

47 At 3:35 PM, President Miskus introduced the Convention Agenda and the Proposed Standing Rules for the
48 Convention. Secretary Zimmerman was asked to highlight several of the proposed standing rules for the
49 delegates. President Miskus presented the standing rules for adoption: ***“To adopt the standing rules as
50 proposed.”*** Motion carried.

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52 Following the adoption of the standing rules, President Miskus presented the agenda for adoption: ***“To
53 adopt the agenda as presented.”*** Motion carried.

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55 At 3:40 PM, President Miskus offered his report to the convention. He thanked the District for the
56 opportunity to serve as District President following the resignation of Rev. Dr. Jamison Hardy in June 2024.
57 He highlighted the activities that he had conducted during his time as District President:

- 58 ▪ Visiting District congregations and mission starts.
- 59 ▪ Praying for the District’s congregations and church workers.
- 60 ▪ Holding online meetings with nearly every active pastor within the District.
- 61 ▪ Attending meetings of the LCMS Council of Presidents and the District Board of Directors.
- 62 ▪ Conferring with Vice-Presidents and Circuit Visitors.
- 63 ▪ Visting the Dominican Republic Lutheran Mission.

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65 He also spoke about the five major roles of the District to serve its congregations and church workers:

- 66 ▪ Connecting the congregation to synod and other congregations.
- 67 ▪ Providing ecclesiastical authority to pastors and congregations.
- 68 ▪ Providing support to congregations in missions and church planting.
- 69 ▪ Providing support to congregations in education and schools.
- 70 ▪ Providing support for congregations in terms of funding.

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72 His report ended with a series of statements of gratitude to individuals who were of great help to him
73 when taking up the role of District President.

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75 At 4:00 PM, Secretary Zimmerman provided the first credentials report of the convention. The credentials
76 report at the opening of the convention on June 26, 2025, was as follows:

77	Voting Delegates – Ordained:	90
78	Voting Delegates – Lay:	86
79	Total Voting Delegates:	176
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81	<i>Total Advisory Delegates:</i>	<i>20</i>
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83	Youth Representatives:	8
84	Board Members:	5
85	District Staff:	5
86	Guests/Presenters:	34
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88	Total in Attendance:	248

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90 The credentials report was accepted without objection.

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92 At 4:05 PM, President Miskus invited 1st Vice-President Robert Rogers to assume the Chair.

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94 Vice-President Rogers summoned the Elections Committee to the dais to conduct the election of District
95 President. Rev. Robert Tauscher, Chairman of the Elections Committee, provided a brief tutorial to the

96 delegates about the electronic voting devices that would be used for elections and other votes, including
97 practice ballots. Secretary Zimmerman outlined the processes by which nominations for both District
98 President and District Vice-Presidents took place prior to the Convention. Following that presentation,
99 Rev. Mark DiConti, Convention Chaplain, offered prayers for delegates who were about to participate in
100 elections during the first business day of the Convention.

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102 Vice-President Rogers directed Rev. Robert Tauscher, Chairman of the Elections Committee, to conduct
103 the election of the District President. Following this, Rev. Tauscher presented the slate of candidates for
104 District President:

105 Rev. Jeffrey Miskus
106 Rev. Dr. David Petersen

107
108 The ballot for District President was conducted and the results posted:

109 Rev. Jeffrey Miskus	106	(61.63 %)
110 Rev. Dr. David Petersen	66	(38.37 %)

111
112 Rev. Jeffrey Miskus was elected to a first term as District President. He was invited to address the
113 delegates following his election. He thanked the delegates for placing their trust in him and placing him
114 into office.

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116 At 4:25 PM, President Miskus reassumed the Chair.

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118 President Miskus invited Rev. David Davis, LCMS Michigan District President, to offer greetings to the
119 Convention. He shared the text of a resolution adopted by the recent Michigan District Convention that
120 commended the work of the English District and its partnership with the District and its congregations.

121
122 President Miskus called on Mr. Terry Leu, Chairman of the District Board of Directors, to present his report.
123 Chairman Leu highlighted the changes that the Board of Directors experienced during the past triennium.
124 Major developments during the past triennium involving actions by the District Board of Directors
125 included the transfer of ownership of the Canada Corporation to Lutheran Church Extension Fund and
126 receiving new congregations in Texas. The Board also acted as the custodian of properties and funds
127 transferred to the District by closing congregations; some of the monies received have been used to fund
128 new missions and congregational efforts, support church worker student scholarships, provide financial
129 gifts to the Synod, and increase investments in the Endowment Fund.

130
131 At 4:35 PM, President Miskus summoned the Elections Committee to return to the dais to conduct the
132 election and ranking of District Vice-Presidents. Rev. Tauscher announced to the delegates that two of the
133 District's regions had only one candidate accept nomination for election: Eastern District – Rev. Robert
134 Kieselowsky; Midwestern Region – Rev. Anthony Oliphant. Rev. Tauscher asked that the Secretary cast
135 one vote for each of these candidates, electing them to office.

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137 Rev. Robert Kieselowsky was elected to a first term as Eastern Region Vice-President.

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139 Rev. Anthony Oliphant was elected to a first term as Midwestern Region Vice-President.

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141 Rev. Tauscher presented the slate of candidates for Lake Erie Region Vice-President:

142 Rev. James Leistico
143 Rev. Zachary Marklevitz

144 The ballot for Lake Erie Region Vice-President was conducted and the results posted:

145	Rev. James Leistico	47	(31.76 %)
146	Rev. Zachary Marklevitz	101	(68.24 %)

147
148 Rev. Zachary Marklevitz was elected to a first term as Lake Erie Region Vice-President.

149
150 Rev. Tauscher presented the slate of candidates for Western Region Vice-President:

151	Rev. Kevin Belter
152	Rev. James Huenink
153	Rev. Dr. Michael Morehouse
154	Rev. Steven Resner

155
156 The first ballot for Western Region Vice-President was conducted and the results posted:

157	Rev. Kevin Belter	21	(13.13 %)
158	Rev. James Huenink	28	(17.5 %)
159	Rev. Dr. Michael Morehouse	97	(60.63 %)
160	Rev. Steven Resner	14	(8.75 %)

161
162 Rev. Dr. Michael Morehouse was elected to a second term as Western Region Vice-President.

163
164 At 4:40 PM, the convention proceeded to rank the newly-elected Vice-Presidents. Rev. Tauscher presented
165 the slate of elected Vice-Presidents presented and instructed delegates to vote for who should serve as
166 First Vice-President of the English District. The results of the first ballot were posted:

167	Rev. Robert Kieselowsky	52	(31.14 %)
168	Rev. Zachary Marklevitz	29	(17.37 %)
169	Rev. Dr. Michael Morehouse	67	(40.12 %)
170	Rev. Anthony Oliphant	19	(11.38 %)

171
172 With no candidate receiving a majority of votes cast, Rev. Anthony Oliphant's name was removed. A
173 second ballot was conducted and the results posted:

174	Rev. Robert Kieselowsky	65	(38.46 %)
175	Rev. Zachary Marklevitz	27	(15.98 %)
176	Rev. Dr. Michael Morehouse	77	(45.56 %)

177
178 With no candidate receiving a majority of votes cast, Rev. Zachary Marklevitz's name was removed. A third
179 ballot was conducted and the results posted:

180	Rev. Robert Kieselowsky	81	(47.65 %)
181	Rev. Dr. Michael Morehouse	89	(52.35 %)

182
183 Rev. Dr. Michael Morehouse was ranked as First Vice-President of the English District.

184
185 The slate of candidates for Second-Vice President of the English District was presented. A first ballot was
186 conducted and the results posted:

187	Rev. Robert Kieselowsky	117	(70.06 %)
188	Rev. Zachary Marklevitz	31	(18.56 %)
189	Rev. Anthony Oliphant	19	(11.38 %)

190
191 Rev. Robert Kieselowsky was ranked as Second Vice-President of the English District.

192 The slate of candidates for Third Vice-President of the English District was presented. The ballot was
193 conducted and the results posted:

194	Rev. Zachary Marklevitz	106	(64.24 %)
195	Rev. Anthony Oliphant	59	(35.76 %)

196
197 Rev. Zachary Marklevitz was ranked as Third Vice-President of the English District. Rev. Anthony Oliphant
198 was ranked as Fourth Vice-President of the English District.
199

200 President Miskus thanked Rev. Tauscher and the Elections Committee for completing the election and
201 ranking of the District Vice-Presidents.
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203 At 4:47 PM, President Miskus recognized the congregations and educational institutions that were added
204 to the District during the past triennium.
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206 At 4:49 PM, President Miskus opened the floor to nominations for District Secretary and District Board of
207 Directors. No floor nominations were offered. After this, the slate of candidates for District Secretary and
208 District Board of Directors was declared closed.
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210 At 4:52 PM, President Miskus invited Rev. Lackey to give thanks for the first session of the convention and
211 to conduct the blessing for the meal. President Miskus declared the Convention to be in recess until 6:30
212 PM. Delegates were dismissed for dinner.
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216 **SECOND SESSION – THURSDAY EVENING, JUNE 26, 2025**

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218 At 6:30 PM, delegates and guests reconvened in the gymnasium. President Miskus brought the Convention
219 to order.
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221 After the convention was brought to order, President Miskus called on the English District Ministerial
222 Health Commission to present about its work among the rostered workers of the District and their
223 families. Rev. Tim Holzerland, co-chair of the Ministerial Health Commission, introduced the commission's
224 work of following the direction of 1 John 3:18 to show love in deed and truth for District church workers
225 and their families. Members of the commission spoke about the services offered by the commission, when
226 the services should be requested, and how those services can be accessed. Following the presentation,
227 President Miskus thanked the Ministerial Health Commission members for their work.
228

229 ***Convention Essayist, Part 1 Summary***

230 At 6:50 PM, President Miskus introduced Rev. Dr. Chad Kendall, Associate Vice President for Church
231 Relations and Mission and Associate Professor of Theology at Concordia University Chicago, as the essayist
232 for the Convention. Dr. Kendall presented the first part of his Convention Essay about the Early Church's
233 use of protreptics as a form of defending and presenting the faith: "Ancient Apologetics: Talking to People
234 Who Think Differently Than We Do."
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236 The area of protreptics being used as a form of Christian apologetics discourse of *logos* (Word), *pathos*
237 (Passion), and *ethos* (Moral Conduct) can be traced to the work of Clement of Alexandria (c. 150–c.
238 215). Early ancient Christian apologists that utilized protreptics were doing so as religious minorities
239 in their culture and day.

240 Clement’s work in Alexandria placed him within a marketplace of ideas. A wide variety of different
241 philosophies and religions were present in Alexandria. Teachers had their own schools of thought,
242 where they would gather students to follow their own teachings. The skill of each teacher would
243 largely determine how many students they would gather. Clement had to be quite familiar with
244 different schools of thought which were direct competitors to his presentation of the Christian truth.
245

246 The nature of protreptics involves an open-ending inquiry that involves deep listening and
247 questioning. The teacher walks alongside the student, working to reorient the student into the truth.
248 Clement’s writing *Protrepticus pros Hellenas (Exhortation to the Greeks)* demonstrates a knowledge
249 of many other philosophical schools of thought; his protreptic work attempted to show that the
250 “truth” found in other philosophies or beliefs actually has God as its true source.
251

252 From Clement’s autobiographical statements, it appears that his religious background involved a
253 move from pagan beliefs to participation in mystery religions to other Greek philosophies to Judaism
254 to Christianity. Clement’s personal involvement and knowledge of these different schools of thought
255 became a useful tool in his protreptic work among people coming from different groups in Alexandria.
256

257 Clement’s understanding of himself and his role was that Jesus is the only true teacher (*didaskalos*),
258 while he was simply a guide (*pedagogue*). His role was to lead people to the altar where they could
259 encounter Jesus and His saving truth.
260

261 Clement conceived of the *paideia* (instruction) of the Logos as a complex system of training that leads
262 people to *therapeia* (healing). The healing (salvation, care, benevolent activity, public worship, and
263 teaching) brought to individuals comes from Jesus and the sacramental life of the church. This healing
264 involves the “slowness of God” as He works in individuals’ lives and through history.
265

266 Clement identifies characteristics in the pedagogy of Jesus:

- 267 ▪ Adapts teachings to different types of students.
- 268 ▪ Is organized in an orderly way to aid upward progress of students.
- 269 ▪ Sees pedagogy as care of souls, both intellect and the whole person.
- 270 ▪ Uses concealment (parables or secret things) as a method of teaching.

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272

273 At 7:35 PM, Secretary Zimmerman provided the credentials report as of 6:30 PM on June 26, 2025, as
274 follows:

275	Voting Delegates – Ordained:	89
276	Voting Delegates – Lay:	86
277	Total Voting Delegates:	175
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279	<i>Total Advisory Delegates:</i>	<i>21</i>
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281	Youth Representatives:	8
282	Board Members:	5
283	District Staff:	6
284	Guests/Presenters:	34
285		
286	Total in Attendance:	249

287
288 The credentials report was accepted without objection.

289
290 At 7:36 PM, President Miskus summoned the Elections Committee to conduct the election of District
291 Secretary and the Board of Directors.

292 Rev. McCall from the Elections Committee presented the slate of candidates for District Secretary:

293 Rev. Justin Laughridge

294 Rev. Justin Schmidt

295 Rev. Chad Trouten

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297 The first ballot for District Secretary was conducted and the results posted:

298 Rev. Justin Laughridge 57 (37.25 %)

299 Rev. Justin Schmidt 46 (30.07 %)

300 Rev. Chad Trouten 50 (32.68 %)

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302 With no candidate receiving a majority of votes cast, Rev. Justin Schmidt's name was removed. A second
303 ballot was conducted and the results posted:

304 **Rev. Justin Laughridge 85 (54.49 %)**

305 Rev. Chad Trouten 71 (45.51 %)

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307 Rev. Justin Laughridge was elected to a first term as District Secretary.

308

309 Rev. McCall presented the slate of candidates for the Board of Directors, Ordained Minister—
310 Eastern/Lake Erie Regions position:

311 Rev. Larry Loree

312 Rev. Justin Schmidt

313 Rev. Luke Zimmerman

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315 The first ballot for the Board of Directors, Ordained Minister—Eastern/Lake Erie Regions position was
316 conducted and the results posted:

317 Rev. Larry Loree 15 (9.55 %)

318 Rev. Justin Schmidt 18 (11.46 %)

319 **Rev. Luke Zimmerman 124 (78.98 %)**

320

321 Rev. Luke Zimmerman was elected to a first term on the Board of Directors.

322

323 Rev. McCall presented the slate of candidates for the Board of Directors, Ordained Minister—
324 Midwestern/Western Regions position:

325 Rev. Todd Arnold

326 Rev. James Huenink

327 Rev. Dr. Mark Wood

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329 The first ballot for the Board of Directors, Ordained Minister—Midwestern/Western Regions position was
330 conducted and the results posted:

331 Rev. Todd Arnold 38 (26.21 %)

332 Rev. James Huenink 38 (26.21 %)

333 Rev. Dr. Mark Wood 69 (47.59 %)

334

335 With no candidate receiving a majority of votes cast and a tie for last place, no names were removed. A
336 second ballot was conducted and the results posted:

337 Rev. Todd Arnold 37 (24.18 %)

338 Rev. James Huenink 33 (21.57 %)

339 **Rev. Dr. Mark Wood 83 (54.25 %)**

340 Rev. Dr. Mark Wood was elected to a first term on the Board of Directors.

341

342 Rev. McCall presented the slate of candidates for the two Board of Directors, Commissioned Minister
343 positions:

344 Vicki Helmling
345 Barbara Hemme
346 Dwayne Jobst
347 Rod Lane
348 Jennifer Miller

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350 The first ballot for the first Board of Directors, Commissioned Minister position was conducted and the
351 results posted:

352	Vicki Helmling	15	(10.34 %)
353	Barbara Hemme	22	(15.17 %)
354	Dwayne Jobst	27	(18.62 %)
355	Rod Lane	53	(36.55 %)
356	Jennifer Miller	28	(19.31 %)

357

358 With no candidate receiving a majority of votes cast, Vicki Helming's name was removed. A second ballot
359 was conducted and the results posted:

360	Barbara Hemme	15	(9.93 %)
361	Dwayne Jobst	22	(14.57 %)
362	Rod Lane	85	(56.29 %)
363	Jennifer Miller	29	(19.21 %)

364

365 Rod Lane was elected to a third term on the Board of Directors.

366

367 The first ballot for the second Board of Directors, Commissioned Minister position was conducted and the
368 results posted:

369	Vicki Helmling	9	(6.08 %)
370	Barbara Hemme	28	(18.92 %)
371	Dwayne Jobst	53	(35.81 %)
372	Jennifer Miller	58	(39.19 %)

373

374 With no candidate receiving a majority of votes cast, Vicki Helmling's name was removed. A second ballot
375 was conducted and the results posted:

376	Barbara Hemme	22	(14.57 %)
377	Dwayne Jobst	61	(40.40 %)
378	Jennifer Miller	68	(45.03 %)

379

380 With no candidate receiving a majority of votes cast, Barbara Hemme's name was removed. A second
381 ballot was conducted and the results posted:

382	Dwayne Jobst	65	(42.48 %)
383	Jennifer Miller	88	(57.52 %)

384

385 Jennifer Miller was elected to a first term on the Board of Directors.

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388 Rev. Tauscher presented the slate of candidates for the Board of Directors, Lay (Eastern Region) position:
389 Carol George
390 Stephen Kurtz
391 Mark Pfundstein

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393 The first ballot for the Board of Directors, Lay (Eastern Region) position was conducted and the results
394 posted:

395	Carol George	47	(33.10 %)
396	Stephen Kurtz	45	(31.69 %)
397	Mark Pfundstein	50	(35.21 %)

398
399 With no candidate receiving a majority of votes cast, Stephen Kurtz's name was removed. A second ballot
400 was conducted and the results posted:

401	Carol George	55	(35.95 %)
402	Mark Pfundstein	98	(64.05 %)

403
404 Mark Pfundstein was elected to a first term on the Board of Directors.

405
406 Rev. Tauscher presented the slate of candidates for the Board of Directors, Lay (Lake Erie Region) position:
407 Jonathan Busarow
408 Thomas Habitz
409 Mark Harris

410
411 The first ballot for the Board of Directors, Lay (Lake Erie Region) position was conducted and the results
412 posted:

413	Jonathan Busarow	45	(31.47 %)
414	Thomas Habitz	53	(37.06 %)
415	Mark Harris	45	(31.47 %)

416
417 With no candidate receiving a majority of votes cast and a tie for last place, no name was removed. A
418 second ballot was conducted and the results posted:

419	Jonathan Busarow	43	(28.86 %)
420	Thomas Habitz	74	(49.66 %)
421	Mark Harris	32	(21.48 %)

422
423 With no candidate receiving a majority of votes cast, Mark Harris' name was removed. A second ballot
424 was conducted and the results posted:

425	Jonathan Busarow	56	(36.13 %)
426	Thomas Habitz	99	(63.87 %)

427
428 Thomas Habitz was elected to a second term on the Board of Directors.

429
430 Rev. Tauscher presented the slate of candidates for the Board of Directors, Lay (Midwestern Region)
431 position:

432 Christopher Cassel

433
434 With only one candidate standing, President Miskus asked that the Secretary cast one vote for this
435 candidate, electing him to office.

436 Christopher Cassel was elected to a first term on the Board of Directors.

437

438 Rev. Tauscher presented the slate of candidates for the Board of Directors, Lay (Western Region) position:

439 Thomas Honebrink

440 Glen Piper

441 Kristin Wellik

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443 The first ballot for the Board of Directors, Lay (Western Region) position was conducted and the results
444 posted:

445 Thomas Honebrink 52 (35.37 %)

446 Glen Piper 47 (31.97 %)

447 Kristin Wellik 48 (32.65 %)

448

449 With no candidate receiving a majority of votes cast, Glen Piper's name was removed. A second ballot
450 was conducted and the results posted:

451 **Thomas Honebrink 86 (56.21 %)**

452 Kristin Wellik 67 (43.79 %)

453

454 Thomas Honebrink was elected to a second term on the Board of Directors.

455

456 Rev. Tauscher presented the slate of candidates for the two Board of Directors, Lay (At-Large) positions:

457 Jonathan Busarow

458 Carol George

459 Mark Harris

460 Stephen Kurtz

461 Glen Piper

462 Kristin Wellik

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464 The first ballot for the first Board of Directors, Lay (At-Large) position was conducted and the results
465 posted:

466 Jonathan Busarow 40 (26.32 %)

467 Carol George 20 (13.16 %)

468 Mark Harris 18 (11.84 %)

469 Stephen Kurtz 12 (7.89 %)

470 Glen Piper 15 (9.87 %)

471 Kristin Wellik 47 (30.92 %)

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473 With no candidate receiving a majority of votes cast, the names of Carol George, Mark Harris, Stephen
474 Kurtz, and Glen Piper were removed. A second ballot was conducted and the results posted:

475 Jonathan Busarow 72 (46.15 %)

476 **Kristin Wellik 84 (53.84 %)**

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478 Kristin Wellik was elected to a third term on the Board of Directors.

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483 The first ballot for the second Board of Directors, Lay (At-Large) position was conducted and the results
484 posted:

485	Jonathan Busarow	81	(52.94 %)
486	Carol George	28	(18.30 %)
487	Mark Harris	18	(11.76 %)
488	Stephen Kurtz	10	(6.54%)
489	Glen Piper	16	(10.46 %)

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491 Jonathan Busarow was elected to a first term on the Board of Directors.

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493 President Miskus thanked the Elections Committee for conducting the elections of the District Secretary
494 and Board of Directors. He also thanked all candidates who stood for election. The elected Board of
495 Directors members and Vice-Presidents were photographed.

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497 At 8:03 PM, President Miskus summoned Floor Committee 2 (Mission & Evangelism), chaired by Rev. Ben
498 Janssen, to the dais.

499

500 Floor Committee 2 moved Resolution 2–01 “To Affirm and Retain the Seven Mission Priorities of the
501 LCMS” (*Convention Workbook, p. 4-31*) for adoption. During debate, a delegate pointed out that the
502 wording in Line 18 be rendered as “... Offices ~~Boards~~ of National Mission and International Mission....” This
503 was received by Floor Committee as a necessary correction. With no other discussion, the motion carried
504 by voice vote.

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506 Floor Committee 2 moved Resolution 2–02 “To Encourage Outreach and Ministry on College and
507 University Campuses” (*Convention Workbook, pp. 4-32 & 4-33*) for adoption. After only one delegate
508 desired to speak who gave a favorable statement on the resolution, the motion carried by voice vote.

509

510 Floor Committee 2 moved Resolution 2–03 “To Memorialize the Synod to Encourage Congregations in the
511 LCMS to Include in Their Annual Mission Budgets Support for a Regional University of the Synod’s
512 Concordia University System” (*Convention Workbook, p. 4-34*) for adoption. After only one delegate
513 desired to speak who gave a favorable statement on the resolution, the motion carried by voice vote.

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515 President Miskus thanked Floor Committee 2 for its work.

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517 At 8:15 PM, President Miskus conducted the Recognition of Jubilarians (*cf. Convention Workbook, pp. 2-*
518 *11 & 2–12*). Those present were invited to the front of the convention hall to receive a certificate and to
519 pose for group pictures.

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521 Following the Recognition of Jubilarians, President Miskus called on Rev. DiConti to provide a closing
522 prayer for the day.

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524 At 8:38 PM, President Miskus declared the convention to be in recess for the evening. Business sessions
525 would begin at 8:00 AM on Friday, June 27, 2025.

1 **Proposed Amendment to Resolution 3–05A: “To Amend English District Bylaws 5.4 and 9.1.1”**

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3 Amend the resolution by striking the current Lines 42 & 43 on Page 6-13 (*June 26, 2025 Workbook*
4 *Addendum*) and replace them with the following:

5 (c) No more than one ordained minister shall be elected from the same District Region.

6 (d) No more than one commissioned minister shall be elected from the same District Region.

7 (e) No more than one ordained minister or commissioned minister shall be elected from the same
8 congregation.

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Peter Rigney
All Saints – Slippery Rock, PA

1 **RESOLUTION 3-01B**

2 **To Realign and Rename Visitation Circuits**

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4 **Preamble**

5 Visitation Circuits are created by Districts and exist for the benefit of congregations and the rostered church workers
6 of those congregations.

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8 LCMS Bylaw 5.1.1 defines the purpose of Visitation Circuits:

9 5.1.1 A visitation circuit is a network of congregations that “walks together” for mutual care, support, advice,
10 study, ecclesiastical encouragement, service, coordination, resources, and counsel—all for the sake of
11 greater congregational participation in God’s mission.

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13 LCMS Bylaw 5.1.2 governs how Visitation Circuits are established, which is understood to mean that the
14 establishment of Visitation Circuits is done by action of the District Convention, unless District Bylaws provide for
15 another process:

16 5.1.2 Districts shall establish visitation circuits according to geographical criteria.

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18 **Rationale**

19 Visitation Circuit 9 (Cleveland–Akron) and Visitation Circuit 10 (Cleveland–West) have seen a decline in member
20 congregations and communicant members. For many years, these two Visitation Circuits have met together and
21 continue to meet as essentially one Circuit. For the past several triennia, these two Visitation Circuits have been
22 joined to create one Electoral Circuit for the purpose of electing delegates to the Synod Convention. These two
23 Visitation Circuits desire to be combined into one Visitation Circuit. The merger of Visitation Circuits 9 & 10 would
24 eliminate a Visitation Circuit, requiring a renumbering of the Visitation Circuits of the District. The geographic
25 location of several congregations would allow them to be better served by being moved to different Visitation
26 Circuits. Additionally, several Visitation Circuits have begun to refer to themselves by new names to better reflect
27 their member congregations.

28 Therefore be it

29 *Resolved*, That the Visitation Circuits of the English District be realigned and renamed as follows:

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|----|--|----|--------------------------------------|
| 30 | Circuit 1 – New York | 57 | Circuit 4 – Georgia |
| 31 | Bethany – Ewing, NJ | 58 | Christ the Shepherd – Alpharetta, GA |
| 32 | Grace – Palisades Park, NJ | 59 | Ascension – Atlanta, GA |
| 33 | Korean Cho Wong – Palisades Park, NJ | 60 | |
| 34 | Martin Luther – Pennsauken, NJ | 61 | Circuit 5 – Buffalo |
| 35 | Messiah – Princeton, NJ | 62 | Calvary – Amherst, NY |
| 36 | Immanuel Korean – Flushing, NY | 63 | Pilgrim – Kenmore, NY |
| 37 | Redeemer – St. Albans, NY | 64 | Redeemer – North Tonawanda, NY |
| 38 | Trinity – Scarsdale, NY | 65 | Hope Community – Syracuse, NY |
| 39 | Our Saviour – Valley Stream, NY | 66 | Holy Trinity – Albion, PA |
| 40 | | 67 | Trinity – Erie, PA |
| 41 | Circuit 2 – Philadelphia | 68 | |
| 42 | Gloria Dei – Blue Bell, PA | 69 | Circuit 6 – Pittsburgh |
| 43 | Mount Calvary – Lititz, PA | 70 | Peace – McMurray, PA |
| 44 | Calvary – Mechanicsburg, PA | 71 | Redeemer – Oakmont, PA |
| 45 | Rehoboth Afaan Oromo – Ridley Park, PA | 72 | First Trinity – Pittsburgh, PA |
| 46 | St. John – Springfield, PA | 73 | All Saints – Slippery Rock, PA |
| 47 | Grace – Warminster, PA | 74 | St. John’s – Bridgeport, WV |
| 48 | Immanuel – Alexandria, VA | 75 | |
| 49 | | 76 | Circuit 7 – Canada-East |
| 50 | Circuit 3 – Florida | 77 | Christ – Aurora, ON |
| 51 | Tree of Life – Inverness, FL | 78 | St. John – Golden Lake, ON |
| 52 | Faith – Naples, FL | 79 | St. Luke – North York, ON |
| 53 | Trinity – Ocala, FL | 80 | St. Mark – Mississauga, ON |
| 54 | Shepherd of the Coast – Palm Coast, FL | 81 | St. John’s – Pembroke, ON |
| 55 | Celebration – Saint Johns, FL | 82 | St. Matthew – Scarborough, ON |
| 56 | | 83 | |

1	Circuit 8 – Canada-West	59	Trinity – La Porte, IN
2	Our Saviour – Chatham, ON	60	Advent – Zionsville, IN
3	First – Kingsville, ON	61	
4	Hope – Kitchener, ON	62	Circuit 14 – Chicago-South
5	Grace – Mitchell, ON	63	Concordia – Berwyn, IL
6	Redeemer – Sarnia, ON	64	Chatham Fields – Chicago, IL
7	Gethsemane – Windsor, ON	65	Ephphatha Deaf – Chicago, IL
8	Peace – Windsor, ON	66	Faith – Chicago, IL
9		67	St. John the Divine – Chicago, IL
10	Circuit 9 – Cleveland	68	Messiah – Elmhurst, IL
11	Concordia – Akron, OH	69	Markham – Markham, IL
12	Cristiana Hispana – Cleveland, OH	70	Trinity – New Lenox, IL
13	Holy Cross – Cleveland, OH	71	
14	Grace – Elyria, OH	72	Circuit 15 – Chicago-North
15	Fairlawn – Fairlawn, OH	73	Faith – Arlington Heights, IL
16	Prince of Peace – Medina Township, OH	74	Bethany – Chicago, IL
17	Ascension – North Olmsted, OH	75	Bethesda – Chicago, IL
18	Our Savior – North Royalton, OH	76	Christ English – Chicago, IL
19	Grace – Oberlin, OH	77	Grace English – Chicago, IL
20	St. Thomas – Streetsboro, OH	78	Holy Spirit – Elk Grove Village, IL
21		79	Redeemer – Elmhurst, IL
22	Circuit 10 – Detroit-South	80	Trinity – Villa Park, IL
23	Angelica – Allen Park, MI	81	
24	Christ Our Redeemer – Allen Park, MI	82	Circuit 16 – Milwaukee
25	Zion – Detroit, MI	83	Messiah – Forest Lake, MN
26	Christ the King – Grosse Pointe Woods, MI	84	Hope – Hastings, MN
27	Risen Christ – Plymouth, MI	85	Hales Corners – Hales Corners, WI
28	King of Glory – Sylvania, OH	86	St. Mark – Janesville, WI
29	Good Shepherd – Toledo, OH	87	Christ – Lake Mills, WI
30		88	Prince of Peace – Menomonee Falls, WI
31	Circuit 11 – Detroit-North	89	Peace – New Berlin, WI
32	Ascension of Christ – Beverly Hills, MI	90	St. Mark – Sheboygan, WI
33	Grace – Redford Township, MI	91	Faith – Watertown, WI
34	Redeemer – St. Clair Shores, MI	92	Greenfield Park – West Allis, WI
35	St. Paul – St. Clair Shores, MI	93	
36	Holy Redeemer – Sandusky, MI	94	Circuit 17 – St. Louis
37	Epic – Shelby Township, MI	95	Grace – Vine Grove, KY
38	Shepherd King – West Bloomfield, MI	96	St. Johns – Hannibal, MO
39	New Beginnings – West Branch, MI	97	Beautiful Savior – Lees Summit, MO
40		98	Chapel of the Cross – St. Louis County, MO
41	Circuit 12 – West Michigan	99	Redeemer – Lincoln, NE
42	Hope – Bellaire, MI	100	
43	Epiphany – Dorr, MI	101	Circuit 18 – Texas
44	Martin Luther – East Lansing, MI	102	St. Thomas – Magnolia, TX
45	Hope – Grand Rapids, MI	103	St. Paul – Paris, TX
46	Our Savior – Hartland, MI	104	
47	Immanuel – Howell, MI	105	Circuit 19 – Arizona-North
48	Holy Trinity – Lakeview, MI	106	Shepherd of the Canyon – Gold Canyon, AZ
49	Agnus Dei – Marshall, MI	107	Eternal Life – Mesa, AZ
50	Christ – West Olive, MI	108	Faith – Overgaard, AZ
51	Grace – Wyoming, MI	109	Messiah – Parker, AZ
52		110	Shepherd of the Pines – Payson, AZ
53	Circuit 13 – Indiana	111	Family of Christ – Phoenix, AZ
54	Bethany – Fort Wayne, IN	112	Shepherd of the Mountains – Pinetop, AZ
55	Jacob’s Well – Fort Wayne, IN	113	Prince of Peace – Mesquite, NV
56	Redeemer – Fort Wayne, IN	114	
57	Peace – Fremont, IN	115	Circuit 20 – Arizona-South
58	Prince of Peace – Hudson, IN	116	Risen Savior – Green Valley, AZ

- 1 Christus Rex – Rio Rico, AZ
- 2 Crosspoint – Sahuarita, AZ
- 3 Ascension – Tucson, AZ
- 4 Catalina – Tucson, AZ
- 5 Faith – Tucson, AZ
- 6 Holy Trinity – Tucson, AZ
- 7 Messiah – Tucson, AZ
- 8 Mount Olive – Tucson, AZ
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- 10 **Circuit 21 – San Diego**
- 11 Borrego – Borrego Springs, CA
- 12 First – El Cajon, CA
- 13 St. Luke – La Mesa, CA
- 14 Living Water – San Diego, CA
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- 16 **Circuit 22 – Los Angeles**
- 17 St. Paul – Long Beach, CA
- 18 Highland Park – Los Angeles, CA
- 19 Chapel of the Cross – Mission Hills, CA
- 20 Immanuel – Orange, CA
- 21 Peace in the Desert – Palm Desert, CA
- 22 Sherman Oaks – Sherman Oaks, CA
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- 24 **Circuit 23 – Northwest**
- 25 Messiah – Danville, CA
- 26 St. Mark – Ferndale, CA
- 27 Hope – Fremont, CA
- 28 New Life Chinese – San Francisco, CA
- 29 West Portal – San Francisco, CA
- 30 Blessed Sacrament – Hayden, ID
- 31 Apostolic – Moses Lake, WA