



FIFTY-SEVENTH CONVENTION OF THE ENGLISH DISTRICT – LCMS

Brothers and Sister in Christ,

The 57th Convention of the English District of The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod will be held **Monday, June 20, 2022, through Wednesday, June 22, 2022**, at Concordia University, 4090 Geddes Road, Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Conventions of The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod represent the highest legislative bodies of both the Synod and its districts. The 57th Convention of the English District will hold elections for all offices of the district, including the election of Bishop/President, Vice Presidents, the Board of Directors, the District Committee on Nominations for the next district convention, the Endowment Fund Board of Managers, and ratification of the College of Circuit Visitors. Canadian delegates will meet and elect the Canada Corporation Board of Directors. The convention delegates will hear reports on the mission and ministry of the English District and a synodical report from the Rev. Dr. Matthew Harrison, President of the Synod.

The Convention will include presentations from Rev. Keith Speaks, Lieutenant General William G. Boykin, and Colorado baker Jack Phillips, and reports about the mission and ministry of the English District. English District pastors and commissioned workers in attendance will be recognized for years of service to the Church.

The convention agenda will be available online (www.englishdistrict.org) in the Convention Workbook in May. Read the workbook carefully. Reflect on the district and congregational ministry reports of the past four years. Think about ways you are personally loving God with all your heart, soul, strength, and mind. Reflect on the ways in which you and your congregation and school are supporting the district's vision with people in your daily life. Also reflect, praise, and pray to the Lord God on behalf of the English District, reaching people of diverse ethnicity, language, background, and age so that more people may be brought into God's Kingdom. Then pray that the Lord mightily sends His Holy Spirit upon the 57th Convention of the English District and all who lead and attend our Convention.

May God be praised for His love and grace and by the way we conduct ourselves and worship Him at the convention. In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

General Information

ATTENDANCE

The convention is designed to include all Ministers of Religion, ordained and commissioned, in addition to voting lay delegates. If there is a valid reason which would preclude you from attending any of the convention, please indicate that on the registration excuse form available on our website.

REGISTRATION

Registration should be completed no later than April 20, 2022. Please note the attached instructions concerning your travel to the convention prior to registering. Online registration is available [HERE](#).

ARE MY CONVENTION EXPENSES COVERED?

Travel and housing and meals at Concordia University are covered by money received from the congregational assessment for voting and some advisory delegates.

Voting and advisory delegates are:

- Lay delegates,
- Called pastors serving district congregations (including associates and assistants),
- Called commissioned ministers on the roster of Synod serving District congregations,
- Circuit youth representatives,
- District board members,
- Chairs of District committees, and
- Emeriti pastors and teachers with ten (10) years of service in the English District who hold membership in a District congregation.

(While expenses for vicars and certified professional church workers will not be covered, congregations are encouraged to give these parish personnel the opportunity to attend and participate in the convention.) Guests, visitors and other Ministers of Religion not currently called to an English District congregation are responsible for their own expenses.

Covered expenses are indicated by an "x".			
	Travel	Housing	Meals
Voting Delegates - Lay	x	x	x
Voting Delegates - Pastors	x	x	x
*Advisory Pastors	x	x	x
*Advisory Teachers	x	x	x
Youth Representatives	x	x	x
Board members	x	x	x
**Emeriti pastors/teachers	x	x	x
Visitors/Exhibitors			
Spouses/Guests			

* On LCMS roster and called by an English District congregation

** With ten (10) years of service in the English District and still hold membership in an English District congregation

ASSESSMENTS FOR CONVENTION COSTS

Every congregation, whether or not it is represented at Convention, is expected to participate in an assessment of \$3.00 per communicant based on the last available statistical report. The 2022 assessment invoices will be mailed in March and need to be paid prior to Convention.

CONVENTION SCHEDULE

Open Hearings of Convention Floor Committees will be held Via [Zoom](#) beginning at 10:00 a.m. ET on June 4, 2022. Orientation Sessions for first-time delegates will be held Monday, June 20 at 11:00 a.m. ET. Delegates and guests arriving on Monday, June 20 will be welcomed by students ready to assist with luggage. They will direct you to Registration which begins at 9:00 a.m. in the Nest located in the Student Union, west of the chapel. Photographs for a pictorial directory will be taken at Registration and during the day Monday in the Student Union. Sign up information detailed on the last page. The registration desk will be moved to the gymnasium for those arriving after 1:30 p.m. on Monday. Convention will begin June 20, 2022, at 1:30 p.m. with the Opening Worship Service at the Chapel of the Holy Trinity. Convention sessions will begin at 3:30 p.m. Delegates should plan on staying until the close of the convention at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, June 22. The last order of business will be the Convention Memorial Service and the installation of ALL newly elected officers. Dress code for convention is business casual. Consider dressing in layers to take into consideration indoor and outdoor activities.

Tentative Schedule of Events

Monday:

9:00 am – 5:00 pm Registration/Photos for Directory
 11:30 pm Lunch - Ministry Tent Open
 1:30 pm Divine Worship Service
 3:30 pm Opening of Convention Business
 5:00 pm Dinner
 7:00 pm Evening Session

Tuesday:

8:00 am Morning Session
 Afternoon Session
 5:30 pm Dinner
 7:30 pm Evening Session

Wednesday:

8:00 am Morning Session
 Memorial Service and Installations

HOUSING

Double-occupancy housing will be available for all registered participants at Concordia University dorms.

Please note CUAA enforces a No Smoking Policy in all public buildings including dorms. The dorms are air-conditioned and a dorm linen kit including sheets, blanket, pillow, case, and towel will be provided. There will not be toiletries or daily housekeeping services provided. There will be 2 people per room, 4 people per suite that share a bathroom. Checkout will be 8:00 a.m. June 22 to allow for staff to prepare rooms for Ohio District Convention delegates.

In order to be sure that you have a room, please register by April 20, 2022. There will be a per room, per day charge of \$50 (U.S. funds) for spouses, \$50 (U.S. funds) for delegates requesting a single room (if available), and \$50 (U.S. funds) double occupancy/\$65 (U.S. funds) single occupancy for guests/visitors whose expenses are not covered.

Please submit amounts due prior to arriving at the Convention. We encourage double occupancy and meeting the registration deadline. Attendees will be financially responsible for costs incurred by the District due to changes made after May 31, 2022.

For delegates looking for their own housing **not** through convention registration, a block of rooms at the rate of \$124/night plus taxes has been negotiated at:

Doubletree Inn (near the Univ. of Michigan)
3600 Plymouth Road, Ann Arbor, (734)769-9800

If you choose to stay at the hotel, you must call them directly to make a reservation or make a reservation online at: [English District LCMS](#).

The block will be held until June 1, 2022. To receive the conference rate, ask for **English District LCMS**. Limited transportation will be provided by Doubletree Inn to CUAA and the Michigan Flyer drop off location. This needs to be arranged with the hotel. A \$50 per night housing reimbursement is available from the district with a hotel receipt submitted after the convention for covered registered participants.

MEALS

All meals during convention business will be provided for covered registered participants at the University. Please indicate on the registration form only the meals you will be eating on campus. Spouses, guests, and others not covered should submit payment for the meals they select on the registration form.

TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

The District will reimburse for travel at the rate of the coach airfare, mileage, car rental and fuel, or fuel whichever is less

expensive. We ask that each registrant do their best to keep transportation costs to a minimum and choose the best value for your travel including checking with various airlines and making your reservation well in advance of the convention. For those who choose to drive, we encourage carpooling. There is no reimbursement for passengers, but by practicing good stewardship, we can keep expenses down, leaving more for our District's mission work. Attached is a memo outlining the District's policy on reimbursed travel expenses. Please read it over carefully before making final travel decisions.

For those traveling by air please check to see which carrier serves your location and schedule best into the Detroit Metropolitan Airport (DTW). **If the cost of flights from your location exceeds \$425 please contact the district office for options or assistance in planning your trip.**

Airport to Hotel: A Michigan Flyer shuttle is available from both terminals of the Detroit Metropolitan Airport to Ann Arbor (Blake Transit Center on South Fifth Avenue) between 10:45 a.m. and 8:15 p.m. Please schedule your flight arrival within those times. **To make your shuttle reservation go to www.michiganflyer.com** and have your flight information available. (Cost is \$15 one way - submit receipt for reimbursement). Tickets purchased by phone are charged a \$5.00 service fee.

From baggage area follow signs to ground transportation and Michigan Flyer shuttles. The shuttle schedule from the airport to Ann Arbor is attached and available on their website – **please review the schedule prior to booking your flight**. Drop off is at the Ann Arbor Blake Transport Center on South Fifth Avenue. If you provide your travel details prior to the convention, a shuttle will pick you up from there and take you to CUAA. Please call the Doubletree Inn at 734-769-9800 for **limited** hotel shuttle service.

Return to Airport: A separate bus (not Michigan Flyer) to the airport will be scheduled to leave Concordia University at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, June 22, 2022. If this time does not work for your schedule, please make a round-trip reservation on the Michigan Flyer.

VISITING PURE MICHIGAN

We encourage you to take in the sights and ambience of the Ann Arbor/Detroit area before or after the District Convention, but such vacation-like activities will be at your own expense and planning.

Concordia University dorm rooms are not available prior to Sunday, June 19 or after June 21.

Area Attractions:

Ann Arbor Farmers Market
Ann Arbor Hands On Museum
Ann Arbor Matthaei Botanical Gardens
Ann Arbor Museum of Art
Ann Arbor Nichols Arboretum
Ann Arbor University of Michigan Campus
Detroit Belle Isle Conservatory and Aquarium
Detroit Downtown and Riverfront Areas
Detroit Eastern Market
Detroit Institute of Arts
Detroit Motown & Historical Museums
Detroit Zoo
The Henry Ford and Greenfield Village (Dearborn)

COMMUTER INFORMATION

Free parking is available at Concordia University.

WORKBOOK

The Convention Workbook will be available online in May. In preparation for the convention, please carefully read the reports, biographical forms of those nominated, and proposed overtures presented in the Workbook. If you wish to print any part of the Workbook, you will need to do that before arriving at the convention. Electronic devices and laptop computers will be permitted in the delegate section and may only be used for convention business. There will be limited power outlets available in the convention hall.

Online Photo Directory

For rostered workers: To schedule your photography appointment online, go to <http://www.ucdir.com>, click on photography appointment scheduling login on the right side, enter **cf142** in the Church Code field and enter **photos** in the Church Password field. Follow the prompts to schedule your appointment time. The online scheduling option is available Monday through Friday. Appointments fill up quickly, so schedule as soon as possible to secure your preferred date and time.

CONVENTION PRAYER PARTNERS

Please encourage your congregation members, family and friends to sign up to be prayer partners for the Convention. We are seeking prayers for all aspects of the convention: safe travel, the business of the English District, elections, activities, discussions, theological presentations, fellowship and to celebrate the English District's ministries and missions. The signup can be found here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090F48AEAC23A46-convention> Scroll down to choose a time slot and then lift the needs of our delegates, staff, clergy and convention in prayer.

STAY INFORMED

Visit the English District website for information about the convention: www.englishdistrict.org.

QUESTIONS

If your questions are not answered in these materials, please contact the District office: 1-800-755-9335 or info@englishdistrict.org.

ATTACHMENTS

Travel Information Form - Due April 30, 2022
Michigan Flyer Schedule
District Policy on Travel and Reimbursements