged to improve methods within the
23 congregation to equip and encourage members to make more Gospel contacts, and be it further
24

25 RESOLVED that any of our congregations that have already registered as partners in Ablaze be
26 commended for their leadership, and be it further
27

28 RESOLVED that each of our congregations that has not done so be encouraged to register on
29 line as a partner in Ablaze, and be it finally
30

31 RESOLVED that delegates from congregations not presently registered be most evangelically
32 encouraged to do so in the Ministry Tent before the end of the 2006 Convention.
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1 COMMITTEE NAME: THEOLOGY, MISSION and RELATIONS
2 RESOLUTION NUMBER: 1-04
3 SUBJECT: To Encourage Implementation of Ethical Guidelines as Adopted by
4 the Board of Directors
5 REFERENCE: Overture 1-04, CW Overtures Page 5
6

7 WHEREAS one of the major outcome goals of our Michigan District of the Lutheran Church-
8 Missouri Synod is that “Michigan District congregations and professional church workers demonstrate
9 respect, trust, and support for each other ... as they engage in interdependent ministries,” and
10

11 WHEREAS the way congregations and professional church workers conduct themselves in their
12 contacts and transactions with one another greatly affects relationships between them, and
13

14 WHEREAS there has long been a felt need to encourage one another to be Christ-like in
15 attitude and action in our dealings with one another and to incorporate that into formalized Professional
16 Church Worker “Ethical Guidelines” and Congregational “Ethical Guidelines”, and
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18 WHEREAS such guidelines have been prepared for both congregations and professional church
19 workers, and
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21 WHEREAS the Board of Directors of the Michigan District has adopted the two ethic
22 documents entitled “Partners in Ministry: Ethical Conduct for Professional Church Workers” and
23 “Partners in Ministry: Ethical Conduct for Congregations,” and
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25 WHEREAS most professions have ethical guidelines that are subscribed to by the members of
26 that profession, therefore be it
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28 RESOLVED that the Michigan District of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod receive with
29 gratitude the ethical guidelines that have been developed, and be it further
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31 RESOLVED that the congregations, professional church workers, and circuits of the Michigan
32 District devote sufficient time to study and reflect upon these guidelines and report suggested changes to
33 the Board of Directors for possible changes to be reported to future conventions, and be it finally
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35 RESOLVED that the congregations and professional church workers of the Michigan District
36 commit themselves to implementing these guidelines in their lives and ministry together and report their
37 decision to their Circuit Counselor by June 2007.
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1 COMMITTEE NAME: THEOLOGY, MISSION and RELATIONS
2 RESOLUTION NUMBER: 1-05
3 SUBJECT: To Encourage Spiritual Leadership of Convention Delegates
4 REFERENCE: Overture 1-05, CW Overtures Page 6
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6 WHEREAS the delegates, voting and advisory, of the Michigan District are leaders in their
7 congregations, and
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9 WHEREAS Dr. Luther in his Large Catechism (15-19, Tappert) challenges believers to develop
10 specific spiritual disciplines and practices, and
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12 WHEREAS God invites us into His word and promises great things through it (John 8:31-32),
13 and
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15 WHEREAS God invites us to prayer and promises great things through it (Matthew 7:7-8), and
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17 WHEREAS God wants us to put our trust in Him and to follow no other gods (Matthew 6:19-
18 34), and
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20 WHEREAS God wants all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth (I
21 Timothy 2:4), therefore be it
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23 RESOLVED that all of the delegates assembled in Convention be encouraged to take the lead in
24 their respective congregations in the area of spiritual discipline, and be it further
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26 RESOLVED that each of the assembled delegates be encouraged to read the Bible daily, and be
27 it further
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29 RESOLVED that each of the assembled delegates be encouraged to pray at least one half hour a
30 day, and be it further
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32 RESOLVED that each of the assembled delegates be encouraged to tithe to Jesus through the
33 local congregation, and be it further
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35 RESOLVED that each of the assembled delegates be encouraged to intentionally cultivate a
36 relationship with at least four un-churched people, and be it finally
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38 RESOLVED that each of the assembled delegates be encouraged to encourage others to do the
39 same.
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1 COMMITTEE NAME: THEOLOGY, MISSION and RELATIONS
2 RESOLUTION NUMBER: 1-06
3 SUBJECT: To Petition the Synod to Discuss Issues with Mutual Respect
4 REFERENCE: Overture 1-06, CW Overtures Page 7
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6 WHEREAS in this fallen world, differences of opinion among sincere Christians are to be
7 expected, and
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9 WHEREAS such differences of opinion might even be welcomed as an opportunity to carefully
10 review what God's Word says about a subject, and
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12 WHEREAS our witness to the world is affected by the way we conduct ourselves when we have
13 a disagreement with a brother or sister in Christ, and
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15 WHEREAS the early Church provides a model in Acts 15 for settling disputes without resorting
16 to charges and accusations, and
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18 WHEREAS there are many who have strongly held opinions on disputed matters in our synod,
19 and
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21 WHEREAS all are equally eager to be about the mission of the church, and
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23 WHEREAS an enormous amount of time, energy, and money has already been expended in
24 debating these matters, and
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26 WHEREAS our synod has committed itself to theological convocations to discuss the disputed
27 matters, therefore be it
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29 RESOLVED that everyone involved in discussing these issues seeks to understand, articulate,
30 and accurately represent the position of others with no exaggeration, acrimony or misrepresentation, and
31 be it further
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33 RESOLVED that, whenever possible, the example of Acts 15 and the admonitions of Matthew
34 18 be carefully followed in all our disagreements, and be it further
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36 RESOLVED that we each individually re-commit ourselves to carefully preserving the saving
37 Gospel while at the same time energetically spreading it, and be it finally
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39 RESOLVED that our Michigan District in convention memorialize the synod to put these
40 resolutions into effect church-wide.
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1 COMMITTEE NAME: THEOLOGY, MISSION and RELATIONS
2 RESOLUTION NUMBER: 1-07
3 SUBJECT: To Encourage Congregations and Professional Church Workers to
4 Become Educated on Dealing With Conflict
5 REFERENCE: Overture 2-03, CW Overtures Page 10
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7 WHEREAS one of the major outcome goals of our Michigan District of the Lutheran Church-
8 Missouri Synod is that “Michigan District congregations and professional church workers demonstrate
9 respect, trust, and support for each other and for District and Synod as they engage in interdependent
10 ministries,” and

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12 WHEREAS conflicts between and among congregations and professional church workers are
13 counter to the achievement of that goal, and

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15 WHEREAS such conflicts are on the increase, and

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17 WHEREAS our witness to the world is affected by the way we conduct ourselves when we have
18 a disagreement with a brother or sister in Christ, and

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20 WHEREAS we know that the real Enemy is not our fellow Christians, but Satan himself, and

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22 WHEREAS protracted conflicts are emotionally draining for all involved and deflect needed
23 resources from ministry, and

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25 WHEREAS the Michigan District desires to assist congregations to identify conflict in the early
26 stages and to effectively manage these conflicts to the glory of God and the welfare of our neighbor,
27 therefore be it

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29 RESOLVED that the congregations of the Michigan District be made aware of and be
30 encouraged to make use of available district resources (such as Circuit Counselors, Congregation
31 Ministry Facilitators, and others who have been trained in Christian conflict resolution), and be it
32 further

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34 RESOLVED that congregations of the Michigan District seek education regarding the stages of
35 conflict, the characteristics of conflict in each stage, and effective approaches to dealing with conflict at
36 the various stages, and be it further

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38 RESOLVED that program committees of circuit and district conferences of professional church
39 workers be encouraged to help with that education by including a topic on conflict resolution on their
40 agendas in the next triennium, and be it finally

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42 RESOLVED that this information be shared at the congregational level through special
43 workshops, regular meetings, etc. with the prayer that increased understanding would enable those
44 congregations to deal with conflict in a manner that leads to a beneficial and God-pleasing conclusion.

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1 COMMITTEE NAME: ADMINISTRATION/CONSTITUTIONAL MATTERS
2 RESOLUTION NUMBER: 2-01
3 SUBJECT: To Present and Promote Lutheran Service Book in the Michigan
4 District
5 REFERENCE: Overture 2-01, CW Overtures Page 8
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7 Background Over the past seven years the Synod, through its Commission on Worship, has been
8 preparing a new hymnal and service book for the congregations. At the 2004 Convention of the Synod
9 the delegates passed the resolution “To Accept *Lutheran Service Book* as an Official Service Book and
10 Hymnal of Synod” by a substantial margin. The final “*Resolved*” of 2004 Resolution 2-03A stated
11 “*Resolved*, that congregations and other entities of Synod be encouraged to participate in the
12 introductory process for the new hymnal.
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14 WHEREAS The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod in Convention has reviewed, received, and
15 accepted the *Lutheran Service Book* and *Agenda* as an official service book and hymnal of the Synod, and
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17 WHEREAS a complete introductory process for these worship materials has been planned for
18 usage in all of the districts of the Synod in the coming months, therefore be it
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20 RESOLVED that the Michigan District in Convention receive these worship materials with
21 thanksgiving and affirm the participation of the District and its congregations in the introductory
22 process, including participation in regional workshops coordinated by the national Commission on
23 Worship, and be it finally
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25 RESOLVED that each congregation of the Michigan District give thoughtful and prayerful
26 consideration to utilizing the *Lutheran Service Book* and its supporting materials in its worship life in the
27 coming months and years.
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1 COMMITTEE NAME: ADMINISTRATION/CONSTITUTIONAL MATTERS
2 RESOLUTION NUMBER: 2-02
3 SUBJECT: To Encourage Congregations to Use the District Compensation
4 Guidelines for Their Workers
5 REFERENCE: Overture 2-02, CW Overtures Page 9
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7 WHEREAS one of the major outcome goals of our Michigan District of the Lutheran Church-
8 Missouri Synod is that “The Michigan District has a sufficient number of Ministers of Religion-
9 Ordained and Commissioned to meet the needs of its congregations and ministries. These workers have
10 a personal relationship with Christ and are filled with integrity and joy, are well respected *and supported*
11 *financially* (emphasis added),” and
12

13 WHEREAS there is a need to treat the professional church workers in the Michigan District in
14 a fair and appropriate manner in all things, including financial compensation, and
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16 WHEREAS the Board of Directors of the Michigan District has approved and issued salary
17 guidelines (mailed to each congregation and available online at www.michigandistrict.org) for use by
18 district congregations, therefore be it
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20 RESOLVED that the Michigan District in convention strongly support and encourage
21 congregations to use district compensation guidelines when establishing compensation for their workers.
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1 COMMITTEE NAME: ADMINISTRATION/CONSTITUTIONAL MATTERS
2 RESOLUTION NUMBER: 2-03
3 SUBJECT: To Increase Financial Support for LCMS Professional Church Work
4 Students and Programs
5 REFERENCE: Overture 2-04, CW Overtures Page 11
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7 WHEREAS Article III of the Constitution of the Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod speaks to
8 the recruitment and training of professional church workers as a key objective, and
9

10 WHEREAS many members of the Synod’s congregations are unaware of the financial plight of
11 the seminaries and schools of the Concordia University System and the consequent negative impact of
12 high tuition costs on enrollment, and therefore be it
13

14 RESOLVED that the District provide its member congregations with accurate information
15 regarding professional church worker educational costs, and be it further
16

17 RESOLVED that the congregations of the District be encouraged to share this information with
18 its members, and be it finally
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20 RESOLVED that the District encourage its member congregations and individual members of
21 those congregations to make direct contributions to the institutions and students over and above their
22 normal unrestricted giving to District and Synod.
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1 COMMITTEE NAME: ADMINISTRATION/CONSTITUTIONAL MATTERS
2 RESOLUTION NUMBER: 2-04
3 SUBJECT: To Give the Board of Directors the Option of Selling the District
4 Property at Eastern Michigan University
5 REFERENCE: Overture 2-05, CW Overtures Page 12
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7 WHEREAS the 1997 District convention has directed that no campus ministry property be sold
8 until the campus ministry report has been delivered to the Board of Directors, and
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10 WHEREAS the District owns a building and land at 812 Ann Street, Ypsilanti near Eastern
11 Michigan University (the site), and
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13 WHEREAS the Board of Directors adopted the campus ministry report recommendations
14 relating to Eastern Michigan University which included 1) retaining the site, 2) maintaining the site and
15 leasing to suitable groups, 3) extending the covenant agreement with International Student Ministries,
16 and 4) seeking a covenant agreement with St. Luke Lutheran Church of Ann Arbor for North American
17 Students, and
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19 WHEREAS the District has leased the site to various ministry groups over the last decade and
20 has had covenant arrangements with both International Student Ministries (whose usage has decreased
21 over the years) and St. Luke Lutheran Church (whose usage has terminated), and
22

23 WHEREAS Campus ministry at Eastern Michigan University can take place through
24 coordination with local congregations and the campus ministry at the University of Michigan in Ann
25 Arbor without the need for this particular building, and
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27 WHEREAS the building does now and will, over time, require maintenance items that will
28 require the expenditure of District resources on items that will not further the direct ministry outcomes
29 of the Michigan District as outlined by the Board of Directors, therefore be it
30

31 RESOLVED that the District in convention authorize the Board of Directors, at its discretion,
32 to sell the property owned by the District at 812 Ann Street in Ypsilanti, Michigan, and be it further
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34 RESOLVED that the proceeds of the sale be used to support the ongoing campus ministry
35 program of the District.
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1 COMMITTEE NAME: ADMINISTRATION/CONSTITUTIONAL MATTERS
2 RESOLUTION NUMBER: 2-05
3 SUBJECT: To Transfer Heart of the Shepherd Lutheran Church, Howell,
4 Michigan from Circuit #26 to Circuit #35
5 REFERENCE: Overture 2-06, CW Overtures Page 13
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7 WHEREAS Heart of the Shepherd Lutheran Church, as a mission congregation of Shepherd of
8 the Lakes in Brighton, was assigned to its Circuit – the Kensington Circuit #26, and
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10 WHEREAS all of the churches in the Kensington Circuit #26, except for Heart of the Shepherd
11 and Shepherd of the Lakes in Brighton, are east of U.S. 23, and
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13 WHEREAS Heart of the Shepherd Lutheran Church is now an official member of the Lutheran
14 Church–Missouri Synod with a more westerly mission emphasis toward Fowlerville, Williamston,
15 Okemos and Lansing, and
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17 WHEREAS Heart of the Shepherd Lutheran Church in Howell, Michigan, requests to be
18 aligned with LCMS churches in those areas, therefore be it
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20 RESOLVED that Heart of the Shepherd Lutheran Church in Howell, Michigan, be transferred
21 to Capitol Circuit #35.
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1 COMMITTEE NAME: ADMINISTRATION/CONSTITUTIONAL MATTERS
2 RESOLUTION NUMBER: 2-06
3 SUBJECT: To Establish a Task Force to Study the District Convention
4 REFERENCE:
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6 WHEREAS the process we now have for our District Convention has been in place for many
7 years, which includes for example, District Bylaw specified Regional Assemblies on a specific date, which
8 have been poorly attended, and
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10 WHEREAS there may be ways to increase participation, utilizing greater stewardship of
11 resources, therefore be it
12

13 RESOLVED that the District in convention direct the President of the District to establish a
14 task force to reexamine the Regional Assemblies, and be it further
15

16 RESOLVED that the Task Force be directed also to study the length, timing and logistics of the
17 District Convention, and be it finally
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19 RESOLVED that the Task Force report its findings to the District Board of Directors for
20 consideration and possible action at the 2009 Michigan District Convention.
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