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The SELC District Convention is being held from May 12 - 15, 2022 in St. Louis at St. Lucas Evangelical Lutheran Church. Watch for more information in future issues of the Beacon Online.



Concordia Seminary Presidential Installation and Inauguration Set Dr. Thomas J. Egger to be installed as 11th President

The inauguration of **Dr. Thomas J. Egger** as the 11th president of **Concordia Seminary, St. Louis** is set for 2:30 p.m. CDT Friday, Aug. 27, in the Seminary's Chapel of St. Timothy and St. Titus.

The inauguration will include a special address by Egger as he highlights his vision for the Seminary's future. Dean of Ministerial Formation **Dr. Timothy Saleska**, who

served as co-chairman of the presidential search committee, will present the new president during the inauguration. **Rev. Todd A. Peperkorn**, chairman of the Board of Regents, will perform the rite of inauguration. The ceremony also will include greetings from faculty, students and members of the civic community, **Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod** (LCMS) schools and LCMS leadership.

The inauguration will follow the installation of Egger as president earlier the same day. He will be installed as president during the Opening Service for the Seminary's 183rd academic year at 10 a.m. Friday in the chapel. **Dr. Matthew C. Harrison**, president of the LCMS, will preach during the installation service and **Dr. R. Lee Hagan**, president of the LCMS Missouri District, will perform the rite of installation.

During the morning's Opening Service, ordained members of the LCMS are invited to participate in the celebratory event by vesting with red stoles and joining the processional.

The inauguration and installation are open to the public. Both events will be live streamed at **csl.edu/live**.

"God's mercy abounds anew with each passing year," Peperkorn said. "As we begin this new chapter at Concordia Seminary, we remember with thanksgiving the many leaders who have gone before, and pray God's blessings upon Dr. Egger as he takes on this important new role for the sake of Christ. To God alone be glory!"

Egger, a Seminary faculty member since 2005, was selected to receive the call to the presidency in February. He succeeds President Emeritus **Dr. Dale A. Meyer**, who retired June 30, 2020, after serving 15 years as president. Dr. Daniel Preus served as interim president until Egger began his duties in March.

Previously, Egger served as the Seminary's Gustav and Sophie Butterbach Professor of Exegetical Theology, chairman of the Department of Exegetical Theology, associate professor of Exegetical Theology and the academic adviser for first-year students. He served as pastor at Zion Lutheran Church in Storm Lake, Iowa, from 2000–05.



LCMS Rosters and Statistics: Sending Annual Reminders for Updates

Beginning June 8, 2021, the annual reminders to LCMS congregations, new church starts, and LCMS rostered workers will be sent asking them to review and update their records.

September 1, 2021, is the deadline to be sure that updates are included in *The Lutheran Annual 2022*; however, **congregations and rostered workers may update their records online anytime throughout the year since much of this information is also available on the LCMS Locators.**

Congregations and new church starts may login at: <https://lc.lcms.org/>

Ordained and Commissioned Ministers may login at: <https://cwu.lcms.org/>

For help, contact Rosters, Statistics and Research Services at Rosters.Stats@lcms.org, or by calling the Church Information Center at 888-843-5267.



Disaster Response: A Message from Rev. Jacob Deal

Greetings to you in Christ,

Before I ask you for your potential help, let me tell you a little about what's been new in disaster response. Recently, I have started in the position of District Disaster Response Coordinator. The LC-MS Disaster Response team is seeking to improve our disaster readiness across the synod. Each district is receiving more guidance and more tools to better assist congregations, LERT teams, and districts in coordinating efforts to prepare and recover following disasters.

My goal is to help strengthen our congregations to be assets to our communities in the wake of disasters. This comes from not only being prepared, but also our readiness to respond to recovery efforts so that you can more quickly and efficiently help those around you affected by disasters.

Right now, I am at the beginning stages of building up a network within our district. I am in need of a few more people to serve alongside me on the Incident Command Executive Staff. The responsibilities include assisting in developing District Disaster Response Plans, assisting as an advisor, helping to organize and facilitate help during a disaster, and the evaluations of responses. Location does not really matter as most of our communication is going to be virtual.

Anyone interested in more information should contact me either by email or phone. Pastordeal@saintspeterandpaul.net or 724-977-1682.

Finally, if your congregation has suffered a disaster, please have your congregation's pastor or representative reach out to me. I will do my best to bring assistance and guidance to you and your congregation. If your congregation is looking to start a LERT team or is in need of direction following training, please contact me.

In Christ,
Rev. Jacob Deal



Request for Church Constitution and Bylaws

The SELC District Board meet in late June. At that meeting, the request was made to get a copy of each Church's current constitution and bylaws. They can be emailed to the District office using the selc.lcms@gmail.com email address or to Patti at pgsmith@ptd.net You may also mail them to the District Office at the address below. Please send them to the District Office by **August 2, 2021**. Thank you!

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President Vinovskis visits St. John Lutheran Church

President Vinovskis and First Vice President Wally Arp visited St. John's in Hazelton, PA and met with Church leadership. The meeting took place following the SELC Board of Directors meeting in late June.



Pictured left to right is First Vice President Wally Arp and St. John's member Nancy Trovitch



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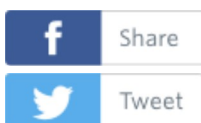
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