



SELC DISTRICT

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH-MISSOURI SYNOD

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September 8, 2014

Beloved in the Lord:

The grace, mercy, peace and blessing of our Lord Jesus Christ sustain, encourage and uplift you in the power of His Holy Spirit to the glory of our heavenly Father.

The 17th Regular Convention of the SELC District of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod will take place Thursday, April 9, to Sunday, April 12, 2015, Zion Lutheran Church, Clark, NJ.

The convention agenda, individual assignments, travel and housing information and other convention materials will be mailed and emailed to you in the near future.

There are many general costs connected with a District Convention. To cover these on an "equalizing basis", each congregation will receive an "assessment" from our SELC District Financial Secretary, requesting \$2 per communicant. Each congregation should include this assessment, plus the cost of travel, lodging, and meals for both the Pastoral and Layperson Delegate in the 2015 congregational budget. Reviewing the congregational expenses from the 2012 District Convention may be a helpful guideline, making appropriate adjustments for 2015 rising costs.

District officers, committee chairpersons and others performing district functions are requested to submit reports to the District Secretary for publication in the Convention Workbook.

Please adhere to the deadlines listed so that convention preparation may be carried out smoothly and efficiently. Kindly return all filled forms from this packet to the district secretary's office (4041 W. 120th St., Alsip, IL 60803).

We are grateful to the pastors and members of Zion for their Christian willingness to sponsor the forthcoming SELC District Convention. May the Lord bless their efforts and those of many others laboring to make our convention a blessing in the Lord.

A district convention is a very important event in the life of a congregation. It is the obligation of each SELC District congregation to assume the cost of sending both their pastor and a lay delegate. Congregations unable to assume the financial responsibility should contact the SELC District president (selcpres@wi.rr.com 414-698-7208) for assistance.

Pre-convention meetings, including the Board of Directors and all appointed convention committees meet on Thursday, April 9. The opening worship service will be held on Thursday, April 9 at 7 p.m. Registration and the Circuit Forums (Caucuses) will take place Friday, April 10. The convention will conclude Sunday, April 12, 2 p.m.

In Christ Jesus,

Rev. Chris Ongstad
SELC District Secretary



SELC DISTRICT CONVENTION

Zion Lutheran Church
Clark, NJ

April 9-12, 2015



RESOLUTIONS AND MEMORIALS (Deadline Date: November 18, 2014)

In order to be included in the Convention Workbook, all resolutions and memorials for the 17th Regular Convention of the SELC District must be submitted eighteen (18) weeks prior to the opening of the convention.

Resolutions and Memorials should reach the District President by November 18, 2014.

Rev. Dr. Carl H. Krueger Jr.
6240 S. Elaine Ave.
Cudahy WI 53110

Resolutions and memorials may be submitted for consideration by the convention as late as March 10, 2015 (30 days prior to the opening of the convention). However, they will not be included in the Convention Workbook.

No resolutions or memorials will be accepted for consideration by the 17th Regular Convention of the SELC District after March 10, 2015.



SELC DISTRICT CONVENTION



Zion Lutheran Church
Clark, NJ

April 9-12, 2015

SELC DISTRICT CONVENTION ADVISORY DELEGATES

(Deadline Date: February 17, 2015)

All nonvoting ordained ministers and all commissioned ministers who are members of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod within the SELC District may serve as advisory delegates at the forthcoming 2015 SELC District Convention.

Advisory delegates are entitled to voice and vote on a floor committee, if appointed, and voice in the convention.

Original and duplicate credential blanks have been enclosed. Those authorized to serve as advisory delegates are requested to send the completed original credential form to:

Rev. Chris Ongstad
4041 W. 120th St.
Alsip, IL 60803

Please retain the completed duplicate form to present to the credentials committee when registering at the convention in Clark, NJ.

It is imperative to send the credential form to the District Secretary before February 17, 2015. This will enable the District President to appoint necessary floor committees and print the Convention Workbook in a timely fashion.

ORIGINAL
ADVISORY DELEGATE CREDENTIAL FORM

17th Regular SELC District Convention
Zion Lutheran Church, Clark, NJ
April 9-12, 2015

This is to certify that (name) _____
(street) _____ (city) _____ (state) _____ (zip) _____
(email) _____ (phone) _____ (cell) _____

currently a member of the SELC District, LCMS, in the capacity of:

Pastor Emeritus Commissioned Minister

is qualified to serve as Advisory Delegate at the 17th Regular SELC District Convention.



(SELC Congregation of Advisory Delegate)

(Signature of Pastor of Congregation)

Date: _____

MAIL THIS FORM BY February 17, 2015 to:

Rev. Chris Ongstad
4041 W. 120th St.
Alsip, IL 60803

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DUPLICATE
ADVISORY DELEGATE CREDENTIAL FORM

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is qualified to serve as Advisory Delegate at the 17th Regular SELC District Convention.



(SELC Congregation of Advisory Delegate)

(Signature of Pastor of Congregation)

Date: _____

PRESENT THIS FORM TO THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE AT THE CONVENTION



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September 8, 2014

RE: Advisory Delegate Credentials
2015 SELC District Convention

Beloved in the Lord:

The 17th Regular Convention of the SELC District of The Lutheran Church- Missouri Synod will take place Thursday, April 9 to Sunday, April 12, 2015 at Zion Lutheran Church, Clark, NJ.

Should you plan to attend as an Advisory Delegate, please complete the enclosed credential form and mail it to Secretary Rev. Chris Ongstad by February 17, 2015.

In Christ Jesus,

Rev. Chris Ongstad
SELC District Secretary



**SELC
DISTRICT
CONVENTION**



**Zion Lutheran Church
Clark, NJ**

April 9-12, 2014

**NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES FOR THE POSITION
OF
CIRCUIT VISITOR**

(Deadline Date: November 18, 2014)

In advance of each District Convention it is the task of the Secretary of the District to notify all congregations of the District that they are to nominate two candidates from their Circuit for the office of Circuit Visitor for their respective Circuit.

Synodical By-Law 5.2.2 reads in part:

“Nominations for candidates for the office of circuit visitor* may be submitted by a voting congregation of the circuit and suggested by the district president, in consultation with the praesidium of the district ... All nominated pastors serving congregations and emeriti pastors shall be eligible for election in accordance with section 4.3 of these Bylaws.”

Accordingly, your congregation is asked to submit the names of one or two (2) pastors from your Circuit for this office. The names of your two nominees should be submitted by November 18, 2014, to the District Secretary:

Rev. Chris Ongstad
4041 W. 120th St.
Alsip, IL 60803

Please use the enclosed form to report your nominations.

**NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES FOR THE POSITION
OF
CIRCUIT VISITOR**

SELC Distirct of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod

NAME OF CONGREGATION: _____

LOCATION: _____

CHECK CIRCUIT: Eastern

Central

Western

Southern

Our congregation met on _____ and nominated the following pastors from our circuit as candidates for the position of Circuit Visitor in our circuit.

1. _____

2. _____

President of the Congregation: _____

Secretary of the Congregation: _____

Date: _____

Please mail this form to: Rev. Chris Ongstad
4041 W. 120th St.
Alsip, IL 60803

(DEADLINE DATE: November 18, 2014)

SELC DISTRICT CONVENTION

Zion Lutheran Church
Clark, NJ
April 9-12, 2015

SELC DISTRICT CONVENTION DELEGATES

Deadline Date: November 18, 2014

It is vital that your congregation select convention delegates at your next Voters' Assembly Meeting. This is necessary so that our district president will be able to appoint the necessary floor committees in a timely fashion. In order to serve as delegates, pastors must be members of the SELC District and lay persons members of SELC District congregations.

Enclosed are credential blanks to be completed and signed by the appropriate church officers:

1. **PASTORAL DELEGATE**
2. **LAY DELEGATE**
3. **ALTERNATE LAY DELEGATE**

Two (2) copies of each of the above credential blanks have been enclosed.

Please send the original completed credential forms for pastoral, lay and alternate lay delegates to:

Rev. Chris Ongstad
4041 W. 120th St.
Alsip, IL 60803

Please retain the duplicate copies to present to the credentials committee when registering at the convention in Clark, NJ.

Again, it is imperative to make your selections as soon as possible and mail them to the District Secretary before November 18, 2014.

Note: Circuit Forum Meetings will be held on Friday previous to the convention. When selecting your lay delegate and alternate to the district convention, be sure to appoint the persons selected to also serve as delegates for the Circuit Forum Meeting.

Only delegates to the District Convention can be elected as delegates to the 2016 LCMS Synodical Convention in St. Louis, MO. Elected congregational representatives to the 2015 District Convention should ensure that they are also available for the 2016 Synodical Convention, if elected by their respective circuits for the 2016 Synodical Convention. Those elected as Synodical Convention Delegates will be the ones who will cast the official votes for the next Synodical President and first Vice-president.

**ORIGINAL
PASTORAL DELEGATE CREDENTIAL FORM**

17th Regular SELC District Convention
Zion Lutheran Church, Clark, NJ
April 9-12, 2015

This is to certify that Pastor _____, a member of
the SELC District, LCMS, is hereby qualified and authorized to represent _____
Lutheran Congregation in _____ at the 17th
Regular SELC District Convention. (pastor's street address) _____ (city) _____

(state, zip) _____ (phone) _____ (cell) _____



President of Congregation

Secretary of Congregation

Date: _____

MAIL THIS FORM BY November 18, 2014 to:
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Rev. Chris Ongstad
4041 W. 120th St.
Alsip, IL 60803



**DUPLICATE
PASTORAL DELEGATE CREDENTIAL FORM**

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Zion Lutheran Church, Clark, NJ
April 9-12, 2015

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the SELC District, LCMS, is hereby qualified and authorized to represent _____
Lutheran Congregation in _____ at the 17th
Regular SELC District Convention. (pastor's street address) _____ (city) _____

(state, zip) _____ (phone) _____ (cell) _____



President of Congregation

Secretary of Congregation

Date: _____

PRESENT THIS FORM TO THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE AT THE CONVENTION

ORIGINAL
LAY DELEGATE CREDENTIAL FORM
17th Regular SELC District Convention
Zion Lutheran Church, Clark, NJ
April 9-12, 2015

This is to certify that (name) _____

(Home address please) (Street) _____

(City) _____ (state) _____ (zip) _____

(Email) _____ (Phone) _____ (Cell Phone) _____

is a duly elected Lay delegate authorized to represent (name of congregation) _____

(city, state) _____, _____ at the 17th Regular SELC District Convention.



President of Congregation

Secretary of Congregation

MAIL THIS FORM BY November 18, 2014 to:

Date: _____

Rev. Chris Ongstad
4041 W. 120th St.
Alsip, IL 60803

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DUPLICATE
LAY DELEGATE CREDENTIAL FORM
17th Regular SELC District Convention
Zion Lutheran Church, Clark, NJ
April 9-12, 2015

This is to certify that (name) _____

(Home address please) (Street) _____

(City) _____ (state) _____ (zip) _____

(Email) _____ (Phone) _____ (Cell Phone) _____

is a duly elected Lay delegate authorized to represent (name of congregation) _____

(city, state) _____, _____ at the 17th Regular SELC District Convention.



President of Congregation

Secretary of Congregation

Date: _____

PRESENT THIS FORM TO THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE AT THE CONVENTION

ORIGINAL
ALTERNATE LAY DELEGATE CREDENTIAL FORM

17th Regular SELC District Convention
Zion Lutheran Church, Clark, NJ
April 9-12, 2015

This is to certify that (name) _____

(Home address please) (Street) _____

(City) _____ (state) _____ (zip) _____

(Email) _____ (Phone) _____ (Cell Phone) _____

has been duly elected as Alternate Lay Delegate to represent _____

Lutheran Congregation in (City, State) _____

at the 17th Regular SELC District Convention.



President of Congregation

Secretary of Congregation

Date: _____

MAIL THIS FORM BY November 18, 2014 to:

Rev. Chris Ongstad
4041 W. 120th St.
Alsip, IL 60803

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DUPLICATE
ALTERNATE LAY DELEGATE CREDENTIAL FORM

17th Regular SELC District Convention
Zion Lutheran Church, Clark, NJ
April 9-12, 2015

This is to certify that (name) _____

(Home address please) (Street) _____

(City) _____ (state) _____ (zip) _____

(Email) _____ (Phone) _____ (Cell Phone) _____

has been duly elected as Alternate Lay Delegate to represent _____

Lutheran Congregation in (City, State) _____

at the 17th Regular SELC District Convention.



President of Congregation

Secretary of Congregation

Date: _____

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Both our Synod and our District bylaws prohibit the use of a nominating “committee” for the offices of president and vice presidents. In the past, candidates for these offices were nominated only “from the floor”. This has not always allowed “floor” candidates to discuss fully with their Congregations the implications of being elected to these offices.

Congregations will now nominate District Pastors for these offices, which would still coincide with the prohibition of using a nominating “committee”, **BUT** this would give some “advance notice” to the nominees and their congregations, so that the privilege and responsibility of these offices could be fully discussed; and permission could be granted by the respective congregations to their Pastor.

Each Congregation **MAY NOMINATE UP TO TWO SELC DISTRICT PASTORS** for the office of **District President**. All Pastors on the District roster are “eligible”. All nominations must be received by the District Secretary 60 days prior (January 20, 2015) to the convention and will be reported in the Convention Workbook.

Each Congregation ***MAY NOMINATE UP TO TWO PASTORS FROM EACH CIRCUIT for the office of Vice President.***

The forms for the **nomination** of District President and Vice Presidents are to be filled out by the congregation and returned to the District Secretary, Rev. Chris Ongstad, Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 4041 W. 120th St., Alsip, IL 60452 by **January 20, 2015** as indicated. The forms for **suggested nominees** for positions on the Board of Directors and the Lutheran Haven Board are to be filled out by the congregation and returned to the District President, Rev. Dr. Carl H. Krueger, Jr., 6240 S. Elaine Ave., Cudahy, WI 53110.

A listing of eligible SELC District pastors by Circuit has been included in this packet for your convenience.

Thank you for taking the extra time and energy to make your SELC District even more effective in “Showing Everyone Life in Christ.”

**FORM FOR THE NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES FOR THE POSITIONS OF
DISTRICT PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENTS**

SELC District of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod
2015 SELC Convention

NAME OF CONGREGATION: _____

LOCATION (City, State, Zip): _____

CHECK CIRCUIT: Eastern
 Central
 Western
 Southern

NOMINATION FOR DISTRICT PRESIDENT

(Each congregation may nominate up to two pastors)

Our congregation met on _____ and nominated the following **2 (two) pastors** as candidates for the position of:

District President: 1. _____

2. _____

NOMINATION FOR VICE PRESIDENTS

(Each congregation may nominate up to 2 pastors from each circuit for a maximum of 8 pastors)

We nominate the following 2 (two) pastors from the **Eastern** circuit for Vice President:

1. _____ 2. _____

We nominate the following 2 (two) pastors from the **Central** circuit for Vice President:

1. _____ 2. _____

We nominate the following 2 (two) pastors from the **Western** circuit for Vice President:

1. _____ 2. _____

We nominate the following 2 (two) pastors from the **Southern** circuit for Vice President:

1. _____ 2. _____

President of the Congregation: _____ (Signature)

Secretary of the Congregation: _____ (Signature)

Date: _____

Please mail this form to: **Rev. Chris Ongstad**
4041 W. 120th St.
Alsip, IL 60803

(DEADLINE DATE: January 20, 2015)

**FORM FOR SUGGESTED NOMINATIONS FOR THE POSITIONS
OF
BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND
LUTHERAN HAVEN BOARD
SELC District of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod**

NAME OF CONGREGATION: _____

LOCATION: (City, State, Zip) _____

CHECK CIRCUIT: Eastern
 Central
 Western
 Southern

Our congregation met on (Date) _____ and suggest the nominations of the following **pastors** from **our district** as candidates for the position of:

District Secretary: _____

Board of Directors, Pastoral Representative: _____

Board of Directors, Pastoral Representative, Mission Focus: _____

Lutheran Haven Board, Pastoral Representative _____

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We also suggest the nominations of the following **SELC Layperson** (male or female) for the offices of:

District Treasurer: _____

District Financial Secretary: _____

Board of Directors (Lay Representative) _____

Board of Directors, Lay Representative, Mission Focus: _____

Lutheran Haven Board (Lay Representative) _____

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President of the Congregation: _____ (Signature)

Secretary of the Congregation: _____ (Signature)

Date: _____

Please mail this form to:

**Rev. Dr. Carl H. Krueger Jr.
6240 S. Elaine Ave.
Cudahy WI 53110**

(DEADLINE DATE: February 17, 2015)