

2022 SELC District Convention

Convention Workbook



May 12 - 15, 2022

St. Lucas Lutheran Church
7100 Morganford Road
St. Louis, MO

Updates to Workbook

05/05/2022 - Financial Secretary Report updated, Disaster Response Report added pages 141 - 142, Minor agenda updates.

Agenda updates

Revised Resolutions 2022 - 01, 02, 03. New Resolutions 2022 - 04 and 05
143 - 147

Updated Agenda - 148 - 152



The 19th District Convention
Thursday, May 12 - Sunday, May 15, 2022

Convention Theme - "Thy Strong Word"

*"So faith comes from hearing, and hearing
through the Word of Christ."*

Romans 10:17

**Showing Everyone Life in Christ, by
Showing Everyone Love in Christ**

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- 10:00 AM Ratification of SELC District Bylaws
- 10:10AM Convention Greetings
 - Rev. Timothy Scharr, SID-LCMS
 - Rev. Mark Miller, CID-LCMS
- 10:20 AM Resolutions Committee
- 11:00 AM Circuit Forums
 - Circuit Visitor Election
 - 2023 LCMS Circuit Delegates and Laypersons
- 12:00 PM Lunch
- 12:45 PM Convention Photo
- 1:00 PM Call to Order
 Credentials Report
 Reports from Circuit Forums
 - Ratify Circuit Visitors' Reports
 - Ratify 2023 LCMS Circuit Delegates
 Secretary Report and 2018 Proceedings
 District President's Report
- 2:00 PM SELC Missions Report – Rev. Paul Hoyer
 SELC Mission Future Vision – Rev. Jacob Hoyer
 Rev. Mark Larson
- 2:45 PM Break
- 3:15 PM "I Am the SELC"
 Convention Greetings
 - Rev. Dr. Allan Buss, NID
- 3:30 PM Nominations and Elections Overview
 Call for Nominations
- 3:45 PM Credentials Report
 Election of District President
 Election of Vice-Presidents
 2024 SELC Nominations Committee
 Resolutions Committee

- 5:00 PM Evening Devotion: "Praise to Thee Who Light Dost Send"
 Liturgist: Rev. Daniel Berteau, Redeemer–Manchester, NJ
 Preacher: Rev. Curtis Stephens, St. Matthew–Norton, OH
- 5:00 PM Dinner
- 7:00 PM Fellowship – St. Lucas with a band

Saturday, May 14, 2022

- 8:00 AM Breakfast
- 8:55 AM "I Am the SELC"
 Convention Greetings
 - Concordia Publishing House, Jonathan Schultz
- 9:05 AM Morning Devotion – "Thy Strong Word Bespeaks Us Righteous"
 Liturgist: Rev. Bill Hale, St. John–Granite City, IL
 Preacher: Rev. Charles St. Onge, Ascension–Montreal, QC
- 9:30 AM Convention Essay – Rev. Dr. Joel Elowsky, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis
- 10:30 AM Break
- 10:45 AM Convention Greetings
 - LCMS Foundation, David Fiedler/Mark Cannon
 - Grace Place, Darrell Zimmerman
- 11:00 AM Synod Report - President Matthew Harrison
 - Video Presentation
- 12:00 PM Lunch
- 1:00 PM Worship Service: In Memoriam - "From the Cross Thy Wisdom Shining..."
 Liturgist: Rev. Raymond Malec- Northampton, PA
 Preacher: Rev. Dr. Wally Arp-Oviedo, FL
- 1:30 PM President Matthew Harrison – Part II
- 2:00 PM Break

- 2:20 PM Credentials Report
 Lutheran Haven Report - Mr. Jerry Griffing
 Ratify Lutheran Haven Board of Trustees Appointments
 Lutheran Haven Board of Trustees Elections
- 3:00 PM "I Am the SELC"
 Resolutions Committee
- 3:30 PM Financial Secretary's Report
 Treasurer's Report and Audit Report
 Stewardship Report
 Lutheran Church Extension Fund
 SELC 2022 - 2024 Work Program
- 4:15 PM Break
- 4:30 PM Ministerial Care Report
 LWML
 Luther League
 Education Executive/School Ministry Report
- 5:00 PM Evening Devotion: "Give us Lips to Sing Thy Glory."
 Liturgist: Rev. Hosea Ekong, Concordia-Youngstown, OH
 Preacher: Rev. Waldemar R. Vinvoskis-Macungie, PA
- 5:20 PM Dinner
- 7:00 PM President's Reception at hotel

Sunday, May 15, 2022

- 9:00 AM Worship Service with Holy Communion and Installation of Officers
 Installation - Officiant: Rev. Dr. Matthew Harrison
 Preacher: Rev. Dr. Mark Larson
- 10:30 AM Brunch following Worship

2022 SELC District Convention Voting Delegates

Name - indicates no credentials

Eastern Circuit table

Church	Pastor Delegate	Lay Delegate
Ascension - Montreal, Canada	Rev. Charles St-Onge	Jason Huang Bruce Bell (Alternate)
Concordia - Northampton, PA		
Concordia, Macungie, PA	Rev. Waldemar R. Vinovskis	Joel Fastenau Larry Schultz (Alternate)
Holy Trinity Garfield NJ	Vacant	
Peace - Galloway, NJ		
Redeemer - Manchester, NJ	Rev. Daniel Berteau	Obed Gonzalez Mark Vlossak (Alternate)
St. Athanasius - Vienna, VA	Rev. James Douthwaite	Scott Killian Logan Hansen (Alternate)
St. John - Bound Brook, PA	Vacant	
St. John - Hazelton, PA	Vacant	Karen Kowalczyk Daniel Starry (Alternate)
St. John the Baptist - Emporia, VA	Rev. Stephen Bocklage	Anna Bocklage Kenny Ryals (Alternate)
St. Matthew - Wilkes-Barre, PA	Rev. Peter Haenftling	Bill Courtney (Alternate)
St. Paul - Raritan, NJ	Vacant	
St. Paul - Westport, CT	Rev. Bradley Knorr	Tyler Rohlfen
St. Paul - Greenwich, CT		
St. Stephen - Dickson City, PA	Vacant	
Trinity - Stamford, CT		
Zion - Clark, NJ	Vacant	

Central Circuit table

Church	Pastor Delegate	Lay Delegate
Calvary - Parma, OH	Rev. Joel Dieterichs	Jeffrey or Kimberly Lessa Jeff or Christie Steingass (Alternate)
Christ the King - Lodi, OH	Rev. Christopher Cahill	Betty Olah
Concordia - Youngstown, OH	Rev. Hosea Ekong	Mark Miller Lillie Ekong (Alternate)
Grace - Lakewood, OH	Vacant	Geoff Paul Sieghart Rein (Alternate)
Holy Cross - Johnstown, PA	Rev. Mark Ruppert	Paul Kushner
Holy Trinity - Parma, OH	Rev. John Milligan	Milly Kwiatkowski
Holy Trinity - Pleasant City, OH	Vacant	
John Huss - Arnold, PA	Rev. Jerome Panzigrau	
Nativity - Kingsville, Ontario		
Resurrection - Malvern, OH	Rev. Kevin McLeod	Tom Maffett Jeff Crowl (Alternate)
St. John - Massillon, OH	Rev. Jon Carpenter	Shannon Carpenter
St. Mark - Steubenville, OH	Vacant	
St. Matthew - Norton, OH	Rev. Curtis Stephens	Matthew Butrick Donald Gallimon (Alternate)
St. Paul - Toronto, Canada		
Sts. Peter and Paul - Sharon, PA	Rev. Jacob Deal	Jonathan Baisch Jesse Riffle (Alternate)
Sts. Peter and Paul - Lorain, OH		

Southern Circuit table

Church	Pastor Delegate	Lay Delegate
Faith - Wesley Chapel	Rev. Kurt Steinbrueck	Terrell Jordan Richard Steinbrueck (Alternate)
Faith Viera - Rockledge, FL	Rev. Ronald Meyr	Ken Baker
Family of Christ	Rev. Landon Ledlow	David Tente
Holy Cross - Lake Mary, FL	<i>Rev. Jacob Hoyer</i>	Rebekah Fana
Hope Viera - Melbourne, FL	Rev. James Fernandez	David Heumann Bruce Hale (Alternate)
New City Church - Orlando, FL		
St. Luke's - Oviedo, FL	Rev. Wally Arp	Jeanne Wacker Doug Taylor (Alternate)
theCross -Mount Dora, FL	Rev. Jacob Baumann	
theCross - Orlando, FL		
Wellspring - Deland, FL	Rev. Jacob Hoyer	Rebekah Fana

Western Circuit table

Church	Pastor Delegate	Lay Delegate
Dr. Martin Luther - Chicago, IL	<u>Rev. Richard Ramirez</u>	
Holy Cross - Alsip, IL	Vacant	
Holy Trinity - Streator, IL	<u>Rev. John Gutz</u>	
Holy Trinity - Boyceville, WI		
Jacob's Well - St. Louis, MO	Rev. David Corson	Mike Kehlenberg
Pentecost - Racine, WI	Vacant	Jonathan Lisowski
Resurrection - Crown Point, IN	Rev. Gary Nagy	Ardyne Kirn
St. John - Cudahy, WI	Vacant	Peter Brandstrom James Papala (Alternate)
St. John - Granite City, IL	Rev. William Hale	Anita Armes
St. Lucas - St. Louis, MO	Rev. Mark Larson	Phillip Miksad Stacey Wellman (Alternate)
St. Paul - Whiting, IN	Vacant	
Zion - Norridge, IL	<u>Rev. Michael Croon</u>	<u>Rhonda Dirr</u>

Other Advisory Delegates table

Church/Circuit	Name	Type of Delegate
Ascension/Eastern	Emilie Stoller-Prozenko	Advisory
Concordia Macungie/Eastern	Rev. Ryan Schnake	Advisory
Grace/Central	Rev. Donald Hayas	Advisory
Sts. Peter & Paul/Central	Rev. Arthur Baisch	Advisory
St. John Cudahy/Western	<u>Rev. Carl Krueger</u>	Advisory

SELC District Officers

District Board of Directors

President:	Rev. Waldemar Vinovskis
1st Vice President	Rev. Dr. Wally Arp
2nd Vice President	Rev. Dr. Christopher Cahill
3rd Vice President	
Secretary	Rev. John Telloni
Pastoral Rep	Rev. Andrew Dzurovcik
Pastoral Rep, Mission Emphasis	Rev. Ron Meyr
Mission Executive Secretary	Rev. Paul Hoyer
Stewardship	Rev. Dr. Mark Larson
LCEF	Rev. Daniel Lepley
Treasurer	Mr. Robert Lange
Financial Secretary	Mr. Larry Schultz
Legal Counsel	Mr. John J. Zettlemoyer, Jr., Esq.
Lay Representative - Mission Focus	Mr. Matthew Berent

Circuit Visitors

Eastern Circuit	Rev. James Douthwaite
Central Circuit	Rev. Curtis Stephens
Western Circuit	Rev. Dr. Carl Krueger
Southern Circuit	Rev. Brian Roberts

SELC Reconcilers

Rev. Wally Vinovskis
Rev. John Gutz

Constitutional Review	Mr. John J. Zettlemoyer, Jr., Esq.
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Continuing Education	Rev. Dr. Chris Cahill
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Education Executive	Mrs. Betty Hoyer
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LCMS Life Ministries	Ziggy Rein
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Ministerial Health	Rev. Dr. Chris Cahill
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Missions Executive Secretary	Rev. Paul Hoyer
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Outreach:

Central Circuit	Rev. Jerry Panzigrau
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Stewardship:

Rev. Dr. Mark Larson (Chair)
Rev. Joel Dieterichs
Rev. David Haara
Rev. William Hale
Rev. Daniel Lepley

Student Aid:

Rev. John Telloni (Chair)
Deacon Jim Hurst
Rev. Kevin McLeod

**LWML
Lutheran Witness
Disaster Relief**

Millicent Kwiaktowski
Robert Lange
Stephen Lehenbauer

2022 SELC District Convention Committees

Initial meeting, Thursday, May 12, 2022 at 1 PM

1 PM All Chairpersons meet with the District President and Secretary

1:30 PM - All committees meet

Registration and Credentials Committee

- ❖ Rev. Chris Cahill
- ❖ Ardyne Kirn
- ❖ Peter Brandstrom

Resolutions Committee

- ❖ Rev. Jim Douthwaite
- ❖ Rev. John Gutz
- ❖ Joel Fastenau
- ❖ Jeanne Wacker

Press Committee

- ❖ Rev. James Fernandez
- ❖ Rhonda Dirr
- ❖ Shannon Carpenter

Nominations and Elections Committee

- ❖ Rev. Ray Malec
- ❖ Dan Geyer
- ❖ Thomas Maffett
- ❖ John Dobrucky

SELC District Convention Proceedings

The purpose of all “parliamentary procedure” is to carry out the wishes of the assembly in an orderly and fair manner. Further, the procedures are to be used to expedite business, and to ensure that the will of the majority prevails. We know that all who are attending our SELC District Convention will exercise your individual privileges faithfully, charitably, wisely and well.

Unless specific rules and procedures are indicated by the SELC District Bylaws or the LCMS Synod Handbook, “Robert’s Rules of Order” is followed through the Convention. Among ourselves, because of our Christian faith, there may be instances when an exception to the “Rules” may be made by the Chairman with individual application of the “Law of Christian Love”.

Each convention session will call for a Credentials Committee report to determine quorum. And the Convention will apply these numbers within that session.

Generally, the Chairman will try to hold to the agenda and daily schedule that has been prepared and publicized as closely as possible, but all Delegates are asked for patience, understanding, and cooperation in all of the Convention procedures.

If a Voting or Advisory Delegate has a comment of question to a motion or procedure, you are asked to move to one of the designated microphones. Please, state your name, along with the name and location of your congregation. Advisory delegates have the right of voice, but only credentialed Pastoral and Layperson Delegates have the right to vote. To be considerate of time available for the Convention, all speakers from the floor are asked to limit their remarks to a “2 minute or less” time period.

A few “overtures” or “memorials” have been submitted by SELC Congregations or have come through agencies of the national Church. These overtures will be presented to our Resolutions Committee for their preparation to be brought to the floor as “resolutions”. All overtures are to be submitted to the District President and to the Resolutions Committee, to be determined whether they will be presented. Overtures may only come to the floor through the Resolutions committee. When Resolutions are presented, to expedite matters, when it may appear that both sides of a question have been heard thoroughly, we invite any voting delegate to take his/her turn at the microphone to “call the question” (Simply calling out “question” from the floor is not recognized. The motion to “call the question” is simply a motion to stop debate. It is not debatable, requires no second, but does not require a “two-thirds vote of the assembly”).

Regarding “substitute motions,” the SELC District, like most LCMS Districts, operates with what has come to be known in the LCMS as the “Behnken Rule” - a practice that is common in all Synod Conventions. If an amendment is offered to a Motion on the floor, and in the opinion of the Chairman, the amendment changes the substance of the Motion, then the Chairman may declare the proposed amendment “a substitute motion”.

If a substitute motion is offered, the convention will first decide by majority vote whether or not to consider the substitute. If the decision is in the affirmative and the substitute motion is adopted, the original motion fails; if the “substitute motion” does not receive favorable action, the original motion is again before the convention.

A simple chart of common “Robert’s Rules of Order” procedures has been included in this SELC District Convention Workbook.

Nominations for elected offices (except for District President, the Vice-Presidents, and the Circuit Visitors) are permitted from the floor; however, they must have the approval of the nominator and brief biographies are to be prepared, and distributed, prior to the office being considered by the Convention.

The Pastoral Circuit Visitor, plus two Delegates to the 2023 LCMS National Convention (one Pastor and one Layperson) of that particular Circuit, are elected at the Circuit Forum. The Circuit Visitor and the two Delegates chosen are then presented for Ratification by the whole District Convention.

Each Congregation should have authorized their Congregation Representative to serve as potential Circuit Delegates to the 2023 LCMS Convention, if elected. Only Congregational Representatives who actually attend the District convention are permitted to be Candidates for Circuit Delegate. This “attendance rule” also defines who will be eligible to vote, on behalf of their Congregation, in the Synodical President election, which takes place before the 2023 Synod Convention.

Each Congregation is authorized one Layperson and one Clergy vote in the election of the Synodical President. Those Congregations that do not have Pastoral or Layperson Representatives attending the District Convention lose the ability to cast that particular vote in the Synod-wide election of the Synodical President.

All congregational Voting Representatives serve for a term of years (until the next District Convention).

It is expected that the Congregational Representatives will prepare a report concerning the District Convention and present it to the members of their Congregation. Those elected as Circuit Representatives to the Synodical Convention are expected to make their reports available to all Congregations of the Circuit, and

whenever possible, to make a presentation to the Circuit Pastoral Conference (usually at the Fall Pastoral Conference) or any Circuit Forum.

Congregational Representatives can expect to receive a copy of the 2022 SELC District Convention Proceedings (minutes) as soon as prepared by the District Secretary and distributed by the District President.

Summary of Robert's Rules of Order

MOTION	REMARKS	PHRASING	SECOND	DEBATABLE	AMENDABLE	VOTE
Main		I move that the Technical Activities Board....note specific action	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority**-more than half
Amendment		I move to amend the pending Motion by striking out or inserting the following words	Yes	Yes, if motion to be amended in debatable	Yes	Majority*
Amendment to an Amendment		I move to amend the pending Amendment by striking out or inserting the following words	Yes	Yes, if motion to be amended in debatable	No	Majority*
Substitute		I move to substitute the following for the Motion pending	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority*
Postpone to a Definite Time	Should be used to readdress Motion at a specific time	I move that the pending Motion be postponed until (note time)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority*
Postpone Indefinitely	Can be used to "kill" a Motion	I move to postpone indefinitely	Yes	Yes	No	Majority*
Refer to a Committee	Standing or Ad Hoc (Can be appointed at any time)	I move to refer the issue to a committee	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority*
Leave to Withdraw	Only used by maker of Motion	I ask permission to withdraw the Motion	Yes	No	No	Majority*
Division of Question	Used to consider multiple aspects of a Motion one at a time or in seriatim	I call for a division of question	Yes	No	Yes	Majority*
Division of Assembly	Request for verification of a voting result	I call for a Division	No	No	No	None Required
Secret Ballot		I move we take this vote by secret ballot	Yes	No	Yes	Majority*

Lay on the Table (Table)	When used to "kill" a Motion, Chair can rule it out of order. As part of Motion, maker may state time he/she intends to take item from the table during remainder of the meeting or next meeting	I move to table the Motion	Yes	No	No	Majority*
Take from the Table	At current or next meeting only	I move to take from the table the Motion relating to...	Yes	No	No	Majority*
Previous Question	Used to stop debate	I move to previous question or I call the question	Yes	No	No	Two-Thirds
Parliamentary Inquiry	Response from Chair or Parliamentarian	I rise for Parliamentary inquiry	No	No	No	None required
Point of Order	Used to remind or questions Chair on Bylaws, rules of Order, etc. Chair may seek advise	I rise to a point of order (await recognition from Chair, state reasoning)	No	No	No	Chair Rule
Appeal	Chair should state reason for decision. Vote is to uphold Chair's decision	I appeal from the decision of the Chair.	Yes	Yes	No	Majority* (of negative votes to overturn decision)
Open/Close	Second is not required when nominations come from a committee	I move we open/close nominations. I nominate...note reason	Yes	No	Yes, in terms of time only	Majority*
Reconsider in a committee	At same meeting only	Having voted on the prevailing side, I move to reconsider...	Yes	No	Yes, in terms of time only	Majority*
Rescind, Repeal, or Annul	Used a subsequent meeting	Note reason - Therefore, I move to rescind the Motion	Yes	Yes	Yes	Two-Thirds
Adjourn		Note reason...I move to adjourn	Yes	No	No	Majority*

Minutes of the 2018 SELC District Convention

THE 18TH REGULAR CONVENTION OF THE SELC DISTRICT OF THE LUTHERAN CHURCH-MISSOURI SYNOD

Grace Lutheran Church
Lakewood, OH
April 26-29, 2018

CONVENTION THEME:

**“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and
with all your soul and with all your strength.”**

Deuteronomy 6:5

“Therefore honor God with your body.”

1 Corinthians 6:20b

Thursday, April 26, 2018

CONVENTION OPENING WORSHIP was held at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary of Grace Lutheran Church, with Rev. Dr. Matthew Harrison, LCMS President, serving as the preacher. Overall theme of his homily: *“You are not your own; you were bought with a price.” “Love the Lord ...”* Participating in the Divine Service were Host Pastor, Rev. George Hansell; SELC District President, Rev. Andrew Dzurovcik, Officiant; 1st Vice-President Rev. Dr. Wally Arp; and 2nd Vice-President, Rev. Dr. Christopher Cahill.

Friday, April 27, 2018

SESSION 1

1. **OPENING DEVOTION** was held at 9:00 a.m. in the sanctuary. Topic: *“Hear.”* Preacher: Rev. Charles St-Onge; Liturgist: Rev. Joel Elowsky.
2. **CALL TO ORDER** was made by President Andrew Dzurovcik at 9:28 am.
3. **CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT** was presented by Chairman Noel Bartlett, who reported the following – 72 possible votes; Delegates: 33 Pastors; 33 Lay; 6 Alternates present; and 7 non-voting Advisory Delegates present.
4. **MOTION MADE AND SECONDED** to adopt the Convention Agenda (*see Convention Workbook [CW], pp. 5-8*) – Carried. Rev. Ron Meyr was appointed to serve as Convention Expeditor.
5. **WELCOME TO NEW ROSTERED CHURCH WORKERS:** All newly-received pastors, those who accepted calls to district congregations from other districts, and first-call pastors who have begun to serve congregations in this district approached the front table to sign the SELC District Constitution and Bylaws. Each pastor introduced to the assembly himself and the church which they are serving. President Dzurovcik welcomed these servants of the church into the district and commended them to the Lord in their respective ministries.

6. **MOTION MADE AND SECONDED** to receive the Minutes 17th Regular Convention of the SELC District - Lutheran Church - Missouri held at Zion Lutheran Church, Clark, NJ., in, 2015. – Carried. (*See CW, pp. 18-34*)
7. **REVISED SELC DISTRICT BYLAWS** (*printed in the Convention Workbook [CW], pp. 114-134*) were presented for ratification by the convention, with John Zettlemoyer, Esq., SELC District Legal Counsel, leading the delegates through the revisions. Mr. Zettlemoyer indicated that the amendments were reviewed by the LCMS Commission on Constitutional Matters. Several changes were offered by the synod’s Commission on Constitutional Matters to ensure that such proposed amendments would be in conformity with the Synod Handbook – Constitution and Bylaws. Mr. Zettlemoyer reported that specific recommendations were incorporated into the document as per CCM recommendations.
8. **MOTION MADE AND SECONDED** to ratify the SELC District Bylaws as presented. – (2/3 vote required) – Carried unanimously by Voice Vote.
9. **PRESIDENT’S REPORT** was presented (*See CW, pp. 38-47*) by President Andrew Dzurovcik, with First Vice-President Wally Arp presiding. **MOTION made and seconded** to receive the report. — Carried. Chair returned to President Dzurovcik.
10. **FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT’S REPORT** was Rev. Wally Arp (*See CW, pp. 48-49*). **MOTION made and seconded** to receive the report. – Carried.
11. **SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT’S REPORT** was presented by Rev. Dr. Christopher Cahill (*See CW, pp. 50-54*). **MOTION made and seconded** to receive the report. – Carried.
12. **THIRD VICE-PRESIDENT:** As known by many in attendance, and sadly, Third Vice-President Chris Ongstad had passed away a few weeks before the convention after faithfully serving since the last convention, and prior to that, for many years as the District Secretary and Webmaster. Because so close to the beginning of this convention, no appointment was made to fill this office.
13. **REPORTS OF THE CIRCUIT VISITORS** were presented by the respective officers (*see all reports in the Convention WB*). A) Rev. James Douthwaite of the Eastern Circuit (*See CW, pp. 55-56*) : Pastor Douthwaite summarized this last term as “*a very eventful three years*”; B) Rev. Ken Ballas of the Central Circuit (*See CW, p. 57*) – Pastor Ballas encouraged the pastors present to “*preach and teach God’s Word; love all of God’s people.*” He continued by referencing the sad reality of closing congregations, although there is no need to hang one’s head in shame, but to thank God for the ministry in that place, with many congregants in heaven because of the ministry in that place, in the spirit of Jesus’ words: “*Fear not, little flock, for it is God’s pleasure to give you the kingdom*”; C) Rev. Luke Jacob of the Western Circuit (*See CW, pp. 58-59*) – Pastor Jacob added that there presently was one vacancy in the circuit due to Pastor Ongstad’s recent death, with Rev. Steve Lange of Orland Park, IL serving as Vacancy Pastor at Holy Cross, Alsip, IL; D) Rev. Brian Roberts of the Southern Circuit. **MOTION made and seconded** to receive all the Circuit Visitors’ Reports. – Carried.

14. **CIRCUIT FORUMS** were scheduled to meet in various rooms in the church in order to elect pastoral and lay delegates to the next triennial Convention of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod Convention scheduled to be held in 2019 in Tampa, FL. The other order of business to be conducted was the election of the respective Circuit Visitors. The delegates were thus dismissed at this point by the President to take care of their circuit business in their assigned rooms.

15. **THE CONVENTION RE-CONVENED** at 11:30 a.m.

16. **ELECTION RESULTS** were announced by representative from the four circuits for the positions of Circuit Visitor and Pastoral and Lay Delegates to the next LC-MS Convention:
 - A) Central Circuit: Visitor: Rev. Curtis Stephens, Circuit Visitor; Delegates: Rev. John Telloni, Pastor
 - B) Eastern Circuit: Visitor: Rev. James Douthwaite; Delegates: Rev. James Douthwaite, Pastor, and Rev. Charles St.-Onge, Alternate Pastor; Dr. Joel Fastenau, Lay, and John Duburcky, Alternate
 - C) Western Circuit: Visitor: Rev. Carl Krueger; Delegates: Rev. Luke Lacob, Pastor, and Rev. John Henry, Alternate; Lay: Peter Bramstram, Rhonda Dirr, Alternate
 - D) Southern Circuit: Visitor: Rev. Brian Roberts; Delegates: Rev. David Haara, Pastor, and Rev. Zach Zehnder, Alternate; Lay: Ken Baker, Lay; and Rebekah Fauna, Alternate. (*Special Note: This slate elected by the circuits would be ratified later in the convention after the Central Circuit Forum, which did not complete its tasks in the time allotted, reports the rest of their election results.*)

17. **MISSION PRESENTATION #1** was hosted by Rev. Paul Hoyer, District Mission Executive, who introduced the reports of mission efforts in our district, and ministry to immigrants and other ethnic groups. (*Special Note: Pastor Hoyer's formal report is printed in the CW, pp. 92-93*). He introduced to the assembly Rev. Prince Rajamony, SELC District Missionary to the Tamil people in the United States, who then provided both oral remarks about the whole mission supplemented with a slide presentation. Pastor Prince further stated that he hoped to start seven Tamil congregations in this country. At the present he was serving congregations in Tampa, Phoenix, Chicago, and Clark, NJ, and he hoped to begin a mission in Richmond, VA. He concluded by giving thanks to Pastor Hoyer and his mentor, Rev. David Haara, for their vital assistance to him in his mission here in the states and in India. Regarding his home country, he indicated that, during his 18-month stay in India, four mission starts were begun there with help from other indigenous missionaries.

18. **RECENT SEMINARY CALLS AND ASSIGNMENTS:** It was announced that the district in 2018 was receiving one vicar to serve St. Luke's, Oviedo, and two pastors, Ethan Spiral (SMP), to Holy Cross, Lake Mary; and Evan Scanlon, to St. Paul (SELC), and First (NE), Greenwich, CT, in a dual parish situation. Regarding assignments and calls from the two seminaries in the spring: Vicars: 42 vicars (FW), and 52 (STL); and Pastors: 32 (FW) and 62 (STL).

19. **NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE:** President Dzurovcik introduced Committee Chairman, Rev. Brian Roberts, in order to prepare the assembly for the elections of officers, which would take place intermittently during the business

sessions. Pastor Roberts referred the delegates to the list of nominations for all offices. He reported on 3 individual declining nominations, and one recently nominated needed to be contacted by the committee. The balloting would begin with the President and then the Vice-Presidents, with no nominations from the floor at that point. One biography of a late nominee who accepted the nomination would soon be passed out by the committee.

20. **THE CONVENTION RECESSED** at 11:57 a.m. after the singing of “*We Thank Thee for Our Food*” as the meal prayer for the lunch to be served in the church basement/Fellowship Hall.
21. **GROUP PHOTO** was taken outside on the front lawn of Grace at 12:45 pm.
22. **CENTRAL CIRCUIT FORUM** resumed its session after the photo in order to complete its balloting for delegates to the LCMS Convention in 2019.
23. **THE CONVENTION BUSINESS SESSION** resumed at 1:34 p.m.
24. **CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT** was presented as the afternoon business session began. The current total of delegates: 34 Pastors; 34 Lay Delegates; 7 non-voting Advisory Delegates. Possible votes: 68.
25. **ELECTION RESULTS:** From the Central Circuit, the full slate of Delegates to the LC-MS Convention is as follows: Rev. John Telloni, Pastor; Rev. George Hansell, Alternate Pastor; Matthew Berent, Lay Delegate; and Millicent Kwiatkowski, Alternate.
26. **MOTION MADE AND SECONDED** to ratify all the Election Results from the Four Circuits as previously announced. – Carried.
27. **NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION COMMITTEE:** On behalf of the Committee, Chairman Brian Roberts asked if there were any calls for Nomination for Offices other than for District President and Vice-President. There were none from the assembly. Rev. Brian Roberts came forward to withdraw his name from the slate for the office of Vice-President.
28. **BALLOTING FOR DISTRICT PRESIDENT** took place. All of the candidates were introduced to the assembly. Rev. Roberts then offered a prayer to the Lord for guidance and wisdom by the gathered body. It was pointed out that a quorum existed in order to begin the voting process. With that information, the delegates began.
29. **MISSION PRESENTATION # 2:** Mission Executive Rev. Paul Hoyer introduced Rev. John Henry, pastor of St. Paul, Whiting, IN. Pastor Henry presented information about the Hispanic ministry taking place at St. Paul and at Dr. Martin Luther, Chicago, which he is supervising and carrying out. The segment was then concluded with a prayer led by Pastor Hoyer.
30. **LETTER OF GREETING:** Rev. Jacob Gaugert, Missionary and Theological Instructor in Togo, West Africa, formerly pastor of Dr. Martin Luther, Chicago, and a rostered member of the SELC District, sent a letter of greeting to the convention (*see Convention Proceedings, pp. 36-37*). The letter was read by President Dzurovcik.

31. **RESULT OF PRESIDENTIAL BALLOTING:** Nominations and Election Committee Chairman Roberts reported that a majority of the votes for District President were cast for Nominee Waldemar R. Vinovskis of Macungie, PA, and the Eastern Circuit. President-Elect Vinovskis came forward and responded to the election with a brief speech. He based his remarks on Matthew 28:19 (the Great Commission as the foundation for a missionary church) and John 21, particularly the words of the risen Lord Jesus, “*Feed My sheep ... lambs.*” He pointed out that his fervent hope is that the SELC and LC-MS continue to be a missionary church in these important times. He asked for the prayers of the district for future blessings, and that pastors and people care for one another under the care of the Great Physician. ct for this district care for one another under Great Physician. President-Elect Vinovskis closed his remarks with prayer. Former President Rev. Carl Krueger, EM, requested time to speak to the assembly. He began by thanking the Lord for the long and faithful service of outgoing President, Rev. Andrew Dzurovcik, not only during his three-term as President, but also for his service as Vice-President and in other capacities on behalf of the district, reaching back many years to his active Luther League leadership and service. He also lauded the faithful service rendered to the district by Hope Alfieri as the Administrative Assistant to her District President father for the past three years. He concluded with an appropriate spoken doxology to the Triune God for His blessings.
32. **FIRST BALLOTING FOR 1ST VICE-PRESIDENT** then followed. Chairman Roberts pointed out to the assembly that, since President-Elect Vinovskis is from the Eastern Circuit, all Vice-Presidential candidates from this circuit have been eliminated from the rest of the balloting. All candidates from the Central, Western, and Southern Circuits are eligible for the balloting for the next office to be filled, that of First Vice-President.
33. **LUTHERAN CHURCH EXTENSION FUND PRESENTATION** was provided by Rev. David Thiele, Field Vice-President for the SELC and English Districts. (*See CW, pp. 140-145*). Additional comments: Rev. Thiele pointed out that 3.5 % of communicant members in the SELC District are investors in LCEF, and he hoped that there might be improvement in this area in the future. He reminded the assembly that LCEF developed a loan program for clergy and their families. Available free of charge is a program called “Mission Insight” which provides a demographic look at congregation’s community that may be of great assistance to its ministry.
34. **RESULTS OF BALLOTING FOR THE ELECTION OF THE FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT:** Chairman Roberts reported that Rev. Wally Arp of the Southern Circuit received the majority of the votes cast and so become the First Vice-President-Elect.
35. **BALLOTING FOR 2ND VICE-PRESIDENT** then ensued. Candidates from the Central and Western Circuits now remained on the ballot, since Rev. Arp is from the Southern Circuit.
36. **MISSION PRESENTATION # 3** was led by Mission Executive Hoyer, who introduced Rev. Charles St-Onge of Ascension, Montreal. Pastor St.-Onge is a Missionary under the auspices of Synod’s Office of International Missions, responsible for the Caribbean Team as the Area Facilitator. His second call is to Ascension, where there are now three pastors, besides him, serving the congregation, including Rev. Chun Lin Huil; a French-speaking pastor from the Lutheran Church Canada, and an Argentine Pastor, Antonio Jacobson, which makes this parish very diversified and active in a multi-ethnic section of

the city. Pastor St.-Onge thanked the SELC for being a very mission-minded district. Pastor Hoyer closed this segment with prayer.

37. **SECOND BALLOT FOR 2ND VICE-PRESIDENT** had to take place because no candidate received a majority of the votes cast.
38. **MISSION PRESENTATION # 4** was introduced by Pastor Hoyer, who asked Rev. David Corson from Jacob's Well in St. Louis to come forward and address the assembly. This mission was birthed is a Recognized Service Organization (RSO) of the synod. It is a home-based church. The mission has found space in a convent near Jefferson Barracks, only 647 square feet in area, located in an under-served section of the city. Pastor Corson and other volunteers are very involved in the neighborhood serving the physical needs of residents with home repair and improvement, and food distribution. This segment was closed with prayer by Paul Hoyer.
39. **3RD BALLOTING FOR 2ND VICE-PRESIDENT** needed to be taken due to no candidate receiving a majority of the votes cast.
40. **MISSION PRESENTATION # 4** was given by Rev. William Whitehead, an SMP Pastor called to serve Family of Christ West, a satellite of Family of Christ, Tampa. This is a congregation previously a congregation of the Florida-Georgia District called St. Matthew. The first worship service under the auspices of Family of Christ was held in 2014, with a total of 18 attendees. A preschool was also in operation but deteriorated. This parish was also involved with a school for autistic students with four classes; five AA groups; a Cub Scout Pack; a Girl Scout Troop, Line Dance group with more than 50 members; a Hispanic ministry, swimming class for ladies; a food program for the homeless. Rev. Hoyer concluded the presentation with prayer for this mission.
41. **THE CONVENTION** took a break at 3:03 pm.
42. **THE CONVENTION** resumed at 3:27 pm.
43. **4TH BALLOTING FOR 2ND VICE-PRESIDENT** took place due to the lack of a majority vote for any candidate.
44. **EDUCATION DIRECTOR'S PRESENTATION** was given by Mrs. Betty Hoyer, District Education Executive, which included an informative slide presentation about the status of parochial school education in The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod in 2017.
45. **RESULTS OF BALLOTING FOR THE ELECTION OF THE SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT:** Nominations and Election Committee Chairman Roberts announced that Rev. Dr. Christopher Cahill of the Central Circuit received a majority the votes cast and is therefore the new Second Vice-President.
46. **BALLOTING FOR 3RD VICE-PRESIDENT** began, with the slate of candidates from the Western Circuit.
47. **FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT** was given by Larry Schultz, who reviewed the report in the Convention Workbook (*See CW, 60-66*).

48. **TREASURER'S REPORT** was given by Robert Lange, who reviewed the report in the Convention Workbook (*See CW, pp. 67-86*). Mr. Lange further indicated that the financial books had been audited for 2015, and the audit for 2016 and 2017 were almost finished. The required final audit would soon be completed and presented to the synod.
49. **MOTION MADE AND SECONDED** to receive the reports of the Financial Secretary and the Treasurer. – Carried.
50. **RESULTS OF BALLOTING FOR THE ELECTION OF THE THIRD VICE-PRESIDENT:** Chairman Roberts announced that Rev. Luke Jacob of the Western Circuit received a majority of the votes cast on the first ballot and thus is the new Third Vice-President.
51. **MOTION MADE AND SECONDED** to close the nominations for District Secretary, Financial Secretary, and Treasurer. (Chairman Roberts had announced that there was only one nominee for each of these offices: Rev. John Telloni, Secretary; Larry Schultz, Financial Secretary; and Robert Lange, Treasurer.) – Carried.
52. **MOTION MADE AND SECONDED** to elect the three candidates for Secretary, Financial Secretary, and Treasurer by acclamation. – Carried.
53. **MOTION MADE AND SECONDED** to have the Secretary cast a unanimous ballot for the above three offices. – Carried. At the conclusion of this vote, Pastor Paul Hoyer offered a prayer of blessing for the three re-elected officers for their service to the district.
54. **REPORT OF THE SELC DISTRICT LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE** was given by SELC - LWML President Sharon Roegge (*See CW, pp. 105-106*). Some salient points from her oral address: A "State of the LWML" was sent out to all pastors and Ladies' Group Presidents in the district, which included status reports on synod and SELC LWML work. She indicated that the SELC - LWML may be coming to a crossroads at this time due to declining membership and activity. Mrs. Roegge offered a personal history regarding her LWML in previous congregations and districts and now in the SELC District. She encouraged attendance at the May 18-20 District LWML Convention at Zion, Norridge. No major actions regarding future directions will be undertaken at this time; however, discussion will ensue regarding future directions, whether there continues to be an SELC District LWML or that it be dissolved so that local LWML groups may choose to join the various geographical district groups. She closed by giving thanks to the Lord for blessing her involvement in LWML through the years and expressed that LWML continue to be a vibrant missionary arm of our church body.
55. **REPORT OF THE STEWARDSHIP DIRECTOR** was presented by Rev. Thomas Soltis (*See CW, pp. 87-91*). Pastor Soltis offered his hearty thanks to the trained "Consecrated Stewards" Presenters in the district: Rev. John Gutz, Rev. Ron Meyr, Rev. David Haara, and Rev. Joseph Weatherall.
56. **PRESENTATION OF THE PROPOSED 2019-2021 WORK PROGRAM** was given by Larry Schultz and Robert Lange (*See CW, pp. 84-86*). Rev. Paul Hoyer also explained the proposed Mission Program in some detail. It was pointed out that the Work Program is a projection of the work that is necessary in the district, subject to annual review by the

Board of Directors between conventions. The Reserve Fund is available to cover some expenses when not covered by congregational income.

57. **MOTION MADE AND SECONDED** to adopt the 2019-2021 Work Program. The motion was open for questions and comments and debate.
58. **MOTION MADE AND SECONDED** to end debate. – Carried.
59. **PREVIOUS MOTION TO ADOPT THE 2019-2021 WORK PROGRAM** was brought up for a vote – Carried by Voice Vote.
60. **THE CONVENTION** recessed at 5:05 pm, with a table prayer offered by Rev. John Telloni.
61. **DINNER** with a “*Luau*” theme was served in Grace’s basement/Fellowship Hall.
62. **CLOSING DEVOTION** was held in the sanctuary at 6:00 p.m. Preacher: Rev. Daniel Bertau; Liturgist: Rev. Nathan Grewe. Topic: “*Smell.*”

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Session II

63. **OPENING DEVOTION** began in the sanctuary at Grace at 9:00 a.m. Preacher: Rev. David Haara; Liturgist: Rev. Jacob Deal. Topic: “*Touch*”
64. **THE CONVENTION BUSINESS SESSION** was called to order by President Dzurovcik at 9:36 a.m.
65. **REPORT OF THE LUTHERAN HAVEN** was provided by Mrs. Susan Hanas, President of the Haven Board of Trustees, with assistance from Haven staff member, Stephanie Gonzalez (*See CW for the full report by Linda Kirk, CEO, pp. 94-95*). After Mrs. Hanas expressed greetings on behalf of the residents and staff of the Haven community, a slide presentation told the story of the SELC District-owned ministry in Oviedo, Florida, and its progress to date. Mrs. Hanas reported that the Haven was given a 5-star rating for skilled care and assisted living, rated one of the best in the country. The Landings, a 48-unit independent apartment facility, was scheduled to open in November, 2018. The Fellowship Hall was in the process of being re-furbished. The Haven community survived two hurricanes during the last two years. A close relationship continues between the Haven and St. Luke’s next door. All were looking forward to an SMP Pastor who was coming soon to serve the Haven community.
66. **MOTION MADE AND SECONDED** to receive the Lutheran Haven Report. – Carried.
67. **CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT:** Chairman Noel Bartlett provided the assembly Report # 3: 35 Pastors; 32 Lay Delegates; 3 Alternate Lay Delegates; 5 Advisory Delegates. Total Voting Delegates = 70. Total Registration: 109.

68. **GUEST PRESENTATION:** Rev. Robert Marshall brought greetings to the assembly on behalf of the Lutheran Heritage Foundation. This ministry continues to publish Bible translations in different languages.
69. **NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE:** President Dzurovcik acknowledged Chairman Brian Roberts, who announced one new nomination for the Western Circuit Pastoral Representative to the Lutheran Haven Board of Trustees: Rev. John Gutz of Streator, IL, who had turned in his signed consent and promised to pass out a brief biography to the delegates later that day. Chairman Roberts indicated that Rev. Luke Jacob had withdrawn his nomination for this position after his being elected Third Vice-President.
70. **MOTION MADE AND SECONDED** to close nominations for all remaining offices. – Carried.
71. **BALLOTING FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS – CIRCUIT PASTORAL REPRESENTATIVES** was announced for action, with delegates casting their votes.
72. **REPORT OF THE MINISTERIAL CARE DIRECTOR** was given by Rev. Dr. Christopher Cahill. In addition to his printed report (*See CW, pp. 96-99*), the following information was made available:
 800-605-6621 – This is the employee assistance number on the back of the CHP Card, run by Signa (strictly confidential), which can refer to counseling for pastors and wives who are not covered by CHP.
 330-421-6806 - This is Director Cahill’s cell phone number. Pastors were told to feel free to call him regarding any concerns, or email: revcahill@gmail.com.
 Director Cahill reported that Dr. Bruce Hartung would soon retire, and thus the future of the ministerial health coalition would need to be determined. He was hopeful that district representatives will keep things going in the interim.
 He also attended the conference, “Speak Up,” in the fall of 2018 in Ft. Wayne, which was concerned with the mental health of pastors and families. It was reported that 20-25% in our churches will have diagnosable mental health issues, the solution of which could be counseling, prescription, or hospitalization – but it is hidden! If there were any concerns, Pastor Cahill would be happy to field any calls regarding any issue and help in any way.
73. **MOTION MADE AND SECONDED** to receive Ministerial Care Report. – Carried.
74. **ELECTION RESULT FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS - PASTORAL REPRESENTATIVE-AT-LARGE:** Chairman Roberts announced that Rev. Andrew Dzurovcik received the majority of votes cast and was the new Pastoral Representative-at-Large on the Board of Directors.
75. **BALLOTING FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS – LAY REPRESENTATIVE-AT-LARGE** ensued, with delegates casting their votes.
76. **THE CONVENTION** recessed at 10:25 a.m.
77. **THE CONVENTION** re-convened at 10:52 a.m.

78. **ELECTION RESULT FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS - LAY REPRESENTATIVE-AT-LARGE:** Nominations and Elections Committee Chairman Roberts announced that Millicent Kwiatkowski received a majority of the votes cast, thereby was re-elected to serve as Lay Representative-at-Large.
79. **BALLOTING FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS – PASTORAL AND LAY REPRESENTATIVES – MISSION FOCUS:** It was noted by Chairman Roberts that there was only one candidate for each of these two positions: Pastoral Representative - Mission Focus - Rev. John Henry; and Lay Representative - Mission Focus - Matthew Berent.
80. **MOTION MADE AND SECONDED** to authorize the Secretary to cast a unanimous ballot for the above candidates for their respective offices. – Carried.
81. **BALLOTING FOR THE LUTHERAN HAVEN BOARD OF TRUSTEES – LAY REPRESENTATIVE-AT-LARGE:** Chairman Roberts reported that there was only one nominee for this position, Ms. Ardyne Kirn, the incumbent.
82. **MOTION MADE AND SECONDED** to authorize the Secretary to cast a unanimous ballot for the above candidate, thus re-electing Ms. Kirn to that office. – Carried.
83. **BALLOTING FOR THE LUTHERAN HAVEN BOARD OF TRUSTEES – CIRCUIT PASTORAL REPRESENTATIVES** was undertaken by the voting delegates.
84. **REPORT OF THE LC-MS PRESIDENT, PART 1.** Rev. Dr. Matthew Harrison was given the floor to address the assembly based on his report to the synod given to all delegates entitled, “Joyfully Lutheran.” The primary themes he desired to outline in his remarks, as he indicated in his introduction, are experiencing true joy in Christ and a challenge for all to get absorbed in the Scriptures and the Lutheran Confessions as witnesses to the truth of salvation.
- President Harrison continued by reviewing the status of The Lutheran Church -Missouri as compared to other mainline denominations. Along with them, the LC-MS has been flatlining and declining in different areas in these postmodern times, due to several factors and certain ecclesiastical pathologies. Closer to home, he commended the SELC District as one of the performing districts in the synod, particularly in the areas of retention of members, per capita giving to synod, and mission-mindedness.
- In terms of demographics, the LC-MS is 95% white in composition, with 70 different languages in use in the parishes. President Harrison believed that diversity will happen but will be slow in coming. Sadly, baby boomers are “leaving the scene.” A tremendous shift is happening for various reasons, one being the decline in the European birthrate. Every district, every congregation, regardless of size, is feeling this change. There was continued growth happening more 20-25 years ago and more, but the growth was slowing down in the last 10 years.
- An interesting statistic: 44 LC-MS members were needed for every one conversion (higher than the Southern Baptists), but the birth rate was slowing down. 35% of new members in the LC-MS are adult converts, better than many other denominations. Other Protestant churches retain only 35% of their confirmands. This trend has been extant for many years, especially among GenXers and baby boomers. The sad consequence is that those leaving our churches are going “nowhere.” It has been discovered that the newest

generation, millennials who are remaining in their congregations believe in our LC-MS public doctrine. LC-MS congregations do retain 70% of their adult converts. President Harrison encouraged the use of new evangelism resources from Concordia Publishing House for adults, not to save the LC-MS as a denomination, but because people need to hear the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

What about declining congregations in the synod? The answer in this present age may very well be to plant new congregations in suburbs, cities, and rural areas. This may be fruitful since the LC-MS has been effective in the past in the retention of adult and faithful pastoral care and visitation.

President Dzurovcik declared an end for this segment of President Harrison's report and would appear later in the agenda.

85. **ELECTION RESULTS FOR THE LUTHERAN HAVEN BOARD OF TRUSTEES – CIRCUIT PASTORAL REPRESENTATIVES:** Chairman Roberts declared the following victors in the balloting: Rev. Daniel Bertau, Eastern Circuit; Rev. George Hansell, Central Circuit; and Rev. John Gutz, Western Circuit.
86. **MOTION MADE AND SECONDED** to elect all present members of the Nominations and Elections Committee for the next convention. – Carried.
87. **THE CONVENTION** recessed for lunch at 11:58 a.m., with President Dzurovcik offering the table prayer.
88. **LUNCH** was served until 1:00 p.m.
89. **THE CONVENTION SESSION** re-convened at 1:02 p.m.
90. **OFFICIAL GREETINGS:** President Dzurovcik recognized Rev. Dr. Jamison Hardy, President of the non-geographical English District, who came forward to extend greetings on behalf of his constituency. The English District consists of 163 congregations in 20 states and Ontario, Canada. It was pointed out that Rev. David Thiele has served as the Lutheran Church Extension Fund Vice-President for both non-geographical districts of the LC-MS, the English and SELC Districts. President Hardy asked the Lord's blessings on the deliberations during this weekend.
91. **CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT # 4** was presented by Chairman Bartlett, who announced the following: 34 Pastors present; 32 Voting Lay Delegates; and 3 Voting Alternate Lay Delegates. Total possible votes: 69.
92. **RESOLUTION 2018 -02** was presented by Rev. Wally Vinovskis, Chairman of the Resolutions Committee, entitled: "Resolution to Encourage Outreach to the Lutheran Church - Canada." (*See Proceedings, p. 31; also Overture originally presented and printed in Convention Workbook, p. 149.*)
93. **MOTION MADE AND SECONDED** to adopt Resolution 2018 -02. – Carried.
94. **REPORT OF THE LCMS PRESIDENT, PART 2:** President Harrison called Rev. Dr. Matthew Harrison back to the podium for a Question and Answer Period. At the conclusion, Pastor Paul Hoyer offered a prayer for the blessing of President and Synod. President Harrison pronounced the Aaronic benediction.

95. **SEMINARY PRESENTATION** was made jointly by representatives of the two synod seminaries, Rev. Mark Thompson of Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, and Rev. Dr. Joel Elowsky of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. A 5-minute video was played for the delegates and guests, primarily reinforcing the partnership of the seminaries and our district pastors and congregations in the formation and sending of pastors to serve the church at large. It was announced that a guaranteed tuition is being offered as a result of larger endowment funds at both seminaries, but the hope remains that congregations and districts will continue to offer financial support to students. The endowments have doubled in recent years so that the seminaries can absorb 77% of any tuition burden. Finally, anticipating the upcoming call days, there were going to be 98 candidates from both seminaries this year, with 132 congregations calling candidates. Recruitment for ministry will present a challenge in the future. Both seminary representatives fielded questions from the assembly. (Note: Dr. Elowsky served an SELC parish in New Jersey and is rostered in the District.)
96. **REPORT OF THE STUDENT AID COMMITTEE** was presented by Chairman John Telloni (*See CW, pp. 100-102*). Other members of the committee are Rev. Kevin McLeod, Secretary, and Deacon James Hurst.
97. **MOTION MADE AND SECONDED** to receive the Student Aid Committee Report as printed. – Carried.
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98. **THE CONVENTION** recessed at 2:45 p.m.
99. **THE CONVENTION SESSION** re-convened at 3:04 p.m.
100. **NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION COMMITTEE:** For the purpose of an official ratification by the convention, Chairman Roberts presented the names of those who serve on the Lutheran Haven Board of Trustees and who are appointed or elected by other entities associated with the Lutheran Haven. These officers constitute what is called the “Local Board,” which meets as needed between the official full Board of Trustees meetings during the course of the year.
101. **MOTION MADE AND SECONDED** to ratify the appointments of Local Officers of the Lutheran Haven Board of Trustees: Susan Hanas (Duda Family Representative); Ferdinand S. Duda (St. Luke’s Representative); Rev. Wally Arp (St. Luke’s Senior Pastor); James Ingersoll (Florida-Georgia District Representative); . – Carried. (Note: *The SELC District President serves on the Board of Trustees by virtue of his office as President of the district.*)
102. **LCEF WINNER:** LCEF Vice-President Thiele announced the winner of the LCEF contest open to all the previous day: Holy Trinity, Parma, OH. The prize was a Gift Card.
103. **CONCORDIA PLAN PRESENTATION:** Brian Evanson, who represented the Worker Benefits Program of the LC-MS, gave a brief presentation on retirement, health, and other benefits offered for ordained and commissioned church workers.

104. **RESOLUTION 2018 - 03** was presented by the Resolutions Committee, entitled: “Resolution to Draft Guidelines for the Supervision of Special Ministry Pastors.” (*See Proceedings, p. 32; also the original Overture printed in CW, p. 150.*)
105. **MOTION MADE AND SECONDED** to adopt Resolution 2018-03. – Carried.
106. **RESOLUTION 2018 -04** was presented by the Resolutions Committee, entitled: “Resolution to Encourage Support of Soldiers of the Cross.” (*See Proceedings, p 33; also the original Overture printed in CW, p. 151.*)
107. **MOTION MADE AND SECONDED** to adopt Resolution 2018-04. – Carried.
108. **MOTION MADE AND SECONDED** to designate the offering from Opening Service on Thursday and the Sunday morning loose plate offering to Soldiers of the Cross. – Carried.
109. **RESOLUTION 2018 - 05** was presented by the Resolutions Committee, entitled: “Resolution to Encourage a Study of the Practice of Ordained Ministers Solemnizing Marriage.” (*See Proceedings, p. 34; also the Original Overture printed in CW, p. 152.*)
110. **MOTION MADE AND SECONDED** to adopt Resolution 2018-05. – Carried.
111. **RESOLUTION 2018 - 01** was presented by the Resolutions Committee, entitled: “Resolution to Rescind Resolution 03-02.” (*See Proceedings, p. 30.*)
112. **MOTION MADE** to close debate. – Carried.
113. **MOTION MADE AND SECONDED** to adopt Resolution 2018-01. – Carried.
114. **RESOLUTION 2018 - 06** was presented by the Resolutions Committee, entitled: “Resolution to Celebrate the Ministry of Pastor Andy Dzurovcik.” (*See Proceedings, p. 35*)
115. **MOTION MADE AND SECONDED** and Carried with a standing ovation and the singing of the Common Doxology by the Assembly. Mention was also made with gratitude and affection of his dear bride, Susan, and their 43 years of marriage. President Andy came forward and added some appropriate remarks of thanks and appreciation for the opportunity to serve the Lord and His Church in the district into which he was baptized and raised; as a member of the Luther League, as an officer, including his long stint as President. He also referred to his long and joyful service on behalf of the SELC District in various offices through the years, such as a member of the Lutheran Haven Board of Trustees, Board of Directors, as Vice-President, and as President since 2015.
116. **MOTION MADE AND SECONDED** to destroy all ballots for the convention elections. – Carried.
117. **MISSION PRESENTATION # 5** was given by representatives of Concordia Lutheran Church, Youngstown, OH, Rev. Hosea and Lilly Ekong and Mark Miller. A project known as “Breakfast Box” a food distribution ministry, had been conducted by Victory, Youngstown, now dissolved, and once served by Pastor Ekong, and now has been taken

over by Concordia. Pastor Ekong thanked the SELC District for a \$2,000.00 grant to continue this community ministry. Since then, they have attempted to improve the program to give bags of groceries too. As long as resources are available, they are committed to continue the program. Lilly Ekong indicated that the program is more than food for the body but also food for the soul – it is about building relationships. This ministry has also been dealing with emergency preparedness, cooking helps, and other practical advice for everyday living

118. **FINAL MISSION PRESENTATION** was led by Rev. Paul Hoyer, Mission Executive, regarding future mission work in our district. He introduced a brief video regarding bi-vocational ministry, which may become more prominent in the future for synod clergy, and which will require a good leadership training program to be developed.
119. **THE CONVENTION** recessed at 4:51 p.m. for Dinner in the basement of Grace.
120. **THE CONVENTION** re-convened at 6:11 p.m. in the sanctuary.
121. **MOTION MADE AND SECONDED** to ratify the Elections of the Circuit Visitors and the Pastoral and Lay Delegates to the 2019 LCMS Convention to be held in Tampa, Florida. – Carried. (*This was the final report from the Nominations and Elections Committee. The results of all the elections at the convention are printed in the Proceedings, p. 29.*)
122. **MOTION MADE AND SECONDED** to receive the Reports of the Mission Executive (*See CW, pp. 92-93*), Education Executive, Stewardship Director (*See CW, pp. 87-91*), and the SELC District LWML President (*See CW, pp. 105-106*). – Carried.
123. **REPORT OF THE LUTHER LEAGUE** was given by Hope Alfieri (*See CW, pp. 103-104*). Mrs. Alfieri reported that the Luther League was the oldest continuing youth organization in our church body. She encouraged congregations to promote more involvement by their youth in the Luther League. The annual Luther League Convention was scheduled to be held on July 19-22, 2018, at St. Luke's, Oviedo.
124. **MOTION MADE AND SECONDED** to receive the Luther League Report. – Carried.
125. **REPORT OF THE LEGAL COUNSEL** was given by Mr. John Zettlemyer, ESQ (*See CW, pp. 107-139*). His report was a summary of activities since the last convention in 2015. He indicated that he would entertain any legal questions and concerns from pastors and congregations about the contents of his report, either on the convention floor or in personal conversation.
126. **MOTION MADE AND SECONDED** to receive the Legal Counsel's Report. – Carried.
127. **WORDS OF APPRECIATION** were made by President Dzurovcik to Mr. Zettlemyer for all his varied and detailed work on the Bylaws in preparation for this convention.
128. **RESOLUTION 2018 - 07** was presented to offer the assembly's sincere and hearty thanks to the pastor and members of Grace Lutheran Church of Lakewood, OH, for hosting the 2018 SELC District Convention.

129. **MOTION MADE AND SECONDED** to adopt Resolution 2018 - 07. – Carried.
130. **HOST FOR THE 2021 DISTRICT CONVENTION:** An invitation to host the next triennial convention of the district was offered by St. Lucas Lutheran Church of St. Louis, MO. President Dzurovcik thanked the St. Lucas delegation in attendance and assured them that the Board of Directors would kindly take this bid under consideration and begin work to prepare for the convention with the hosting congregation.
131. **ADJOURNMENT:** President Dzurovcik stated that all the agenda items at this point were taken care of, and so announced that the 2018 SELC District Convention stood in adjournment in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Respectfully submitted,

John L. Telloni

Rev. John L. Telloni
SELC District Secretary

Memorials

**The following ordained and commissioned servants were Called to
Glory since April 2018**

Rev. Luther Bajus

Rev. David P. Daniel

Rev. M. Charles Groth

Rev. Ronald W. Jones

Rev. Louis Kerestes

Rev. Paul Visoky

Donald Eicholtz

Paul Jurkovich

Dick Martin



Resolutions

2022-1 For District Conventions:

Overture: To Strengthen the Nonvoting Advisory Delegate Participation at SELC District Conventions

WHEREAS, Currently, there are 12,010 Ministers of Religion - Commissioned (Church Worker Update System - March 2021) who serve the mission and ministry of congregations, schools, child development centers, camps, compassion centers, and mission work throughout the national and global mission fields; and

WHEREAS; The current structure of the Synod does not allow for a third category of voting delegates at district and Synod conventions (Synod Handbook: Article IX, Article XII.10.b); and

WHEREAS; The Synod highly values commissioned ministers for their eagerness to serve the Lord and His Church (2019 Resolution. 9-17, "To Study Voting Privilege in the LCMS" p.201 of 2019 LCMS Convention Proceedings); and

WHEREAS; Ministers of Religion - Commissioned are considered Advisory Members with representation, voice, but no vote at conventions of districts and Synod, along with "those ordained ministers not eligible for election as a voting delegate" under Bylaw 3.1.2.1(d) ...(p,101 Handbook 2019) with representation, voice, but no vote at conventions of districts and Synod; and

WHEREAS; At least one other district (Northern Illinois) utilizes the voice and guidance of their commissioned workers in district convention through a non-counted advisory member vote; and

WHEREAS; this honors the bylaw and structure of the Convention while allowing the Nonvoting Advisory Delegate voice to be heard and their vote recognized; therefore,

be It Resolved, That the SELC District enable Nonvoting Advisory Delegates to provide a preliminary vote during its regular convention, and be it further Resolved, That the results of the advisory vote be published prior to the delegate vote;

and be it further Resolved, that this become effective with the next District Convention in 2025, and be it finally Resolved, That the SELC District in convention memorialize the Synod in Convention to pass a like-minded resolution.

SELC DISTRICT – THE LUTHERAN CHURCH—MISSOURI SYNOD

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

REVEREND WALDEMAR R. VINOVSKIS

“Thy Strong Word Bespeaks Us Righteous”

*“For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written,
“The righteous shall live by faith.”*

Romans 1:16-17

“For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

Isaiah 55:10-11

It is God’s all-powerful Word that called the Universe into existence. It is God’s eternal Word that became flesh and dwelt among us that He might shed His blood to reconcile us to God, and being reconciled to Him we would have forgiveness and life in His name. Through that same Word, God’s Spirit calls, gathers and enlightens each one of us to know Him and live under Him in His Kingdom. Through the living Word of God, the Spirit gathers us into His Church. The SELC District of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod is the place in this time where God has call us to be and live out our faith in Him. In this communion we are united in a common confession of His Word, we celebrate together at His table as His family and are joined together in His mission to proclaim His Word to the ends of the earth baptizing and teaching. It is God’s will that all people be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth. This life and salvation only comes through the Word of God. “Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of Christ.” God’s Spirit uses us, His Church, both pastors and people as the means by which His mission is accomplished.

There are many blessings which we celebrate and for which we give thanks to God. The congregations and pastors of the SELC continues to enjoy a deep level of fraternity and trust. This unity in Christ cultivates respect and mutual love in our district, which results in healthy conversation and dialog among pastors, allowing the ability to express both agreement and disagreement while both maintaining and deepening personal relationships between and among the brothers.

Highlights of this past triennium have included updating some our District communications with developing new ways to identify the SELC District and communicate with our congregations across the country. We moved from a printed newsletter to “The Beacon Online”, we completely revamped the SELC website and have begun to use technology for meetings, webinars and gatherings. We have also begun to develop a new Mission Strategy for the next generation of the

SELC. Finally, we are working in cooperation with geographic districts, especially the Northern Illinois District, to engage in partnerships to serve congregations which can no longer support their own pastor.

While the COVID pandemic which has plagued our world over the past two years, has also revealed hidden opportunities to grow in ministry and outreach. Almost every congregation in the SELC responded to the challenge of quarantine by embracing various technologies in their unique situations to reach their flocks and their communities with the Gospel: parking lot services, radio broadcasts, phone call ministries, Facebook Live, Zoom and YouTube services, bible studies and devotions opened the doors of our churches to tens, if not hundreds, of thousands of hearers of God's life-giving Word. The gifts of modern technology and the freedom of being a "district without borders" enables us to take advantage of the vast resources of the internet, email, social media and a host of media platforms available to our generation to unite congregations and people across the United States and missionaries around the world.

The strength of the SELC in the last generation has been its ability to start and grow new congregations. It is the goal of the SELC District to focus our outreach efforts in the next decade to continue this and focus on starting many new missions, particularly in the growing number of ethnic and immigrant communities in the United States. Even as the SELC District and the LCMS have our roots in ethnic immigration to America, so now our focus is on new groups seeking opportunity among us, including: Chinese, Indian and Spanish speaking missions. Our goal in the next three years is to unite the congregations of the SELC, and their respective members, in a common mission to share the Good News of Jesus Christ in their congregations and communities across North America by supporting local congregations and planting new missions.

The administrative structure of the SELC District continues to be both a blessing and, at times, a challenge. The part-time district presidency, no paid professional staff, no ownership of property, no rental expenditures, and all administrative functions carried out by pastors and laypeople who continue serving "where they are" has for years been a workable, good stewardship administrative model for the District. This intentional stewardship of our resources frees up the largest portion of our District offerings to go directly to mission in supporting the Synod, our Seminaries and starting new missions and churches. It also stretches the limits of our pastors to fully engage in their District work, or places a strain on the congregations they serve. We hope to engage more staff in the future to further support and drive our District's mission work.

The SELC District is facing two major challenges as we plan for the future. Our mission is to extend Christ's Kingdom by planting new churches. The greatest challenge is to find and raise up leaders, particularly ethnic pastors, who have the gifts and talents to establish new mission starts. The other important issue is helping smaller, aging congregations plan and prepare for a new future, either embracing a new vision for ministry or responsibly planning their legacy. Many pastors and congregational leaders have labored for years caring for the flock, trying to reach out and serve communities that are becoming more and more disengaged from church and organized religion. Fewer and fewer people are volunteering and a generation of young people is increasingly lost from the church. Pastors and lay-leaders alike feel tired, discouraged and burned out (this was exacerbated during COVID). A generation of pastors educated and trained in an era where Christianity and the Church were significant cultural institutions are frustrated when their faithful preaching and teaching do not bear more visible fruit as their congregations continue to age and decline.

The Word of God and the power Holy Spirit are our greatest strengths and assets. We are also tremendously blessed with wonderful and faithful pastors who serve in the SELC District who love and care for the sheep entrusted to them. The continued existence of many of our long-standing SELC congregations is found in the faithful and committed stewardship of long-time members who give generously, who serve tirelessly and pray fervently. Without them, the SELC District would cease to exist. Because of them, we are in a strong position to embrace the next generation of mission and ministry in our District without borders. The SELC continues to be zealous to Show Everyone Life in Christ by Showing Everyone Love in Christ. We are excited for what our Lord is doing in His Church in this next generation.

God the Father, light-creator,
To Thee laud and honor be.
To Thee, Light of Light begotten,
Praise be sung eternally.
Holy Spirit, light-revealer,
Glory, glory be to Thee.
Mortals, angels, now and ever
Praise the holy Trinity!

SELC District Activities

Parish Changes

Congregations opened - Faith, Wesley Chapel, FL, The Way - Columbia, IL

Congregations closed - Family of Christ West, theCross Apopka, Concordia Bethlehem

Formed dual parishes - none

Transferred in

- + Rev. Arthur Baisch
- + Rev, Jacob Baumann, SMP
- + Rev. Jon Carpenter
- + Rev. Michael Croon
- + Rev. Mark Crossman, SMP
- + Rev. Dr. Tige Culbertson
- + Rev. Gary Danielsen
- + Rev. Joel Dieterichs
- + Rev. John Elliott, SMP
- + Rev. James Fernandez
- + Rev. Matthew Fitzpatrick, SMP
- + Rev. Steven Holtman
- + Rev. Danlias Howe, SMP
- + Rev. Landon Ledlow
- + Rev. Noble Lach
- + Rev. Daniel Murray
- + Rev. Noel Olse
- + Rev. Mark Ruppert
- + Rev. Ethan Scamman
- + Rev. Ryan Schnake
- + Rev. Ethan Spira
- + Rev. David Thierfelder
- + Rev. Lawton Thompson, SMP
- + Rev. David Triplett

Transferred out

- + Rev. Kevin Duff
- + Rev. John Henry
- + Rev. Luke Jacob
- + Rev. Joseph Leech

- + Rev. Mark Moreno
- + Rev. Daniel Murray
- + Rev. Ethan Spira
- + Rev. Ronald Stephens
- + Rev. Paul Teske
- + Rev. Joe Weatherell
- + Rev. Bill Whitehead
- + Rev. Zach Zehnder

Colloquoy - none

Change of status

- + Change to Candidate
 - o Rev. Nathan Grewe
 - o Rev. Daniel Murray
 - o Rev. Lawton Thompson
 - o Rev. Matthew Vesey
- + Change to Emeritus
 - o Rev. George Hansell
 - o Rev. Steven D. Holtman
 - o Rev. Paul Hoyer
 - o Rev. David McCloskey
- + Change in Assignment
 - o Rev. David Corson took second call to Lutheran Social Services
 - o Rev. David Haara to Founding Pastor
 - o Rev. John Telloni to Senior Pastor
 - o Rev. Waldemar R. Vinovskis to Senior Pastor
- + Resigned from Roster
 - o Rev. Jeremy Heilman
 - o Rev. Ken Kelly

Called to Glory

- + Rev. Luther Bajus
- + Rev. David P. Daniel
- + Rev. M. Charles Groth
- + Rev. Louis Kerestes
- + Rev. Ronald W. Jones
- + Rev. Paul Visoky

Professional Church Workers

Schools opened - St. Lucas Early Childhood Center

Schools closed - none

Commissioned/Installed

- + Rachel Benson
- + Lois Diebel, Deaconess
- + Esther Dunlop
- + Annalise Fitzsimons
- + Clare Griffin
- + Crystal Jones
- + Sydney Kertz, DCE
- + Emily McLean, Deaconess
- + Sara Pfenning
- + Emilie Stoller, Deaconess
- + Kali Weid, DCE

Transferred in

- + Evelyn Baisch
- + Catherine Carr
- + Lois Diebel
- + Larry Hoffschneider
- + Nancy Hoffschneider
- + Blake Wright

Transferred out

- + Christine Leonard
- + David Timmerman
- + Blake Wright

Change of status

- + Helen DeMario - Emeritus
- + Becky Lehenbauer - Emeritus
- + Ruth Weidenmann - Candidate

Call to Glory

- + Donald Eicholtz

Board of Directors Reports

First Vice President - Rev. Wally Arp

I began my second term as 1st Vice President of the SELC District by attending the District Convention, April 26-29, 2018 at Grace Lutheran Church in Lakewood, Ohio.

As 1st Vice President I attended the following District Board of Director meetings:

- June 25-26, 2018 - St. Paul Lutheran Church in Whiting, IN
- September 23-25, 2018 - Redeemer Lutheran Church in Manchester, NJ
- January 21-22, 2019 - Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Lake Mary, FL
- May 7-8, 2019 - Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Parma, OH
- October 9-11, 2019 - Heartland Conference and BOD in Indianapolis, IN
- January 28-29, 2020 - St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Oviedo, FL
- March 6, 2020 - Zoom Meeting
- April 3, 2020 - Zoom Meeting
- June 23, 2020 - Zoom Meeting
- September 29-30, 2020 - Zoom Meeting - Professional Church Workers/BOD
- November 24, 2020 - Zoom Meeting
- January 25, 2021 - Zoom Meeting
- March 2, 2021 - Zoom Meeting
- June 28-29, 2021 - Concordia Lutheran Church, Macungie, PA
- September 12-14, 2021 - St. John Lutheran Church, Massillon, OH
- January 24-25, 2022 - Zoom Meeting
- May 12-15, 2022 - St. Lukas Lutheran Church, St. Louis, MO

During this triennium (+1) I also served the District by attending:

- November 17-18, 2021 - SELC Church Planting Discussion, Wellspring Lutheran Church, Deland, FL

I also attended all 14 meetings of the Lutheran Haven Board of Directors

During this triennium (+1) I commissioned and/or installed at St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Oviedo, FL

- 2017-18 - Vicar David Edwards, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO
- 2018 - Rev. John Elliott, Pastor, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO
- 2018 - Rev. Lawton Thompson, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO
- 2018 - Annalisa Fitzsimons, Director of Christian Education
- 2018-19 - Vicar Devin Burmeister, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO
- 2019-20 - Vicar Hayden Lukas, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO
- 2019-20 - Deaconess Intern Rebekah Lukas, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO

- 2019-20 - Deaconess Intern Emily McLean, Concordia Theo. Seminary,
Ft. Wayne, IN
- 2019 - Rev. Dr. Tige Culbertson, Pastor, St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Oviedo,
FL
- 2019 - Rachel Benson, Teacher
- 2020 - Crystal Jones, Teacher
- 2020-21 - Vicar Sam Schick, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO
- 2020-21 - Deaconess Intern Alex Shick, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO
- 2021-22 - Vicar Joel Werner, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO
- 2021 - Esther Dunlop, Teacher
- 2021 - Sara Pfenning, Teacher
- 2021 - Clare Griffin, Teacher
- 2022 - Deaconess Emily McLean, Concordia Theo. Seminary, Ft. Wayne, IN

Second Vice President - Rev. Christopher Cahill

Dear Co-Workers in Christ's vineyard,

The following is a summary of my activities as SELC District Second Vice-President since the SELC District Convention in Lakewood, Ohio, in 2018.

- Along with my wife, I attended the funeral service of Rev. Luther Bajus in Norridge IL in May 2018.
- I participated in the Service of Installation of Rev. Joel Dieterichs as Pastor at Calvary Lutheran Church, September 21, 2019.
- I participated in the Service of Ordination and Installation of Rev. Jon Carpenter as Associate Pastor at St John Lutheran Church in Massillon OH in July 2020.
- I attended the retirement gala of Rev. George Hansell from Grace Lutheran Church in Lakewood OH in August 2021, and have had several contacts with the congregational leadership regarding their current pastoral vacancy; Rev. John Milligan is serving as their Vacancy Pastor.
 - Note: With the retirement of Rev. Hansell, the makeup of the Central Circuit Clergy roster is now almost evenly divided between active and retired (Emeritus) pastors; however, of the active pastors only four are younger than retirement age (Dieterichs, Stephens, Carpenter, and Deal)
- I participated in (almost) all the SELC District Board of Directors meetings, either in person or via ZOOM, during this period (I missed one in October 2019 due to the death of my father, Mr. Jerold Cahill, on September 29).
- I attended SELC District Central Circuit Pastors' Conferences, representing the District each time (I missed the spring 2021 SELC/ English District joint circuit conference because I was recuperating from Easter weekend surgery).
- I participated in a group of Central Circuit pastors serving Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Pleasant City, Ohio, by leading the worship services twice a month. I also made occasional shut-in visits and conducted funerals there.
- With Circuit Visitor Rev Curtis Stephens, I visited St. Mark Lutheran Church in Steubenville OH after the retirement of Rev. Dave McCloskey and have had some contact with this congregation regarding their current pastoral vacancy.
- Beginning in March 2020, I hosted ZOOM check-ins for Central Circuit pastors almost weekly because of the pandemic; average attendance around 12 (half active pastors, half retired pastors)
- At the request of the Board of Directors, I revised the SELC District Pastoral Compensation Guidelines for 2020 and updated them in 2021 and 2022.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Christopher T. Cahill, D.Min.
Second Vice President / Ministerial Care Coordinator

Third Vice President - Vacant

Circuit Visitor Reports

Eastern - Rev. James Douthwaite

COVID. There. Got that out of the way. You and all our congregations went through this tumultuous time. I am not going to dwell on it in this report. You know what happened. Our congregations and church workers fared similar to others in our district. The only exception would be Ascension, Montreal, as the Province of Quebec instituted stronger and longer lockdowns and mitigation measures than anywhere in the United States. I am happy to report that our congregations came through this time better than I expected. While I tried to be a point of information and guidance for our circuit, I know I did not do enough or well enough, and for that I am sorry and am grateful for the long suffering and forgiveness of my pastors and congregations.

Two events particularly good for our circuit pastors this *quad*-rennium was our circuit retreat and our joint circuit Winkel with the pastors of the Central Circuit. Our retreat took place in September 2019 at the Christ the King Spiritual Life Center in upstate New York. This time away, with extra opportunities for worship, and good fellowship time at night was quite welcome. Then in September 2020, getting together with our brothers of the Central Circuit was a great blessing, not only to be with them but also to begin to emerge from our COVID cocoons. Not all were able to make it, and so we Zoomed in those who could join us online. We will continue our practice of having a retreat each tri/*quad*-rennium, and are also looking into having a joint circuit meeting with the brothers of the English District in the Philadelphia area in the coming year.

We have continued our "Litany at Lunch" each Wednesday at Noon, when those who are able gather via WebEx video conferencing to hear the Word of God, pray the Litany, and pray for each of the congregations and church workers of our circuit by name and for their special and unique needs. This has been especially beneficial to some of our retired brethren who faithfully attend, one of whom, Ron Jones, was called home to his Lord in 2021.

This *quad*-rennium brought a reduction in the size of the Eastern Circuit as Concordia, Bethlehem, PA closed its doors and sold its building, and St. Paul, Greenwich, CT decided to merge with its sister congregation, First Lutheran (also in Greenwich) and join the New England District. As of the writing of this report, the congregations were still working on the logistics of the merger, including the chartering of the new congregation and its acceptance into the New England District. In a somewhat related note, Holy Trinity, Garfield sold their education building (which they had been looking to do for some time) and are currently looking to the future to see how those funds can best be used for mission and ministry, both in Garfield and in the greater church.

Our circuit lost one deaconess this *quad*-rennium, Helen DiMario, to retirement, but we also gained a deaconess, Emilie Stoller-Prozenko, at Ascension, Montreal. As the

ministry and outreach at Ascension continues to grow and flourish, we are grateful for her presence there. We look forward to great things in the years to come!

The next three years will bring challenges to our circuit, including providing for pastoral ministry in the Pennsylvania Poconos with the declining number of pastors in that area, helping Ascension, Montreal with the means to continue their work in that city, and the continued potential sale of the Concordia, Northampton, PA church and property. Yet with these challenges come great opportunities to change and grow the ministry in those places. We are also hopeful as we look to the future. Redeemer, Manchester, NJ is completing a visioning process to focus and increase their outreach, Concordia, Macungie finally has an associate pastor and will expand their work in that place, and St. Athanasius, Vienna, VA has a mission start in Purcellville, VA. Finally, we bid a sad farewell to Steve Bocklage, St. John the Baptist, Emporia, VA, who is retiring on May 31st.

As Circuit Visitor, it has been my honor and privilege to serve the congregations and pastors of the circuit, though I know I am inadequate to the task. I am grateful for all my brothers and sisters in the circuit and look forward to seeing how God will bless them, their congregations, and our district in the next triennium.

Items of Note:

Pastoral Installations (2):

Evan Scamman, St. Paul, Greenwich, CT (July 2018)
Ryan Schnake, Concordia, Macungie, PA (July 2021)

Deaconess Installation (1):

Emilie Stoller-Prozenko (September 2021)

Current Vacancies (5):

St. John, Bound Brook, NJ and St. Paul, Raritan, NJ (dual parish)
 Andy Dzurovcik, vacancy pastor
 Joe Weatherell accepted call to another congregation in August 2019
Zion, Clark, NJ
 Nathan Grewe resignation, November 2021
St. Stephen, Dickson City, PA
 Peter Haenftling, then John Zimmerman, vacancy pastor
 Glen Triplett accepted call to another congregation in October 2018
Holy Trinity, Garfield, NJ
 Anthony Iovine (NJ District), vacancy pastor
St. John's, Hazleton, PA
 Peter Haenftling, vacancy pastor
 Joe Leech accepted call to another congregation in January 2021

Upcoming Vacancy (1):

St. John the Baptist, Emporia, VA
 Dennis Rhodes, vacancy pastor (retired pastor and member of St. John)

Congregational Changes:

Concordia, Bethlehem, PA closed.

Retirements (1):

Helen DiMario

Pastoral Funeral (1):

Ron Jones (retired)

Circuit Winkels (not including virtual gatherings):

September 2018 - Redeemer, Manchester, NJ

February 2019 - St. Matthew, Wilkes-Barre, PA

May 2019 - PCWC, Parma, OH

September 2019 - Circuit Retreat @ Christ the King Spiritual Life Center, Greenwich, NY

January 2020 - St. Paul, Greenwich, CT

Spring 2020 - Cancelled: COVID

September 2020 - Joint Central/Eastern Circuit - Sts. Peter and Paul, Sharon, PA

May 2021- Concordia, Macungie, PA

September 2021 - St. John the Baptist, Emporia, VA

February 2022 - St. Athanasius, Vienna, VA

(Upcoming) September 2022 - Ascension, Montreal, Quebec

Respectfully Submitted, James Douthwaite

Central - Rev. Curtis Stephens

Installations / Vacancies Filled

- o September 21, 2019 - Rev. Joel Dieterichs installed as pastor of Calvary Lutheran Church, Parma, OH by President Wally Vinovskis.
- o February 1, 2020 - Rev. Mark Ruppert installed as pastor at Holy Cross, Johnstown, PA, by Pres. Vinovskis
- o February 26th - Rev. John Telloni accepted a refashioned call to St. John's, Massillon, as Senior Pastor, contemporaneous with a very brief retirement.
- o July 12, 2020 - Rev. Jon Carpenter ordained into the holy ministry and installed as associate pastor at St. John, Massillon, OH by Pres. Vinovskis.

Retirements

- o May 9, 2021 - Rev. Dave McCloskey (St. Mark, Steubenville, OH) retired and is now serving a small congregation in Kansas near family.
- o August 15, 2021 - Rev. George Hansell (Grace, Lakewood, OH) retired and is living in the area. The Central Circuit rejoices that George remains active in the circuit and in the district.

- (Resignations - Rev. Ken Kelly [Holy Cross, Johnstown, PA] resigned from the ministry in the fall of 2019)

Vacancy Updates / New News

- Grace Lutheran Church, Lakewood, OH - Being cared for by Vacancy Pastor, Rev. John Milligan. Grace is close to receiving a call list (likely will have received it by the time of convention).
- St. Mark Lutheran Church, Steubenville, OH - St. Mark remains "vacant" and is currently being served, each Sunday in a 1:00PM service, by Rev. Scott Kunz, pastor of Mount Calvary, West View, PA (Eastern District).

The Central Circuit is blessed with few vacancies. However, the majority of our pastors are in the general retirement age range. We are thankful that so many continue to serve in needed roles.

Activities of the Central Circuit

- The Central Circuit has remained active with our regular Circuit Conferences, including joint participation in the September 2020 Hybrid PCWC with the Eastern Circuit and a joint circuit conference with a neighboring English District Circuit in April 2021. During the era of COVID restrictions, a couple of our regular circuit conferences were held either entirely via Zoom or as hybrid Zoom/In-Person conferences. One conference was cancelled (May, 2020).
- In addition to these, Rev. Chris Cahill has hosted a weekly Zoom meeting for those desiring to attend. This has made it possible for brothers to stay in contact, even across the restricted Canadian border.
- Also, after a long pause on our historic, monthly "Pleasant Valley Boys" meetings, we have recently (Fall of 2021) begun monthly in-person, unofficial Circuit Gatherings/Winkels (first Tuesday of each month). These have been well attended and enjoyed.

The COVID-19 Era

Congregations in the Central Circuit had varying responses to the COVID-19 pandemic. A few congregations were able to continue their services, for the most part, as "business as usual". Most had need to spread out their attendance by adding extra services, space out seating, etc. Some made changes to Holy Communion distribution practices. Some congregations required masks, either to a greater or lesser degree than mandated by the state.

During the initial lockdowns, most congregations provided small, less-than-ten-person, individual, or one family services in some way or another. Many live-streamed or posted video sermons/services.

State mandates in Ohio and Pennsylvania were not significantly different. Congregations in Canada suffered under the longest and severest mandates. A great difficulty was our restricted ability to visit members in nursing homes and hospitals. Hospitals still have some restrictions, but pastoral visitation is largely possible.

Most congregations fared well financially while, on the other hand, they have experienced a drop in attendance. The majority of attendance is back, but not all. All in all, services and the lives of our congregations are back to normal in other respects.

In Christ's service, by God's grace,

Rev. Curtis Stephens

Southern - Rev. Brian Roberts

The Lord has blessed the Southern Circuit in the course of the past four years. It has been a time of general stability and growth.

The Southern Circuit weathered the COVID-19 pandemic fairly well. Most of the congregations already had online streaming capability before the lockdown, so adjusting to online-only worship was not difficult. The rest of the congregations, which were not online prior, quickly adapted. The pastors used personal technology to record sermons and/or provide worship remotely. As a result, all of our congregations were providing worship for their members throughout the lockdown.

Ministry Calls, Departures:

- Rev. Mark Moreno, Hope Lutheran, Melbourne, FL accepted a call as senior pastor at Family of Christ, Colorado Springs, CO, and was installed in April 2019.
- Rev. Lawton Thompson (SMP), St. Luke's Lutheran, Oviedo, resigned his call in June 2020, in order to pursue full pastoral certification at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis.
- Rev. Ethan Spira, Holy Cross Lutheran, Lake Mary, FL accepted a call as pastor at Lord of Life, Lutheran, Westfield, IN, and was installed in September 2020.
- Rev. Bill Whitehead, Family of Christ - West, accepted a call as pastor at Lake Wales Lutheran, Lake Wales, FL, and was installed in December 2020.
- DCE Kalli Weid, St. Luke's Lutheran, Oviedo, FL, accepted a call as a director of Lutheran campus ministry at the University of Central Florida, and was installed in December 2020.
- Rev. Paul Hoyer, Holy Cross Lutheran, Lake Mary, FL retired from the ministry in 2021.
- Rev. Zach Zehnder, theCross Lutheran, Mt. Dora, FL accepted a call as pastor at King of Kings Lutheran, Omaha, NE, and was installed in June 2021
- Rev. Kevin Duff, Faith Lutheran, Viera, FL, accepted a call as pastor at Island Lutheran, Hilton Head, SC, and was installed in July 2021.
- DCE David Timmerman, Faith Lutheran, Viera, FL, resigned his call in 2021, in support of his wife, who accepted a job offer in Missouri.

Ministry Calls, Additions:

- Rev. John Elliott (SMP) was ordained into the Office of the Holy Ministry and installed as pastor at St. Luke's Lutheran, Oviedo, FL in June 2018. His primary responsibilities are to serve the Lutheran Haven community.
- Rev. Lawton Thompson (SMP) was ordained into the Office of the Holy Ministry and installed as pastor at St. Luke's Lutheran, Oviedo, FL in June 2018.
- Deaconess Lois Diebel was called to serve at Hope Lutheran, Melbourne, FL, and was installed in November 2018.
- Rev. Tige Culbertson, Messiah Lutheran, Midland, MI accepted the call as pastor at St. Luke's Lutheran, Oviedo, FL, and was installed in July 2019.
- Rev. Jacob Baumann (SMP) was ordained into the Office of the Holy Ministry and installed as pastor at theCross, Mt. Dora, FL in July 2019.
- Rev. Mark Crossman (SMP) was ordained into the Office of the Holy Ministry and installed as pastor at theCross, Mt. Dora, FL in July 2019.
- Ms. Sydney Kertz accepted the call to serve as DCE at theCross Lutheran, Mt. Dora, FL, and was installed in September 2020.
- Rev. James Fernandez, Denver Colorado, accepted the call as pastor at Hope Lutheran, Melbourne, FL, and was installed in September 2020.
- Rev. Matthew Fitzpatrick (SMP) was ordained into the Office of the Holy Ministry and installed as pastor at Holy Cross Lutheran, Lake Mary, FL in February 2021.
- Rev. Daniel Howe (SMP) was ordained into the Office of the Holy Ministry and installed as pastor at Holy Cross Lutheran, Lake Mary, FL in February 2021.
- Rev. Landon Ledlow, Redeemer Lutheran, Austin, TX accepted the call as senior pastor at Family of Christ, Tampa, FL, and was installed in August 2021.
- Deaconess Emily McLean was commissioned and installed at St. Luke's Lutheran, Oviedo FL, in January 2022. Her primary responsibilities are to serve the Lutheran Haven community.

On Sunday, January 26, 2020, Faith Lutheran Church - Wesley Chapel celebrated their charter as an independent congregation of the LC-MS with a special worship service. Also, at that service, Rev. Kurt Steinbrueck was installed as pastor of the new congregation. Formerly, this congregation was a satellite location of Family of Christ, Tampa, FL with Rev. Steinbrueck serving there.

theCross Lutheran, Mt. Dora, was forced to move from the store front location where they had worshiped for a few years. After worshipping at a local high school for a while, a former events venue nearby became available. The members of theCross began worshipping at this location. By God's grace, the congregation was able to negotiate the purchase of the property and building and make this location their permanent worship home.

Rev. David Haara, Family of Christ Lutheran, Tampa FL, has stepped out of the senior pastor role, now filled by Rev. Landon Ledlow. He continues to serve, however, in a reduced, semi-retired capacity.

Faith Lutheran, Viera, FL, is in the call process to call a senior pastor to replace Rev. Ron Myer, who will be retiring.

Circuit meetings are always a highlight for the Southern Circuit, as we have the opportunity to gather together, study together, and fellowship together. In this triennium + one, we met in:

- August 2018 at Wellspring Lutheran, Deland, FL
- January 2019, at Holy Cross Lutheran, Lake Mary, FL
- April 2019, at St. Luke's Lutheran, Oviedo, FL
- October 2019, The Cross Lutheran, Orlando, FL
- January 2020, at St. Luke's Lutheran, Oviedo, FL
- May 2020, Virtual Zoom meeting
- August 2020, Virtual Zoom meeting
- January 2021, Virtual Zoom meeting
- July 2021, at theCross Lutheran, Mt. Dora FL
- October 2021, at New City Church Lutheran, Orlando, FL
- February 2022, at Hope Lutheran, Melbourne, FL

As Circuit Visitor, I consider it a privilege to have served the Southern Circuit, and I thank God for all His blessings and mercies which He has poured out to our congregations in these past 4 years.

Respectfully Submitted, Rev. Brian Roberts

Western - Rev. Carl Krueger

The 3 years + 1 year since our last Convention has been filled with challenges, and also opportunities to become better servants of our Lord in reaching more people with the Good News message of Jesus Christ.

The Pastors and Congregations of the Western Circuit have struggled to find new avenues to bring the message of Christ to members, as well as many others out side of their membership. The covid pandemic had drastic effect on the number of worshipers inside our Churches, as most were "shut down" for months under the nationwide CDC mandates. So most of our Pastors sought new ways to reach members using technology like YouTube and live streaming. Many Pastors discovered that there were more people watching the Services on internet than there usually were in the pews on regular Worship Services.

Some of our Congregations began “parking lot” Worship Services with people sitting in their vehicles and listening on their radios. To increase communication among the membership, some Pastors used computer programs to send daily devotionals via recorded phone messages, emails, or texts.

Praise God for the creativity, persistence, and dedication of our Pastors and Congregations who have worked to support, encourage, and minister to their membership, and beyond.

THERE HAVE BEEN QUITE A FEW CHANGES IN THE WESTERN CIRCUIT since the last Convention. Here is a synopsis:

Zion Lutheran Church, Norridge IL - Rev. Mark Zuehsow served as Vacancy Pastor following the death of Rev. Luther Bajus. Rev. Michael Croon was Called and installed as Pastor.

Holy Cross, Alsip IL and St. Paul, Whiting IN - Holy Cross: Following the death of Rev. Chris Ongstad, Holy Cross, Alsip IL issued a Call to Rev. Dan Murray. He was installed and served for 2 years. During this time, Rev. John Henry, Pastor of St. Paul, Whiting took a Call, leaving St. Paul struggling to find Pastoral assistance. Seeking to help St. Paul, Rev. Murray and Holy Cross began working in a number of ways on the potential of a dual Parish between Holy Cross and St. Paul. However, as the relationship was being established, Rev. Murray resigned and moved his family to Michigan, and the dual Parish concept fell apart. Holy Cross began working with Mt. Greenwood Lutheran Church, a very near Northern IL District Congregation, being served by Rev. Kevin Bergmann.

Concerning St. Paul, Whiting - this Congregation demonstrated wonderful Christian patience and flexibility! St. Paul at first could only find Pulpit assistance for Worship on Sunday afternoon, which was an unsatisfactory situation for the Congregation. Then, St. Paul was willing to switch their Worship Service to Saturday afternoon, so that Rev. Ramirez of Dr. Martin Luther could lead their Services. Finally, working with St. Paul, Thornton IL (a Northern IL District Parish) and Rev. Dobberstein, plus working with Zion, Norridge and Rev. Zuehsow, St. Paul has been able to return to Sunday morning Worship. Holy Cross, Alsip has been able to work out a relationship with Mt. Greenwood Lutheran Church and Rev. Kevin Bergmann to fulfill their Pastoral needs.

Pentecost, Racine WI - Rev. Luke Jacob took a Call to Kansas. Pentecost has issued its first Call to Rev. Peter Heckert of St. James, Lafayette IN, and is awaiting his answer.

St. John, Cudahy WI - Rev. Matthew Vesey resigned his Call to St. John, and moved to Marion, Iowa. The Call Committee has completed the necessary documents and submitted them to District. St. John is awaiting a Call list of potential candidates.

Rev. David Corson, Jacob's Well, St. Louis MO - completed his Chaplaincy certification and was installed as full-time Chaplain for Lutheran Social Services, St. Louis MO, as he continues to serve the Jacob's Well Congregation.

Rev. Dr. Joel Elowsky, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis MO has recently been named Dean of Advanced Studies! We congratulate and honor Dr. Elowsky, and we thank God that he served in his first Call as a SELC Mission Planter.

Continuing in faithful service to their Congregations:

Rev. Curtis Brooks, Holy Trinity, Boyceville WI;

Rev. Richard Ramirez, Dr. Martin Luther, Chicago IL;

Rev. Gary Nagy, Resurrection, Crown Point IN;

Rev. William Hale, St. John, Granite City IL;

Rev. Mark Larson, St. Lucas, St. Louis MO;

Rev. John Gutz, Holy Trinity, Streator IL.

The Western Circuit is looking forward to this Convention in anticipation of the joyous reception of Rev. Jon Palmer and The Way Lutheran Church as members of the SELC District.

With humble thanks to our Lord, it has been my privilege to serve the Congregations and the Pastors of the SELC Western Circuit.

To God alone be the glory!

Rev. Carl Krueger

Western Circuit Visitor

Financial Secretary's Summary Report

SELC District Receipts for Missions

Based on the mission receipts from the churches in the SELC District through January 2022, the summary information is as follows:

- The mission contributions received from congregations during January were **\$47,913 which is 109%** of the budgeted monthly goal of \$44,116.
- The total mission contributions from all sources during January totaled **\$64,531 which is 127%** of the monthly budget of \$51,000.
- The total SELC District budget that will be tracked for 2022 is \$612,000
- 33 of the 55 congregations in our district submitted contributions toward their 2022 mission goals.
- 7 of the 55 congregations in our district have submitted their entire pledge toward their 2022 mission goals. Another six churches are not budgeted to contribute to the district Mission budget this year; however, 1 of these churches has sent in a mission donation.
- \$3,041 has been received for Lutheran Witness subscriptions.
- \$680 has been received for the 2022 District convention registration.
- \$10,000 was received for special mission funding.
- \$2,648 was received towards the 2021 mission pledges made by congregations.
- During January, \$38,000 was transferred to the checking account managed by the treasurer.

The churches that are furthest behind their 2022 mission goals are:

Eastern Circuit: Zion - Clark (\$1,875)

Central Circuit: Calvary - Parma, Oh - (\$832), St John - Massillon (\$716)

Western Circuit: Zion - Norridge (1,250)

Southern Circuit: Family of Christ - Tampa (\$759)

Circuit	Monthly Budget	Jan. Receipts	Y-T-D Budget	Receipts Thru Jan.	Y-T-D % of 2022 Budget
Eastern	\$6,505	\$7,032	\$6,505	\$7,032	108%
Central	\$5,368	\$4,740	\$5,368	\$4,740	88%
Western	\$8,059	\$8,421	\$8,059	\$8,421	105%
Southern	\$24,184	\$27,720	\$24,184	\$27,720	115%
SubTotal - Congregations	\$44,116	\$47,913	\$44,116	\$47,913	109%
Total - 2022 Budget	\$51,000	\$64,531	\$51,000	\$64,531	127%

SELCD DISTRICT	RECEIPTS FOR MISSIONS AND BENEVOLENCES				Through January 31, 2022
	COMM MEMBERS	DISTRICT SUPPORT ANNUAL GOAL	ACTUAL DISTRICT YTD SUPPORT	OTHER MINISTRIES / DIR. SUPPORT	TOTAL YTD MISSIONS
<u>EASTERN CIRCUIT</u>					
Northampton, PA – Concordia	145	3,600	600	0	600
Bound Brook, NJ - St John	55	575	575	0	575
Clark, NJ – Zion	148 *	22,500	0	0	0
Dickson City, PA - St Stephens	152	0	320	0	320
Emporia, VA - St John	127	5,500	458	0	458
Galloway, NJ – Peace	64 *	1,130	0	0	0
Garfield, NJ - Holy Trinity	155 *	0	0	0	0
Greenwich, CT - St Paul	125 *	6,180	1,130	0	1,130
Hazleton, PA - St John's	60	5,000	0	0	0
Macungie,PA – Concordia	160	8,019	1,337	0	1,337
Manchester, NJ – Redeemer	306 *	6,149	533	0	533
Montreal, QC – Ascension	143	2,608	2,608	0	2,608
Raritan, NJ - St Paul	103 *	2,000	630	0	630
Stamford, CT – Trinity	36	0	90	60	150
Vienna, VA - St Athanasius	72	3,600	0	0	0
Westport, CT - St Paul	150	9,000	0	0	0
Wilkes-Barre, PA - St Matthew	219 *	2,200	220	0	220
TOTAL EASTERN CIRCUIT	2,220	\$78,061	\$8,500	\$60	\$8,560
% GOALS ATTAINED			10.89%		
<u>CENTRAL CIRCUIT</u>					
Arnold, PA - John Huss	122 *	1,400	1,400	0	1,400
Johnstown, PA - Holy Cross	32 *	0	0	0	0
Kingsville, ON – Nativity	30	681	681	0	681
Lakewood, OH – Grace	126	3,856	0	0	0
Lodi, OH - Christ the King	102	9,401	783	0	783
Lorain,OH - Sts Peter & Paul	42 *	3,640	292	0	292
Malvern, OH - Resurrection	67	2,352	0	0	0
Massillon, OH - St John	356 *	8,586	0	0	0
Norton, OH - St Matthew	148 *	6,620	0	0	0
Parma, OH - Calvary	284 *	19,282	775	0	775
Parma, OH - Holy Trinity	68 *	1,363	109	120	229
Pleasant City, OH -Holy Trinity	17	1,488	150	0	150
Sharon, PA - Sts Peter & Paul	50	4,160	0	0	0
Steubenville, OH - St Mark	40 *	1,040	0	0	0
Toronto, ON - St Paul	60 *	0	0	0	0
Youngstown, OH - Concordia	15	550	550	0	550
TOTAL CENTRAL CIRCUIT	1,559	\$64,419	\$4,740	\$120	\$4,860
% GOALS ATTAINED			7.36%		

<u>WESTERN CIRCUIT</u>	<u>MEMBERS</u>	<u>ANNUAL GOAL</u>	<u>YTD SUPPORT</u>	<u>DIR. SUPPORT</u>	<u>YTD MISSIONS</u>
Alsip, IL - Holy Cross	70 *	3,340	557	0	557
Boyceville, WI - Holy Trinity	50 *	780	750	0	750
Chicago, IL - Dr Martin Luther	70 *	4,569	0	0	0
Columbia, IL - The Way	*	1,648	0	0	0
Crown Point, IN - Resurrection	114 *	1,648	1,664	0	1,664
Cudahy, WI - St John	405 *	24,000	2,000	300	2,300
Granite City, IL - St John	114	9,040	1,069	0	1,069
Norridge, IL - Zion	119	15,000	0	0	0
Racine, WI - Pentecost	190 *	16,950	1,455	0	1,455
St Louis, MO - Jacobs Well	7	1,044	87	0	87
St Louis, MO - St Lucas	280	8,880	740	0	740
Streator, IL - Holy Trinity	310 *	3,183	100	0	100
Whiting, IN - St Paul	119 *	6,620	0	0	0
TOTAL WESTERN CIRCUIT	1,848	\$96,702	\$8,421	\$300	\$8,721
% GOALS ATTAINED			8.71%		
<u>SOUTHERN CIRCUIT</u>					
Lake Mary, FL - Holy Cross	896 *	55,000	4,583	0	4,583
Melbourne, FL- Hope	130	4,965	4,965	0	4,965
Mt Dora - The Cross	783	5,220	435	0	435
Oviedo, FL - St Luke's	3,976	180,701	30,117	0	30,117
Tampa, FL - Family of Christ	495 *	9,102	0	0	0
Tamp, FI - Messiah	*	1,000	0	0	0
Tampa, FL - Tamil Ministry	? *	2,080	0	0	0
Viera / Rockkledge, FL - Faith	706	32,136	2,678	0	2,678
Wesley Chapel, FI - Faith	*	0	0	0	0
TOTAL SOUTHERN CIRCUIT	6,986	\$290,204	\$42,778	\$0	\$42,778
%BUDGET ATTAINED			14.74%		
Total Congregation Support	12,613	\$529,386	\$64,440	\$480	\$64,920
%BUDGET ATTAINED			12.17%		
<u>OTHER</u>					
Lutheran Witness Subscriptions		3,800	3,041	0	3,041
2021 Mission Contributions		2,000	2,648	0	2,648
Special Mission Funding		0	10,000	0	10,000
Reimbursement - Concordia, Maungie		0	42	0	42
LCMS Foundation - Brackenridge, Pa		3,529	0	0	0
2022 Convention Registration		5,260	680	0	680
LCEF Distribution		48,018	0	0	0
Dedicated Missions		16,000	0	0	0
Interest on Savings		4,000	205	0	205
Interest and Foreign Currency Fees		7	1	0	1
World Missions - Rev. Jacob Gaugert		0	0	0	0
TOTAL		\$82,614	\$16,617	\$0	\$16,617
GRAND TOTAL	12,613	\$612,000	\$81,057	\$480	\$81,537
% GOALS ATTAINED			13.24%		

* Unconfirmed 2022 goal / membership

Treasurer's Report

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Attached please find the financial statements for the SELC District - LCMS for the years ended 2018, 2019, and 2020. The financial statements were audited by MSL, P.A. of Orlando and are available on request with year 2021 currently being audited and will be available on request when completed.

Notes concerning the financial statements;

- (1) The Board of Directors continues to coordinate its income and expenditures to achieve a Balanced Budget. For the four-year total net assets amounted to \$1,075,073.60. Of this amount \$100,837.92 are restrictive contributions and are disburse as specified by the respective congregations.
- (2) The SELC District continues to **Show the Life/Love of Christ** in fulfilling its Missions as noted in the Profit & Loss Section of 'Ministry of Love' (50000) and 'Ministry of District Programs' (600000). Rev. Prince V Rajamony who was a paid SELC Staff Member at the last convention is now an SELC Missionary to the Tamil people in India and also works with the Tamil congregations in the United States.
- (3) The Lutheran Witness over this four-year period the individual subscriptions have decreased from 455 to 328 for the period starting February of the year 2022. The subscription costs have remained constant over the last several years at \$10.90 for an annual subscription.
- (4) Financial Statements for the SELC Foundation which is managed by the LCMS Foundation for the years ending December 31, 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021. Total assets at the end of 2017 amounted to \$49,135.66 and ended 2021 with \$102,418.03 which amounts to an increase of \$53,282.37.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert C. Lange
SELC District, Treasurer

Balance Sheet 2018 - 2021

	2018	2019	2020	2021
ASSETS				
Current Assets				
Checking/Savings				
10000 - CASH				
10500 - CHASE BANK	14,669.04	19,049.41	43,720.69	52,433.21
10550 - CHASE BANK, ILLINOIS - SAVINGS	2,085.41	2,086.02	12,086.50	43,592.20
10595 - STEWARD ACCOUNT - LCEF				
10596 - RESTRICTED CASH - HURRICANE	-4,789.00	-789	-789	-789
10597 - RESTRICTED CASH - MISSIONS	-48,582.01	-116,582.01	-64,082.01	-57,450.01
10599 - RESTRICTED CASH - BRECKENRIDGE		-6,771.04	10,098.91	-10,098.91
10601 - RESTRICTED CASH - WESLEY CHAPEL			20,000.00	-20,000.00
10602 - RESTRICTED CASH - MOSVISIONP				-12,500.00
10595 - STEWARD ACCOUNT - LCEF - Other	750,633.55	800,369.53	924,379.40	964,048.19
Total 10595 - STEWARD ACCOUNT - LCEF	<u>697,262.54</u>	<u>676,227.48</u>	<u>829,409.48</u>	<u>863,210.27</u>
Total 10000 - CASH	<u>714,016.99</u>	<u>697,362.91</u>	<u>885,216.67</u>	<u>959,235.68</u>
Total Checking/Savings	714,016.99	697,362.91	885,216.67	959,235.68
Other Current Assets				
11600 - INVESTMENTS				
11616 - LCEF CERTIFICATE-0228	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
11618 - LCEF CERIFICATE-0078	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
Total 11600 - INVESTMENTS	<u>15,000.00</u>	<u>15,000.00</u>	<u>15,000.00</u>	<u>15,000.00</u>
Total Other Current Assets	<u>15,000.00</u>	<u>15,000.00</u>	<u>15,000.00</u>	<u>15,000.00</u>
Total Current Assets	729,016.99	712,362.91	900,216.67	974,235.68
Other Assets				
16004 - RESTRICTED CASH - HURRICANE	4,789.00	789.00	789.00	789.00
16005 - RESTRICTED CASH - MISSIONS	48,582.01	116,582.01	64,082.01	59,450.01
16007 - RESTRICTED CASH - WESLEY CHAPEL		6,771.04	20,000.00	20,000.00
16009 - RESTRICTED CASH - BRECKENRIDGE			10,098.91	10,098.91
16011 - RESTRICTED CASH - MOSVISIONP				12,500.00
Total Other Assets	<u>53,371.01</u>	<u>124,142.05</u>	<u>94,969.92</u>	<u>100,837.92</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>782,388.00</u>	<u>836,504.96</u>	<u>995,186.59</u>	<u>1,075,073.60</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY				
Equity				
3900 - Retained Earnings	35,553.60	53,760.87	107,877.83	266,559.46
39000 - UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	728,627.13	728,627.13	728,627.13	728,627.13
Net Income	18,207.27	54,116.96	158,681.63	79,887.01
Total Equity	<u>782,388.00</u>	<u>836,504.96</u>	<u>995,186.59</u>	<u>1,075,073.60</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>782,388.00</u>	<u>836,504.96</u>	<u>995,186.59</u>	<u>1,075,073.60</u>

Profit and Loss Board - 2018 - 2021

	2018	2019	2020	2021
Income				
40000 · SUPPORT & REVENUES				
41000 · BUDGETARY RECEIPTS				
41305 · RECEIPTS FROM FINAN. SECRETARY	473,937.34	450,615.28	545,423.33	516,721.50
41310 · PREVIOUS YEAR BUDGET RECEIPTS	4,574.87	14,104.50	11,475.00	8,186.50
Total 41000 · BUDGETARY RECEIPTS	478,512.21	464,719.78	556,898.33	524,908.00
42000 · NON BUDGETARY RECEIPTS				
42342 · ADDITIONAL SELC MISSION SUPPORT	4,082.21	221.00	2,388.00	71.00
42345 - Grace - SELC CONVENTION 2018		3,000.00	2,800.00	
42347 · LUTHERAN WITNESS	3,370.70	4,687.00	4,447.10	4,011.20
42349 · LCEF OPERATING RESULTS	35,214.00	30,063.00	38,556.00	
42354 · SELC CONVENTION				
42354-1 · SELC CONVENTION ASSESSMENT	16,709.71			
42354-2 = SELC CONVENTION ASSISTANCE				5,000.00
42354-3 - SELC CONVENTION MISC INCOME				100.00
42354-4 - SELC CONVENTIONREGISTRATION			1,325.00	
Total 42354 · SELC CONVENTION	16,709.71		1,325.00	5,100.00
42356 · LCMS CONVENTION ASSESSMENT				
42356-3 · LCMS - CONGREGATION ASSESSMENT	928.50	14,064.00		
Total 42356 · LCMS CONVENTION ASSESSMENT	928.50	14,064.00		
42358 · SELC SCHOLARSHIP	1,140.00			
42359 · LCMS EARMARKED	9,755.21	2,289.50	1,875.00	2,184.05
42360 · AGENCIES EARMARKED	10,870.00	8,305.00	8,295.00	9,975.00
42366 - SELC GPC			75.00	
44373 - MESSIAH - HISPANIC MINISTRY			660.21	1,061.00
44374 - TAMIL MISSION OFFERING			1,567.40	1,000.00
44375 · CONTRIBUTIONS RESTRICTED	35,000.00	76,771.04	23,327.87	12,500.00
Total 42000 · NON BUDGETARY RECEIPTS	117,070.33	151,610.54	85,316.58	35,902.25
43000 · INVESTMENT INCOME				
43360 · INTEREST INCOME	8,377.37	9,772.90	7,014.45	3,698.80
43366 - FOREIGN EXCHANGE ADJUSTMENTS		242.25		
Total 43000 · INVESTMENT INCOME	8,377.37	10,015.15	7,014.45	
43370 · MISCELLANEOUS	6,209.60	11,202.48		
43371 - LCMSSOC EARMARKED PAID			0.00	
43372 · AGENCIES EARMARKED PAID	-10,870.00	-8,305.00	-8,295.00	-10,650.00
43373 · LCMS EARMARKED PAID	-9,755.21	-2,289.50	-1,875.00	-2,184.05
Total 40000 · SUPPORT & REVENUES	589,544.30	626,953.45	639,059.36	551,675.00
42390 · ASCENSION SEM (DEACONESS)				
42390-1 · ASCENSION SEM EARMARKED	362.00		3,600.00	
42390-2 - ASCENSION SEM PAID			-2,657.88	
42390-3 - CANADA CURRENCY CONVERSION			-963.36	

Total 42390 · ASCENSION SEM (DEACONESS)	362.00		-21.24	
42392 · ASCNSN PASTORAL SUPPORT EARMARK	7,171.20			
42393 · ASECNSION PASTORAL SUPPORT PAID	<u>-7,533.20</u>			
42395 - LCEF SOC COVID-19 FUNDS				
42390-1 - LCEF SOC COVID-19 FUNDS REC'D			28,500.00	
42390-2 - LCEF SOC COVID-19 FUNDS PAID			<u>-6,900.00</u>	
TOTAL 42369 - LCEF SOC COVID-19 FUNDS			<u>21,600.00</u>	
Total Income	589,544.30	626,953.45	660,638.12	551,675.00
Expense				
50000 · MINISTRY OF LOVE				
51000 · SELC DISTRICT MISSIONS				
51417 - APOPKA		48,000.00	24,000.00	
51426 - FAITH WESLEY CHAPEL		48,000.00	48,000.00	24,000.00
51433 · TAMPA, FL - HISPANIC MINISTRY	9,000.00	1,500.00	4,500.00	1,500.00
51435 · FOC - WEST CAMPUS - TAMPA	6,000.00			
51438 · CENTER FOR US MISSIONS PARTNERS	10,000.00	8,000.00		
51470 · TAMIL MISSION - INDIA			28,500.00	32,532.00
51470-1 · SALARY	38,000.00	9,501.00		
51470-2 · HOUSING ALLOWANCE	12,000.00	3,000.00		
51470-3 · CAR ALLOWANCE	6,000.00	1,500.00		
51470-4 · MISCELLANEOUS	13,785.93	19,088.04		
51470-5 · CONCORDIA PLAN SERVICES	<u>15,297.53</u>	<u>2,915.06</u>		
Total 51470 · TAMIL MISSION - INDIA	85,083.46	36,004.10		
51471 · JACOB'S WELL	12,000.00			
51472 · ST LUCAS - ST LOUIS	<u>10,000.00</u>	<u>5,000.00</u>	2,500.00	
51485 - SANFORD MISSION			48,000.00	
51486 - ASCENSION DEACONESS			<u>7,200.00</u>	10,000.00
51487 = FAITH COLUMBIA, IL				<u>48,000.00</u>
Total 51000 · SELC DISTRICT MISSIONS	132,083.46	149,504.10	162,700.00	116,032.00
52002 MISC MISSION EDXPENSE		<u>5,000.00</u>		
52002 - SELC MISSION ABLAZE PROJECTS		5,000.00		
52410 · LUTHERAN CHURCH--MISSOURI SYNOD	150,000.00	123,000.00	115,000.00	115,000.00
52411 · SEMINARIES				
52411-1 · ST. LOUIS SEMINARY	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
52411-2 · FT. WAYNE SEMINARY	<u>2,500.00</u>	<u>2,500.00</u>	<u>2,500.00</u>	<u>2,500.00</u>
Total 52411 · SEMINARIES	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
53415 · LUTHERAN HAVEN	<u>50,000.00</u>	<u>30,000.00</u>	<u>30,000.00</u>	<u>30,000.00</u>
Total 50000 · MINISTRY OF LOVE	337,083.46	312,504.10	312,700.00	266,032.00
60000 · MINISTRY OF DISTRICT PROGRAMS				
60501 · STUDENT AID	9,000.00	7,500.00	6,000.00	
60505 - YOUTH BOARD/LUTHER LEAGUE		1,836.02		
60506 · SEMINARY STUDENT ASSESSMENT	23,800.00	25,700.00	24,400.00	12,000.00
60507-2 WEBMASTER				<u>3,600.00</u>
60507 · SELC ONLINE BEACON/WEBMASTER	15,600.00	15,000.00	7,000.00	3,600.00
60508 · LUTHERAN WITNESS	4,912.20	4,725.00	4,336.20	3,953.30

60510 · EVANGELISM GRANTS	12,300.00	3,000.00		8,500.00
60512 · LWML	2,000.00	2,000.00		2,500.00
60514-1 CHRISTIAN EDUCATION				<u>1,675.34</u>
60514 · CHRISTIAN EDUCATION/WEBINARS	1,044.07	1,206.09		1,675.34
60525 · STEWARDSHIP	1,820.18	2,325.97	341.88	34.20
60532 · MINISTERIAL HEALTH	834.28	530.45		1,409.06
60535 · CONTINUING EDUCATION		150.00		
60542 · GENERAL PASTORAL CONFERENCE		11,245.68	912.30	
60543 · PALS	500.00	250.00	<u>250.00</u>	<u>500.00</u>
60544 · SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS	<u>3,100.00</u>			
60547 · DISASTER RELIEF		<u>0.00</u>		
Total 60000 · MINISTRY OF DISTRICT PROGRAMS	74,910.73	75,469.21	43,240.38	34,171.90
70000 · MINISTRY OF SERVICE				
71000 · PRESIDENTS OFFICE				
71602 · PRESIDENT STIPEND	20,000.00	12,000.00	12,000.00	14,400.00
71603 · EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT STIPEND	12,500.00	15,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00
71606 · PASTORAL ASSISTANT	16,000.00	42,000.00	42,000.00	42,000.00
72609 · TRAVEL	11,459.98	10,040.37	10,136.01	17,902.56
72617 · OFFICE ADMINISTRATION	<u>2,776.07</u>	<u>1,956.45</u>	<u>1,704.91</u>	<u>2,637.74</u>
Total 71000 · PRESIDENTS OFFICE	62,736.05	80,996.82	80,840.92	91,940.30
73000 · BOARD OF DIRECTORS				
73626 · BOARD OF DIRECTORS/ TRAVEL	24,482.10	21,985.04	9,073.77	21,070.32
73627 · FINANCIAL SECRETARY STIPEND	4,800.00	4,800.00	4,800.00	6,000.00
73628 · TREASURER STIPEND	4,800.00	4,800.00	4,800.00	6,000.00
73629 · SECRETARY	4,800.00	4,800.00		
73629-1 SECRETARY STIPEND			4,800.00	<u>6,000.00</u>
73629-2 - WEBMASTERS STIPEND			<u>3,600.00</u>	
TOTAL 73629 - SECRETARY			8,400.00	
73630 · INSURANCE	1,154.00	1,157.00	998.00	1,052.00
73631 · LEGAL COUNSELOR				
73631-1 · LEGAL COUNSELOR STIPEND	<u>18,900.00</u>	<u>18,900.00</u>	<u>18,900.00</u>	<u>18,900.00</u>
Total 73631 · LEGAL COUNSELOR	18,900.00	18,900.00	18,900.00	18,900.00
73632 · MISSION EXEC				
73632-1 · MISSION EXEC STIPEND	4,800.00	4,800.00	4,800.00	6,000.00
73632-2 · MISSION EXEC TRAVEL	1,801.67	2,372.11	<u>167.30</u>	946.83
73632-3 · MISCELLANEOUS	100.00		4,967.30	4,600.00
73632-4 - SEMINARS		<u>780.14</u>		0.00
Total 73632 · MISSION EXEC	<u>6,701.67</u>	<u>7,953.25</u>		<u>11,546.83</u>
Total 73000 · BOARD OF DIRECTORS	65,637.77	64,395.29	51,939.70	70,569.15
74000 · SELC DISTRICT EXPENSE				
74634 · SYNODICAL ASSESSMENTS	500.00	1,683.36	743.49	1,005.50
74635 · PRES. DISCRETIONARY FUND	5,821.00	0.00	2,900.00	250.00
74638 · CONVENTION EXPENSES	9,528.45			64.82
74639 · AUDITOR	15,111.57	9,069.00	9,176.90	7,500.00
74645 · MISCELLANEOUS		298.72	411.73	254.32
74646 · SYNODICAL CONVENTION ASSESSMENT		17,367.00		
74647 · SYNODICAL CONVENTION ATTENDEES		11,048.99		
74648 · BANK CHARGES	<u>8.00</u>	<u>4.00</u>	<u>4.00</u>	
Total 74000 · SELC DISTRICT EXPENSE	<u>30,969.02</u>	<u>39,471.07</u>	<u>13,236.12</u>	<u>9,074.64</u>
Total 70000 · MINISTRY OF SERVICE	159,342.84	<u>184,963.18</u>	<u>146,016.11</u>	<u>171,584.09</u>

Total Expense	571,337.03	572,836.49	501,956.49	471,787.99
Net Income	18,207.27	54,116.96	158,681.63	79,887.01

SELC Foundation

Foundation Balance Sheet 2018 - 2021

	2018	2019	2020	2021
ASSETS				
Current Assets				
Checking/Savings				
SELC FOUNDATION - LCMS				
FOUNDATI	49,196.45	55,454.35	87,408.89	99,408.70
STEWARD ACCOUNT	2,933.15	2,962.60	3,004.95	3,009.33
Total Checking/Savings	52,129.60	58,416.95	90,413.84	102,418.03
Total Current Assets	52,129.60	58,416.95	90,413.84	102,418.03
TOTAL ASSETS	52,129.60	58,416.95	90,413.84	102,418.03
LIABILITIES & EQUITY				
Equity				
Unrestricted Net Assets	43,135.66	52,129.60	58,416.95	90,413.84
Net Income	8,993.94	6,287.35	31,996.89	12,004.19
Total Equity	52,129.60	58,416.95	90,413.84	102,418.03
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	52,129.60	58,416.95	90,413.84	102,418.03

Foundation Profit and Loss 2018 - 2021

	2018	2019	2020	2021
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
Benevolence Offerings	10,615.00		25,324.93	
Change in Market Value	-2,980.88	4,565.00	4,594.92	-1213.37
Interest Income	1,363.88	1,790.96	1,750.14	13719.59
Miscellaneous	230.61	221.2	680.31	
Mission Offerings			25.00	
Total Income	9,228.61	6,577.16	32,375.30	12,506.22
Expense				
Foundation Expenses	234.67	289.81	378.41	502.03
Total Expense	234.67	289.81	378.41	502.03
Net Ordinary Income	8,993.94	6,287.35	31,996.89	12004.19
Net Income	8,993.94	6,287.35	31,996.89	12004.19

Stewardship Report

STEWARDSHIP DEFINITIONS

CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

Christian stewardship is the free and joyous activity of the child of God and God's family, the Church, in managing all of life and life's resources for God's purposes.¹

PRINCIPLES OF CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

- *God is the owner of all things.*
 - Christians are stewards (managers - caretakers) of God's things - Ps. 24:1
 - Love for Christ flowing from the Gospel is the motivating power - Rom. 1:16
- *Biblical giving*
 - Proportionate (a percentage of annual income) - 1 Cor. 16:2
 - Regular (on a weekly basis) - 1 Cor. 16:2
 - First-fruits (giving God the best and first, not leftovers) - Prov. 3:9
 - Cheerful (willingly, not reluctantly) - 2 Cor. 9:7
 - Lovingly, gracious - 2 Cor. 7-8

STEWARDSHIP RESOURCES

NEW STEWARDSHIP WEB PAGE, WWW.SELC.LCMS.ORG

Check out the updated Stewardship page at the district website. The goal is that this page will be the one-stop site for your Stewardship resource needs.

The site is organized around three areas

- Theology and best practices for Stewardship
- Resources for the individual
- Resources for the congregation

STEWARDSHIP COMMUNICATION

Since the last convention Stewardship matters continued to be communicated.

- Articles were written regularly for the "Beacon"
- Reports were provided for board of directors meetings and district and circuit pastoral conferences

¹ LCMS Stewardship Ministry, <https://www.lcms.org/how-we-serve/national/stewardship-ministry>. Accessed 3/2/2022.

SELC DISTRICT GIVING METRICS

Congregational district budget goals are suggested every fall to fund district ministry. Through these offerings, congregations participate in Christ's mission to be witnesses in "Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth" (Acts 1:8). A significant portion of these offerings are used to establish new church plants, providing new stations to proclaim the saving Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Suggested goals are not calculated on the basis of communicant membership. Increases are based on the accepted congregational goal of the previous year multiplied by a percentage increase decided by the Finance Committee. The procedure allows each congregation the privilege of establishing a reasonable goal suited to its financial circumstances. Congregations are urged to remit on a monthly basis to enable a stable cash flow for district disbursements.

The Finance Committee, consisting of President Vinovskis, Mr. Robert Lange, treasurer, Mr. Larry Schultz, financial secretary and Rev. Dr. Mark Larson, Stewardship Director, met annually in January to prepare district budgets. Efforts were made to present a balanced budget.

SUGGESTED ANNUAL GOAL INCREASES

2019 - +3%
 2020 - +3%
 2021 - +3%
 2022 - +4%

GOALS vs. RECEIPTS

<u>Year</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>Goal Receipts</u>	<u>Performance</u>
2015	517,698	474,585	91.67%
2016	495,538	475,714	96.00%
2017	528,185	550,438	104.21%
2018	510,330	509,779	99.89%

DISTRICT BUDGET ALLOCATION

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
SELC District Missions	132,083	149,504	162,700	116,032
Synodical Missions	150,000	123,000	115,000	115,000
Two Seminaries	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
Lutheran Haven	50,000	30,000	30,000	30,000
District Programs	74,911	75,469	43,240	34,173
Service Ministries	159,343	184,863	146,016	171,584

DISTRICT STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

The Stewardship Committee is here to serve you. Always feel free to contact one of the members of the group if you have any questions or are seeking resources to strengthen the response of the Christian Steward to God's amazing love for us in Christ.

Rev. Dr. Mark Larson - Chair

Rev. Joel Dieterichs—Central Circuit

Rev. David Haara—Eastern and Southern Circuits

Rev. Bill Hale—Western Circuit

A Sincere Thank you—

It would be remiss if we did not take the opportunity to sincerely thank Rev. Tom Soltis for his many years of faithful service as Stewardship Director as he retired this past "triennium." His service was faithful and unflagging. His diligence contributed to the district maintaining a healthy financial position as he encouraged faithful, open-handed giving among us—all the while keeping the focus on the cross of our Savior as the reason for all that we do. *Thank you, Rev. Soltis. Well done!*

Mission Executive Report

Since our last convention, the Missions Department of the SELC has been quite active and we have accomplished a lot in various areas. Some things have been begun and some have come to an end. I will try to give the broad strokes of the direction for our missions in our district.

Our district has had the opportunity to work with the Reverend Doctor Prince Rajamony. He was working in Chicago on an advanced degree and became a member of our district and we helped him to go through the colloquy program of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. He is now a rostered pastor in our District. He began work with our missions and started Tamil-speaking congregations in Tampa, Chicago, and Phoenix. The 3 starts that Prince had in the United States have been continued by 2 of our SELC pastors and Pastor Shrank in Phoenix has taken on that group of Tamil speakers. He was working here in the United States to continue to reach out to the Tamil-speaking people. Due to some matters at home, after a couple years of this work he was needed in India, so we became the supporters of a missionary to India. Since that time, Prince has begun six small congregations in Northern India. He has reached out and he is training Layman to become pastors of those congregations. They have built one new building and were given a burned-out building which they have restored so they have two church meeting spaces they're in North India. Prince Rajamony's wife has moved into North India with him and they do the work together along with Prince's daughter. During COVID they use the money that we were sending to buy food for the people who couldn't work in those areas. They did Food Distribution on a weekly basis throughout the COVID cases. Prince continued his instruction of the Layman by Zoom and has almost completed their training even through this presents hardship. In addition, the government of India has now begun to try and make the entire country a Hindu Nation and so they have made it very difficult for all Christian denominations to reach out to new people and establish new Congregations. Prince is doing as much to reach the lost as he is able to and he will give a report at our convention as he is traveling to the United States.

In our church planting situations, we have had a lot of activity in Montreal. Pastor Charles St-Onge has continued the good work of that congregation. He continues to reach out to the many immigrants right around their Church in Montreal. We, as a district, established a partnership with a group in the Synod called Mission of Christ and through them one couple has been placed into Montreal to work with Pastor St-Onge. They have been instrumental in reaching out in various areas of Montreal and touching a great number of immigrants. We have also been able to work through the Synod and the congregation there to establish a position for a Deaconess with Pastor

St-Onge. Deaconess Stoller has been installed and has picked up a good amount of the work with Pastor St-Onge. They have established new English as a second language classes and have been getting larger and larger attendance at these classes. They continue to plan events for the community that invite those new immigrants into their church right in the center of Montreal

Faith Lutheran Church outside St. Louis, Missouri had a satellite in Illinois that reached out to the SELC district to become a Congregation of our district. Through the work of President Vinovskis and several others in the District, this was arranged. The Faith satellite has become a Mission Outreach of our district. We have worked with them to move them through the process of becoming a congregation and being established in the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod and our district. They have completed their Articles of Incorporation and have completed the separation from Faith Lutheran. They have submitted their constitution and bylaws and they will be accepted as a Congregation of the district at this convention. The name of their church will be The Way.

We also worked with Family of Christ in Tampa to establish Kurt Steinbrueck as a mission developer for North Tampa. We worked together to move him through the process of writing the Constitution, getting Articles of Incorporation, and becoming a congregation of our district. Their name is Faith Wesley Chapel and in January of 2021 they became a part of our district. They continue to grow and Pastor Kurt has been installed as their pastor. They are working together with him to explore options for growth in North Tampa. They are presently meeting in homes and some rented space on Sunday mornings. Each week they have new visitors and they work to make them a part of their new community there.

Since our last convention we have continued to work with Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Lake Mary and preparing more Church planters through the SMP program of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. We have ordained Jacob Baumann and Mark Crossman who are working in the Mount Dora area with the Cross Mount Dora. They recently purchased their own space, an existing building that was an event center in Mount Dora. They continue to grow and flourish in that community. We have also ordained SMP Pastor Dan Howe and SMP Pastor Matt Fitzpatrick. Matt is working with Pastor Adam Barcott in South Orlando as they continue with the satellite they have called New City. SMP Pastor Dan Howe was working with Pastor Jacob Hoyer in Deland. He recently accepted a position with the Lutheran Church in Ocala, Florida where he is serving a small congregation on the outskirts of that community. He continues as a Pastor in our district. Bill Whitehead, another SMP pastor who was working at a Satellite of Family of Christ in Tampa was ordained to do work there west of their Church at an existing congregation. St Matthews, which became a part of

Family of Christ, had their own building on the west side of Tampa. Pastor Whitehead served at congregation for several years, but the congregation was not able to continue. He has taken a call to the Florida-Georgia District The congregation in Viera Florida was asked to help with a school at Trinity in Rockledge, Florida. The Viera congregation has taken over the school and gotten it back on good financial ground. The congregation of Trinity, a Florida/Georgia district, has dissolved. The plan of our mission board is to use their building and the people of the school to plant a new congregation there in Rockledge. That work is being done by Reverend Ron Meyer. The congregation of Holy Cross of Lake Mary called Pastor Ethan Spira to work as a church planter for a new satellite at that congregation. He also was working with our pre-k through 12 school to be the religion teacher for the high school/ He was there for two years and took a call to Indiana to another congregation. It's yet to be determined how that satellite position will be filled

Our mission board was supporting joint work with the Florida Georgia District in Tampa at Family of Christ and their West Campus. Each had developed Spanish congregations that met weekly in those churches. Those churches also dwindled and have lost the support of the Hispanic pastor who was leading those congregations.

Our district has always been very active in church planting; throughout the years we have been a part of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod and even before. In 1999 our district joined with most of the other districts of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod to form a center for U.S. missions. The purpose of this group was to train Church Planters and laymen to start new churches with a goal of starting 2000 congregations by 2010. The administration of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod changed during that time and the district support for that Center dwindled so much so that it was obvious the Lutheran Church-Missouri synod overall was not that interested in training Church planters so the center for U.S. missions dissolved in 2019, twenty years after they began. Congregations that want trained Church Planters will once again have to look outside of our Synod to find the training needed. However, our district, being a part of that Center for 20 years and seeing the end coming, I was trained and received a church planting coaching certificate so that I might coach our Church Planters and other Church Planters from other districts who are looking for help in starting new congregations. I have begun that by working with the Florida Georgia District as well as our own to reach out and help with church plants.

Four years ago our district board of directors did a couple of days of planning with Pastor Jacob Hoyer looking to the future of our district, While we have started over 15 congregations and seven satellites and six ethnic Ministries over the last 40 years, recently we are slowing down in that process. We have not started anything new for

about 6 years Our hope is that together we could lay a plan for the future of our district. To that end, we established a group of mission-minded pastors from our district to get together and work with some people from outside our district and other districts of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod to develop a possible plan for how churches could be started moving forward in the United States. You will hear more about the plans that we have for this mission in this convention, but the overall idea is that we would work in the urban areas where we as a district have a strong history. We would work to develop laypeople and church Planters who could work with our congregations in the urban cities to reach out with small home groups or satellites that would then work around a hub in the center of the city. The leaders of those satellites and congregations would meet at the hub for training and support. Our goal would be to start several of these over the next 10 years. You will hear more about that at the convention. I have included in this workbook a paper that I wrote as to why church planting is so important not just in our district but in our world so that more people may come to know Jesus Christ.

This will be the last convention that I will be Mission Executive. I began in the SELC district in 1983 as a mission planter. Over the years I served on the Mission Board of our district for a number of years and even chaired that group then. I followed Pastor Gerald Kovach as the mission executive under President Karl Krueger. I have served in this position for a good many years. It has been my pleasure to represent our district at the Gatherings of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod and to give support to our mission congregations of the district throughout all these years. Thank you and God bless.

Rev. Paul Hoyer

Church planting in the SELC District of the LC-MS.

Definition of Church Planting

The missionary task of church planting is to engage a particular context with the gospel in order to bring non-believers into a relationship with God, and believers into the profound joy of drawing closer to God as they work within that mission. Therefore, the multiplication of new disciples from the harvest into biblical community and mission becomes the mode of operation and the expectation of a newly planted church.

Why Church Planting?

We can present the case for urgency in church planting using the “declining church” narrative. You know it; it goes like this: The church is in decline. Numbers are down. People are more and more disconnected from the church. Lost people need to be connected to Jesus—if they are not, they will die apart from Christ and will perish eternally. We live in a post-Christian culture; North America is becoming less and less Christian. We need to win this and coming generations back! Church Planting is the best and most Biblical means of getting the job done!

The Reverend Doctor Peter Meier had this to say about our church planting strategies:

I still believe that the planting of the Church is the best way to get the job done, to get people connected to Jesus. However, at the recent Church Planting Leadership Fellowship gathering in New York City, Daniel Yang challenged that narrative and made me re-think my “case for church planting.” Here are some of the thoughts and challenges that God, through Daniel, put on my heart. The culture and cities of North America are indeed changing. Our largest cities are growing, and less than half the population of these cities today is white. While that’s typical of mega cities, other cities will follow. We know in our heads that we live and work in a global context, but it’s not quite in our hearts yet. It hasn’t shown up in our strategies. The actual context of our cities is not decline. What we are seeing is the rise of a new majority world—the diaspora world. Diaspora is the dispersion or scattering of people away from ancestral homelands. This is the new narrative for missions—a Diaspora missiology, a non-European narrative which is being written in our largest cities, and soon will be echoed in other cities and towns. This changes the church planting narrative. The decline narrative can no longer be used to motivate mission urgency. The new and more accurate narrative for church planting is a non-European diaspora narrative. By 2043 there will no longer be a majority race in North America. The Northern European population is aging and having fewer children. Other populations are growing, moving, and having larger families. Asians are the fastest growing population in North America, followed by Africans. Our mega cities already have the social and ethnic makeup of what North America will be like three decades from now. This must inform

our missiology and church planting strategies going forward. Given this new narrative, how will we need to change our church planting strategies?

These thoughts taken from a Manifesto drafted by the Send Institute of Missiologists Council

We affirm that Jesus' primary commandment is to make obedient disciples. Because of the complexities in modern methods, church planting methodologies have often focused more on executing a project plan for launching large group gatherings rather than on developing appropriate disciple-making strategies.

We affirm that as with the first-century Church, and with the persevering Church globally, our current missiological circumstances necessitate courageous paradigm shifts in order to better align ourselves with the mission of God. Churches in North America need to learn from a humble position what God is doing all over the world. This includes places where rapid disciple-making movements are happening as well as where churches are in decline. Our intention should not be to imitate their methods and models, force fitting them into our context. Instead, we praise God for how he has worked, and humbly and introspectively search for points of cultural adaptation.

Church Planting is the biblical model for growing God's Kingdom on Earth

When God met Adam and Eve in the garden, he gave them the charge "Go forth and multiply". When God started over with Noah, He did not expect that Noah would have children with them keep adding to the one family on earth. God's plan was that Noah's children would go out and make more families and the kingdom of God would grow on Earth.

The same strategy is illustrated with Jesus and his disciples. Jesus spent three years discipling 12 men. Then He sent them out saying, Go and make disciples of all nations... You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and Judea and Samaria, to the ends of the earth. The Lord did not allow his disciples to stay in Jerusalem and build an ever-growing, ever-accumulating church (addition). His local strategy was to add disciples, but then to send disciples to new places to start new churches to reach new people (multiplication). These new groups added new disciples and then sent some to new places to start new groups to reach new people. This is God's strategy today too... disciples are added to the local gathering and then sent out to start new to reach new. Jesus' strategy is to multiply new faith communities to the ends of the earth. Disciples are added locally and then they start new faith communities. This is addition and multiplication at work together. Jesus' Great Commission is to "make disciples" but making disciples isn't the end of the strategy. God' strategy is for those new disciples to make more disciples who make even more disciples who gather in new groups of disciples to fill every nook and cranny of our neighborhoods and communities, to the ends of the earth. Addition and Multiplication! Accumulating

disciples without releasing and sending disciples falls short of God's intention for His church on earth.

Church Planting History of SELC District

Over the past 40 years the SELC District of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod has planted 15 churches that have been officially placed on the roster of the LCMS. One of those churches has since closed. We have also begun 6 ethnic ministries in urban areas that are worshipping groups (congregations) within the existing Anglo congregations and the two function as one official church in the LCMS. In recent years "Church Planting" has also taken the form of "satellite" churches that are separate but still functioning off of one budget, and one board of directors and are therefore considered one church by the Synod. The SELC has started 7 satellites.

The Future of Church Planting in the SELC District

While we celebrate the blessings God has granted through church planting in our district over the last decades, the job is not done! Over the last year and a half a task force to design a new era in church planting has been meeting to retool our strategies to connect those who don't know Christ to His saving Gospel. The results of this work are summarized on the next page.

Be looking for additional information to be provided through the online Beacon leading up to the district convention.



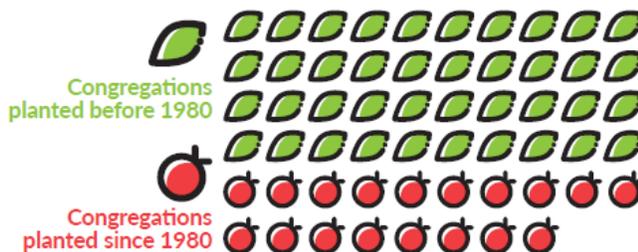
A new church planting strategy in the SELC

Over the last 18 months, a team from among the SELC clergy and board of directors has been working to discern God’s next step for church planting in and through the SELC district. They discovered some trends that indicate church planting has been crucial in the history of the

SELC and will continue to be important moving forward -- but in a different way.

Church Planting sustains our district

Because of a concerted emphasis on planting new congregations over the last 40 years, today 31% of our congregations have been planted since 1980. Being a District focused on planting new churches has helped us to remain viable in a time when many mainline churches are rapidly declining.



Church planting yesterday, today, and tomorrow

Church planting will continue to be central to the SELC’s DNA, just as it has been throughout the history of our district. In a social climate that is increasingly shifting sand, cultivating healthy soil for planting churches will be ever more important. We aspire to plant many new churches, while resourcing our established congregations to support the effort through local (circuit-level) connections that sow missional innovation for the expansion of the Reign of God.

Every church planting churches

Whether you’re a new church start or an established congregation, the goal from a mission perspective is the same: **to help you become a healthy New Testament Church.** We believe “every church planting churches” will create a district where church planting thrives and mission developers feel better supported. Existing churches will reap the benefit of being connected to new and innovative ministries. Church plants will benefit from being connected to established churches that value missional activity. Every church planting churches looks like all of us walking together in always becoming more Gospel Fueled, Outward Focused, Discipleship Driven, and Multiplication Minded.

More information is coming ahead of convention

The church planting task force will be presenting more information about a refreshed focus on what church planting in the SELC looks like ahead of and during the convention. Watch the Beacon for more information as convention approaches

Lutheran Haven Report

Greetings from your ministry to older adults in Oviedo, Florida! Lutheran Haven is operating in its 74th year of senior housing. The mission to serve retired Lutherans, pastors and church workers continues diligently; fifty-five of our residential homes are occupied by retired clergy, church musicians, or school administrators/teachers (including five former LCMS district presidents). Residential housing continues to experience a ninety five percent occupancy rate, with a healthy waiting list.

Our 74th year began with celebration, as the capital campaign goal was achieved for the construction of an aquatic center at Lutheran Haven. We appreciate the support that we have received from the District as well as the churches, members, foundations, and businesses who have assisted us in the first step of making this dream a reality.

Haven residents are busy and engaged both in the local and church community, and in serving outside of the Haven. In April, the Auxiliary will host its first Flea Market since 2019. The Auxiliary uses its proceeds to support benevolent care, and designate purchases that benefit residents receiving a wide variety of health care and supportive services. There are also groups that arrange and deliver flowers to shut-ins, make earrings for those undergoing cancer treatment, provide an informal errand service and help residents who don't drive. Resident committees serve to provide communication with management or to plan resident events. The spirit of neighbor loving neighbor, as God commanded, through hands-on help, thrives at the Haven.

Residents are excited about the Lutheran Church Charities Comfort Dog that will be shared with St. Luke's Lutheran Church. Haven residents have volunteered as handlers, and many are looking forward to Moriah's "graduation" from orientation and training, so that they may actively engage with her.

The Haven Board of Trustees has diligently prayed for God's guidance and worked on the vision for the next 75 years at the Haven. The repositioning planned includes employing technologies and services that bolster the opportunity for residents to "age in place," as well as an expansion of the capabilities of the home health care agency. New construction will focus on additional residential living capacity, and enhancements to the assisted living levels of service. The decision to discontinue the nursing home program was prayerfully considered for many months. The Board of Trustees affirmed this decision In January, and residents were notified in March of the discontinuance of the nursing home program on June 15, 2022.

Finally, we are blessed to have survived COVID and Omicron, without serious illness or death in either our residents or team members. We serve a great God and are so thankful the many blessings that He showers upon the Haven!

Ministerial Care Report

The following is a summary of my activities as SELC District Ministerial Care Coordinator since the SELC District Convention in Lakewood, Ohio, in 2018:

- I participated in the three-part DOXOLOGY program. This program is one of three in the LCMS to minister to personal and professional growth needs of pastors:
 - DOXOLOGY focuses on pastoral care of congregations, and how pastors might also care for themselves on a day-to-day basis to be more effective in their care of their congregations
 - GRACE PLACE WELLNESS has been a retreat-based program to enable pastors and wives to “retreat” from congregational life for a week to focus on several aspects of well-being (the “retreat” aspect has been temporarily suspended due to the pandemic). GRACE PLACE has recently become a ministry of the Lutheran Church Extension Fund rather than an independent Recognized Service Organization of the LCMS.
 - SHEPHERD’S CANYON is also a retreat-based program (also an LCMS RSO) whose focus is intensive spiritual and mental health care for distressed pastors and spouses.
- I participated in quarterly and annual conferences of the LCMS’ Ministerial Care Coalition (MC2) (Ministerial Care Coordinators of each LCMS District, as well as directors of RSOs, DCE training programs, and representatives of Concordia Plans Services and some of the colleges). I am also a member of the MC2 Planning Committee, and the “secretary” of the Coalition.
- I have participated in several ministerial care / mental health learning opportunities, both online and in person, offered through The Lutheran Foundation of Fort Wayne and RemedyLive, including (in 2021) several training modules centered on ministry during suicide crises.
- I periodically update my ministerial care website www.basinandtowel.org with links to new resources; I added The Basin and Towel podcast at <https://thebasinandtowel.buzzsprout.com/> to the site, and included periodic posts in the SELC District Beacon.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Christopher T. Cahill, D.Min.
Ministerial Care Coordinator

Student Aid Committee

Dear Friends in Christ:

Since the last SELC District Convention at Grace Lutheran Church, Lakewood, OH, in April, 2018, the Student Aid Committee has formally met at least once each year to issue grants-in-aid for students studying for full-time professional ministry at our synod's colleges, universities, and seminaries. In between meetings, committee members would also consult via email to handle late applications from students, and, starting a few years ago, to deal with SMP students whose academic year starts in March, unlike the other college, university, and seminary students **whose** academic year normally runs from September to May.

The following students received grants-in-aid for the academic years from 2018 to 2022 (also listed are home congregations, colleges/universities/seminaries attended, and the fields of study):

Concordia Seminary, St. Louis

1.	Rev. Lawton Thompson	(SMP Pastor)	St. Luke, Oviedo, FL
2.	Rachel McCloskey	(Deaconess)	St. Mark, Steubenville, and Resurrection, Malvern, OH
3.	Ken Estes	(Pastor)	Faith, Viera, FL
4.	Rev. Kurt Steinbrueck	(SMP Pastor)	Family of Christ, Tampa, Faith Wesley Chapel, FL
5.	Nicholas Gonzalez	(Pastor)	Redeemer, Manchester, NJ
6.	Aaron Hickey	(Pastor)	St. Luke's, Oviedo, FL
7.	Rev. John Elliott	(SMP Pastor)	St. Luke's, Oviedo, FL
8.	Rako Zech	(Pastor)	Concordia, Macungie, PA
9.	William Hale	(SMP)	St. John, Granite City, IL
10.	Ernest Alan Mercer	(SMP)	Peace, Galloway, NJ
11.	Matthew Fitzpatrick	(SMP)	Holy Cross, Lake Mary, FL
12.	Jacob Baumann	(SMP)	The Cross, Mt. Dora, FL
13.	Mark Crossman	(SMP)	The Cross, Mt. Dora, FL
14.	Christina Shaffer	(Deaconess)	St. Luke, Oviedo, FL
15.	William Whitehead	(SMP)	Family of Christ, Tampa, FL

Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne

1.	Emily McLean	(Deaconess)	St. Luke, Oviedo, FL
2.	Jon Carpenter	(Pastor)	St. John, Massillon, OH
3.	Elizabeth Haenftling	(Deaconess)	St. Matthew, Wilkes-Barre, PA
4.	Richard Neely Owen	(Pastor)	St. Athanasius, Vienna, VA
5.	Robert Ricard	(Pastor)	Hope, Viera, FL
6.	Daniel Lyman	(Pastor)	Zion, Clark, NJ

Concordia University Chicago (River Forest)

- 1. Emilie Stoller (Deaconess) Zion, Norridge, IL

Concordia University Nebraska (Seward)

- 1. Alaina Ruskowski (DCE) St. Luke’s, Oviedo, FL
- 2. Jeanelle Condame (Teacher) St. Luke’s, Oviedo, FL

Concordia University Wisconsin (Mequon)

- 1. Rachel Larson (Teacher) St. Lucas, St. Louis, MO

Concordia University St. Paul

- 1. Rachel McCloskey (Pre-Deaconess) St. Mark, Steubenville, OH

Over the course of the last four years, **a total of \$111,150.00 in grants-in-aid** was provided to our college, university, and seminary students. Individual awards varied from \$1,500.00 to \$5,000.000, depending on requests and need. Seminary grants-in-aid are larger, due to the seminaries’ own request for a minimum of \$3,000.00 per student (both pastoral and deaconess - residential), which our district is happy to support.

Some of the above received financial assistance for more than one year. Students apply for aid each year, and the Student Aid Committee is committed to supporting our students as long as they continue their studies, in some cases, specifically those studying for the pastoral ministry and, possibly, for the vocation of deaconess, from college through seminary (potentially eight years).

Thank you for permitting us to serve our district and synod, and we ask for your prayers as we continue to assist our district’s students with resources that allow them to continue their preparation for ministry in our church body! Blessings on your deliberations!

May the Lord continue to bless the deliberations of our beloved SELC District during this convention weekend!

Respectfully and joyfully submitted,

John L. Telloni

John L. Telloni, Chairman
 Kevin McLeod, Secretary
 James Hurst

LCEF Report

MISSION

The mission of Lutheran Church Extension Fund is to support The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod by ensuring that financial resources and related services are available now and in the future.

ORGANIZATION OVERVIEW

Since 1847, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) has pursued its mission to “vigorously make known the love of Christ by word and deed within our churches, communities and the world.”

Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF) is an organization that empowers ministry through investments, loans and support services. Incorporated in 1978, LCEF continues a long history of church extension fund service to the LCMS and its individual and corporate members.

We’ve grown from a mere \$100 million when LCEF was first incorporated in 1978 to over 60,000 faithful Lutheran investors with over \$2.1 billion dollars in total assets.

Historically, church extension operations have centered on loans made possible through investments and gifts from dedicated church members and supporters. Today, LCEF has expanded its offerings to include resources that define opportunities, design solutions and align resources that propel the Kingdom forward using a ministry clarity process and capital campaigns as well as real estate solutions to help develop and/or execute the best strategies to support ministry objectives.

Our strong and stable financial base represents the important role LCEF plays in supporting the LCMS now and how it will continue that support long into the future.

We use investments to support the work of thousands of LCMS individuals, congregations, schools and organizations. They fund home loans for Rostered Church Workers. They support the renovation and construction of sanctuaries, senior living communities, fellowship halls, Lutheran schools, early childhood centers and much more.

Rev. Bart Day serves as president and CEO and reports to a 12-member board of directors. LCEF employs over 116 people located in St. Louis and more than 35 employees in 31 LCMS member districts throughout the United States. LCMS ministries connect to LCEF through their district vice president (DVP). DVPs are supported by the national office staff in St. Louis.

For over 43 years, our mission has been to make sure “financial resources and related services” are available for the church—we intend to keep doing it for the next 40 years and beyond.

ECONOMIC OVERVIEW

2021 was volatile, and looking back, it’s clear that some aspects of the economy have

improved greatly while others remain challenged by the pandemic. The U.S. economy has continued to improve since the onset of the 2020 pandemic. Q3 of 2021 expanded by over 30%, and although a record, it was not enough to offset earlier losses, including the Q1 5% decline in gross domestic product (GDP) at an annual rate, signaling the onset of the 2020 recession.

The new recession, which began in March 2020, ended 128 months of expansion, the longest in U.S. history. In Q2, the economy contracted by a record 31.2%. Quarterly GDP had never experienced a drop greater than 10% since record-keeping began in 1947.

Throughout the challenges over the past 12 months, LCEF has worked with our advisors to navigate the volatile investment markets. With their help, we have been able to strengthen our capital position and better position LCEF for future growth. While the financial markets provided many challenges, we saw FY 2021 close out with gains of over \$15.5M.

LCEF IMPACT IN THE SELC DIRSTRIC AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2021

Number of LCEF Investors: 468

Total Invested with
LCEF: \$26,268,792

Number of Loans:

18

Total Amount Borrowed from LCEF: \$11,444,724

Legal Counsel Report

REPORT OF LEGAL COUNSEL TO THE REGULAR MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF SELC DISTRICT OF THE L.C.M.S. FOR THE JANUARY 24 AND 25, 2022 REGULAR BOARD MEETING BY ZOOM

1. Attendance and participation at SEVEN (7) Board of Directors meeting held by zoom and at Concordia Lutheran Church offices the last being in January 2021.

2. **(Included in Legal Counsel's 9/8-9/19 Report - no action has been taken)** To discuss, if necessary, in executive session communications from Dr. Sias, L.C.M.S. Secretary, with the replies from L.C.M.S. Commission on Constitutional Matters, regarding SELC District's submission responding to C.C.M.'s requesting to amend the District's Articles of Incorporation, as for

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10. **(12/4/19 Memo from LCMS Secretary John W. Sias)** "District bylaw and practice changes necessitated by 2019 amendments of LCMS Constitution and Bylaws" (attached). To be reviewed and discussed members of SELC Board of Directors.

11. Attached to this report is the **LCMS Reporter** for 12/14, 15 & 20/2021.
12. Letter from Paul Geidel, LCMS Foundation: Final payment from the Sadlon Estate. (I sent you an email in September notifying the SELC Board of this event. (Attached to this Report).

Respectfully submitted by:

Date: March 1, 2022

John J. Zettlemoyer, Jr.
John J. Zettlemoyer, Jr., Esq.
SELC District Legal Counsel

REPORT OF LEGAL COUNSEL TO THE REGULAR MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF SELC DISTRICT OF THE L.C.M.S. FOR THE SEPTEMBER 13 AND 14, 2021 REGULAR BOARD MEETING BY ZOOM AND AT ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH, MASSILLON, OH

1. Attendance and participation at Six (6) Board of Directors meeting held by zoom and at Concordia Lutheran Church offices the last being in January 2021.
2. **(Included in Legal Counsel's 9/8-9/19 Report - no action has been taken)** To discuss, if necessary, in executive session communications from Dr. Sias, L.C.M.S. Secretary, with the replies from L.C.M.S. Commission on Constitutional Matters, regarding SELC District's submission responding to C.C.M.'s requesting to amend the District's Articles of Incorporation, as follows

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Respectfully submitted by:

Date: August 26, 2021

John J. Zettlemoyer, Jr.
John J. Zettlemoyer, Jr., Esq.
SELC District Legal Counsel

**REPORT OF LEGAL COUNSEL TO THE REGULAR MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF SELC DISTRICT OF THE L.C.M.S. FOR THE JUNE 28 AND 29, 2021 REGULAR BOARD
MEETING BY ZOOM AND AT CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH , MACUNGIE,
PENNSYLVANIA**

1. (Attendance and Participation) at five (5) Board of Directors meeting held by zoom and at Concordia Lutheran Church offices the last being in January 2021.

2. (Included in Legal Counsel's 9/8-9/19 Report - no action has been taken) To discuss, if necessary, in executive session communications from Dr. Sias, L.C.M.S. Secretary, with the replies from L.C.M.S. Commission on Constitutional Matters, regarding SELC District's submission responding to C.C.M.'s requesting to amend the District's Articles of Incorporation, as follows

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and those congregations, as well as any impact on the L.C.M.S and its Bylaws, rules and regulation, as the latter may be impacted.

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11. (12/4/19 Memo from LCMS Secretary John W. Sias) "District bylaw and practice changes necessitated by 2019 amendments of LCMS Constitution and Bylaws" (attached). To be reviewed and discussed members of SELC Board of Directors.

12. (St. John. Massillon, OH Constitution and Bylaws) to be reviewed.

Respectfully submitted by:

Date: June 14, 2021

John J. Zettlemoyer, Jr.
John J. Zettlemoyer, Jr., Esq.
SELC District Legal Counsel

**REPORT OF LEGAL COUNSEL TO THE REGULAR MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF SELC DISTRICT OF THE L.C.M.S. FOR THE SEPTEMBER 30, 2020, TO BE HELD BY
ZOOM**

1. Attendance and participation in three (4) virtual Board of Directors meetings.
2. **(Included in Legal Counsel's 9/8-9/19 Report - no action has been taken)** To discuss, if necessary, in executive session communications from Dr. Sias, L.C.M.S. Secretary, with the replies from L.C.M.S. Commission on Constitutional Matters, regarding SELC District's submission responding to C.C.M.'s requesting to amend the District's Articles of Incorporation, as follows

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4. (Re: Sadlon Estate bequest) The bequest has been received by the LCMS Foundation and has been deposited to the credit and for the use of SELC District (Please see the attachments to this Report). The amount is approximately \$38,500.00.

6. (Proposed change in SEC District's Bylaws) This change to Bylaw 10.4 by adding a new 10.4.3 has now been approved by the LCMS's Commission on Constitutional Matters, and now is to be brought before the next SELC District tri-annual Convention, 2021, for its approval.

Approved amendment:

10.4. Board of Directors Meetings

10.4.3. If any member of the Board of Directors is unable to attend, personally, a meeting of the Board of Directors, he/she may attend by telephone conference, when practicable, if the electronic means for doing so is available, whereby she/he may be heard by all in attendance. Such attendance shall be counted for determining whether or not the meeting meets quorum requirements.

9. (Communications) Several communications with SELC District and District congregational representatives, regarding several and sundry matters, pertaining to the District and those congregations, as well as any impact on the L.C.M.S and its Bylaws, rules and regulation, as the latter may be impacted.

10. (Proposed Change to SELC District Bylaws) This change to Bylaw 10.4 by amending 10.4.1 has now been approved by the LCMS's Commission on Constitutional Matters, and now is to be brought before the next SELC District tri-annual Convention, 2021, for its approval.

Approved amendment:

10.4. Board Directors Meetings

10.4.1 The members of the Board of Directors shall hold Four (4) meetings per calendar year to conduct its regular business. The meetings for the upcoming calendar year shall be scheduled to occur, during the winter, **spring**, summer and fall, with the actual dates, times, locations and/or means to be determined by the Board at the prior year's regular fall meeting. *For any meetings of the Board of Directors conducted through some form of teleconferencing, any actions taken, formally, by majority vote of the quorum then participating, shall be effective.*

11. (Proposed Change to SELC District Bylaws)

A. Suggested by C.C.M. (8/10/2020) to add the following language at the end of the current Bylaw 11.5.1 ". . . to account for additional advisory delegates sent by those congregations of a multi-congregational parish that do not contribute the lay voting delegate (Const. Art. XII 10 b):

11.5.1 (proposed last sentence): A congregation that is part of a parish, other than the congregation supplying the voting lay delegate, may elect and depute an advisory law delegate.

B. Suggested by C.C.M. (8/10/2020) that in SELC Bylaws 3.1, 4.1, 5.1 and 12.3.1 references to regional membership of the basis of membership need to be replaced with references to membership in a congregation of a region (Synod Bylaws 4.3.1, 3). Counsel's review of the current language of said bylaws does not reveal any references to regional membership.

C. Suggested by C.C.M. (8/10/2020) that in SELC Bylaws 11.5.2 and 11.7 'advisory members' should be changed to 'advisory delegates'.

D. Suggested by C.C.M. (8/10/2020) that the 15% rule in election of District officers should not apply to the President and Vice-president. Rather Synod's procedure (Bylaw 3.12.4.2) requires that removing the candidate with the smallest number of votes should be used when a majority has not been achieved. The following changes are suggested:

12.3.5. After the slate of candidates for District President has been accepted, the convention shall be polled using a secret ballot. If any candidate receives a majority of the votes cast, that candidate shall be declared elected. In the election process for President and First Vice-president, if no candidate received a majority of the votes cast, then the candidate with the fewest number of votes shall be removed from the ballot before the next round of voting until candidate receives a majority of the votes. In the election process for all other elected officers, the name of any candidate receiving less than fifteen (15%) Percent of the total vote cast shall be dropped from the ballot unless that leaves only one candidate, in which case the names of the candidates with the second and third highest vote totals shall be included on the ballot, and the convention shall be re-polled. If no candidate receives a clear majority, the process of dropping the name of the candidate with the fewest number of votes and re-polling shall continue until one candidate shall receive a majority.

E. Suggested by C.C.M. (8/10/2020) that SELC Bylaw 13.3 be changed to include review *"and approval"*.

13.3. (new)

When necessitated by amendments to the Synod Constitution or Bylaws or otherwise expressly directed by the Synod in convention, amendments may be made by a two-thirds majority of the district board of directors. Such amendments shall be drafted by the district's committee on constitution matters or in the absence thereof by the district secretary, and shall be reviewed and approved in advance by the LCMS Commission on Constitutional Matters (this was submitted to L.C.C. for review and approval, but needs to be revised, as indicated).

I have sent an email to C.C.M., asking for clarifications on this suggest revision, as well as that for SELC District Bylaw 10.4.3.

12. (Online SELC District Directory) The format and content for and of the District Directory that will be uploaded, eventually, onto the District's website is still a work in progress.

13. (Proposed amendment to SELC District Bylaws) By memo dated 12/4/19 from John W. Sias, Secretary, LCMS, suggested by the LCMS Commission on Constitutional Matters, to bypass the need to submit the same to the district convention for adoption, involving ". . . routine and obligatory amendments to the district bylaws . . .", and ". . . dealing with the specific circumstance when the Synod convention modifies the Constitution or Bylaws of the Synod in such a way that the bylaws of the districts must be adjusted, generally in an obvious way, into compliance." (see LCMS Bylaw 7.1.2).

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15. (Review SELC District's Articles of Incorporation) Process has been started to determine is SELC Articles of Incorporation need to be amended to bring them into alignment with Synod Bylaw 1.5.3.6 and 2016 Res. 9-02A.

Respectfully submitted by:

Date: September 11, 2020

John J. Zettlemoyer, Jr.
John J. Zettlemoyer, Jr., Esq.
SELC District Legal Counsel

REPORT OF LEGAL COUNSEL TO
THE REGULAR MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR
THE JUNE 23, 2020, MEETING OF SELC DISTRICT OF THE LCMS

- 1.** Attendance and participation in three (3) virtual Board of Directors meetings.
- 2. (Included in Legal Counsel's 1/28-29 Report - no action has been taken)**To discuss, if necessary, in executive session communications from Dr. Sias, L.C.M.S. Secretary, with the replies from L.C.M.S. Commission on Constitutional Matters, regarding SELC District's submission responding to C.C.M.'s requesting to amend the District's Articles of Incorporation, as follows

Except to the extent, if any, that the law requires otherwise, and notwithstanding anything in the Bylaws to the contrary, (a) All provisions of these Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws are subject to the provisions of the Constitution, the Bylaws and the Resolutions of The Lutheran Church ---Missouri Synod in convention, and (b) that in the event of dissolution other than by direction from the Synod in convention, the assets of the District, subject to its liabilities, shall be transferred, consistent with applicable state and federal laws to the Lutheran Church ---

Missouri Synod.

Discussion to result in communication back to LCMS in view of SELC's relationship with LCMS, regarding the assets of SELC, including Lutheran Haven in the event of dissolution. Depending on the outcome of said discussions, this may require a vote by the SELC District Board of Directors (For further information, please refer to Legal Counsel's 1/21-22/19 Report to the District Board of Directors, §2) Dr. Sias' and C.C.M.'s letters all attached to my May 2019 Report.

3. (This item remains in the report for informational purposes) Continuing request made that the proofread copy of the approved version of the amended (from time-to-time) SELC Bylaws be posted on the SELC District website once it is ready to accept such postings.

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5. (This item remains in the report for informational purposes) A request to the SELC District Secretary to remind all District congregations, and especially the several Circuit Visitors that any proposed changes to the bylaws of the several District congregations, such changes must follow the path set forth in the District's amended Bylaws in the following order: Approval by the congregation's governing entity; approval by the District's Board of Directors; and, finally, approval by the congregation's voters assembly. Once this process has been completed, a copy of the then formally approved congregation's amended bylaws shall be forwarded to the District's secretary (4th time). I checked with the District Secretary, and I was informed that he has not yet been directed to do this as well as the contents of the SELC District Directory, as it is to appear on the District's website.

6. (Proposed change in SELC District's Bylaws) This change to Bylaw 10.4 by adding a new 10.4.3 has now been approved by the LCMS's Commission on Constitutional Matters, and now is to be brought before the next SELC District tri-annual Convention, 2021, for its approval.

Approved amendment:

10.4. **Board of Directors Meetings**

10.4.3. *If any member of the Board of Directors is unable to attend, personally, a meeting of the Board of Directors, he/she may attend by telephone conference, when practicable, if the electronic means for doing so is available, whereby she/he may be heard by all in attendance. Such attendance shall be counted for determining whether or not the meeting meets quorum requirements.*

7. (This has been included for informational purposes) A rule of not-for-profit statutory procedure (Pennsylvania, 15 Pa.C.S.A. §5101, et seq.) and Robert's Rules of Order, as

amended, for the conduct of the meetings of the boards of not-for-profit corporations to consider: The District's board meetings are public in the sense that anyone interested in the work of the Board has the right to attend and participate, appropriately. As such the dates/times, locations and agenda of each such meetings should be published (meeting minutes and the District website) as soon as possible after becoming known to the Board. Meeting minutes should be published as soon as approved. In today's age of electronic communication, the Board members should be careful about discussing matters, pending or to be considered by the Board, informally, by email or otherwise, because of the risk of convening, unintentionally, a board meeting in contravention of such a rule (SELC District Bylaws has a section for dealing with such matters by electronic means, but any action taken by such means is not completed, formally, until next face-to-face board meeting (recognize that there may be a complication with the application of such a rule created by a board meeting held telephone conference - such is life in the magical age of email, internet, teleconference calls and the myriad of other social media platforms). Adhering to such a rule may also require the Board to create a board meeting agenda to be published on the District's website.

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9. (Communications) Several communications with SELC District and District congregational representatives, regarding several and sundry matters, pertaining to the District and those congregations, as well as any impact on the L.C.M.S and its Bylaws, rules and regulation, as the latter may be impacted (this includes contacts made by congregations, seeking legal advice from the District's legal counsel).

10. (Proposed Change to SELC District Bylaws) This change to Bylaw 10.4 by amending 10.4.1 has now been approved by the LCMS's Commission on Constitutional Matters, and now is to be brought before the next SELC District tri-annual Convention, 2021, for its approval.

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11. (Still searching for a congregation's current constitution?) Since the Last SELC Board of Directors meeting in September, it did not appear as of that time that either Pastor Jacobs of Pentecost Lutheran Church's or the District's or legal counsel's files contain a copy of Pentecost's most current constitution. Has there been any change to this mystery, or has the congregation come up with some other means to a current constitution/bylaws?

12. (Online SELC District Directory) The format and content for and of the District Directory that will be uploaded, eventually, onto the District's website is still a work in progress (see May 2020 "SELC Update").

13. (Proposed amendment to SELC District Bylaws) By memo dated 12/4/19 from John W. Sias, Secretary, LCMS, suggested by the LCMS Commission on Constitutional Matters, to bypass the need to submit the same to the district convention for adoption, involving ". . . routine and obligatory amendments to the district bylaws . . .", and ". . . dealing with the specific circumstance when the Synod convention modifies the Constitution or Bylaws of the Synod in such a way that the bylaws of the districts must be adjusted, generally in an obvious way, into compliance." (see LCMS Bylaw 7.1.2).

Article 13 - Amendments to Articles of Constitution and Bylaws

13.3. (new)

When necessitated by amendments to the Synod Constitution or Bylaws or otherwise expressly directed by the Synod in convention, amendments may be made by a two-thirds majority of the district board of directors. Such amendments shall be drafted by the district's committee on constitution matters or in the absence thereof by the district secretary, and shall be reviewed in advance by the LCMS Commission on Constitutional Matters.

14. (12/4/19 Memo from LCMS Secretary John W. Sias) "District bylaw and practice changes necessitated by 2019 amendments of LCMS Constitution and Bylaws" (attached). To be reviewed and discussed members of SELC Board of Directors.

15. (District Counsel attended a Webinar) On 5/5/2020 the District's legal counsel participated in a webinar on the topic, "Are you Conducting Legal Virtual church Meetings?". On 5/21/2020 counsel wrote and submitted a report to the District" President that resulted from counsel's attendance. A copy of that report is attached to this Report. Counsel has started the process of drafting amendments to the District's Bylaws and Constitution, as well as suggested rules for the conduct of such meetings. Input from District Board Members, and others would be greatly appreciated, during the drafting process and thereafter.

Respectfully submitted by:

Date: June 10, 2020

**John J. Zettlemoyer, Jr.
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SELC District Legal Counsel**

REPORT OF LEGAL COUNSEL TO THE REGULAR MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF SELC DISTRICT OF THE L.C.M.S. FOR THE JANUARY 28 - 29, 2020, TO BE HELD IN OVIDO, FL

- 1.** Attendance and participation in the 9/8-9/19 Board of Directors meeting held in Carmel, IN.
- 2.** **(Included in Legal Counsel's 9/8-9/19 Report - no action has been taken)**To discuss,

if necessary, in executive session communications from Dr. Sias, L.C.M.S. Secretary, with the replies from L.C.M.S. Commission on Constitutional Matters, regarding SELC District's submission responding to C.C.M.'s requesting to amend the District's Articles of Incorporation, as follows

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Approved amendment:

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Respectfully submitted by:

Date: January 13, 2020

John J. Zettlemoyer, Jr.
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SELC District Legal Counsel

REPORT OF LEGAL COUNSEL FOR SELC DISTRICT OF THE L.C.M.S. FOR THE OCTOBER 8 - 9, 2019 REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO BE HELD IN CARMEL, IN

1. Attendance and participation in the 6/2019 Board of Directors meeting hosted by telephone conference (**Left meeting early due to another engagement**).

2. (This subject matter shall be discussed further during the time in Carmel, IN) To discuss in executive session communications from Dr. Sias, L.C.M.S. Secretary, with the replies from L.C.M.S. Commission on Constitutional Matters, regarding SELC District's

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4. (I shall have further information on this item prior to the meeting) As to the matter of acquiring a Canadian tax I.D. No. for the Sadlon Estate bequest, the L.C.M.S. Sara Fuelling, LCMS Trust & Estate Manager shall cause an application to be made (a current one could not be located). This bequest which was made to the Lutheran Church --- Missouri Synod Foundation shall be deposited to the benefit of the SELC District.

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Approved amendment:

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8. District President to appoint a third member to the District's Committee on Constitutional Matters.

10. Several communications with SELC District and District congregational representatives, regarding several and sundry matters, pertaining to the District and those congregations, as well as any impact on the L.C.M.S and its Bylaws, rules and regulation, as the latter may be impacted.

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Approved amendment:

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12. (The approval by email voting needs the formality of a confirming vote on the same motion) The SELC District Board of Directors has approved the submitted proposed Constitution and Bylaws of Faith Lutheran Church, Wesley Chapel, Inc., FL with amendments (new congregation). Faith Lutheran Church, Wesley Chapel has been so notified. Several emails have been circulated, establishing a suggested protocol to complete the new congregation admissions process.

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Respectfully submitted by:

Date: September 9, 2019

John J. Zettlemoyer, Jr.
John J. Zettlemoyer, Jr., Esq.
SELC District Legal Counsel

REPORT OF LEGAL COUNSEL FOR SELC DISTRICT OF THE L.C.M.S. FOR THE JUNE 20, 2019 REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HOSTED BY TELEPHONE CONFERENCE

1. Attendance and participation in the 5/7-8/19 Board of Directors meeting at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Parma, OH.

2. Attendance at a portion of the P.C.W.C. meeting at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Parma, OH.

3. To discuss in executive session communications from Dr. Sias, L.C.M.S. Secretary, with the replies from L.C.M.S. Commission on Constitutional Matters, regarding SELC District's submission responding to C.C.M.'s requesting to amend the District's Articles of Incorporation, as follows

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6. A request to the SELC District Secretary to remind all District congregations, and especially the several Circuit Visitors that any proposed changes to the bylaws of the several District congregations, such changes must follow the path set forth in the District's amended Bylaws in the following order: Approval by the congregation's governing entity; approval by the District's Board of Directors; and, finally, approval by the congregation's voters assembly. Once this process has been completed, a copy of the then formally approved congregation's amended bylaws shall be forwarded to the District's secretary (4th time). I checked with the District Secretary, and I was informed that he has not yet been directed to do this **(I thought it best to leave this in my report so as to insure that all District congregations are made aware of this procedure, perhaps through the circuit visitors.**

7. Report on the updating of the format as well as the contents of the SELC District Directory, as it is to appear on the District's website.

8. District Bylaws' change to Bylaw 10.4 by adding 10.4.3, as approved by the District Board of Directors at its May 2019 meeting, and submitted to LCMS for review and consideration by its C.R.C.

Approved amendment:

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10. Don Roegge, one of the three (3) members of the District's C.R.C. is moving, and will no longer be a member of an SELC congregation. It is requested is someone be appointed to the C.R.C. to take his place.

11. Discuss means to develop and strengthen the Board's relationships with the congregations of the SELC: Solicit recommendations from the Circuit Visitors for names of members of the several congregations in each of their Circuits who are willing to share their abilities by participating through SELC committee assignments in the work of the District. This process does not have to be as formal or detailed as the Synod's process (4th time). **This item is being left in this report for informational purposes. It shall be removed from the next quarterly meeting's report**

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- 14.** Proposed Constitution and Bylaws of Faith Lutheran Church, Wesley Chapel, Inc., FL with amendments (new congregation), have been reviewed by the District's C.R.C., and recommended for approval by the District Board of Directors at its June 20, 2019, meeting.
- 15.** Received a request from Pastor Jacobs for a copy of Pentecost Lutheran Church's most recent constitution. His most recent copy is dated July 2000. I am looking through my files, to see what I have. Does anyone else have a copy of a more recent version?
- 16.** Have all aspects of the matter of a SELC District credit card been resolved?

Respectfully submitted by:

Date: April 12, 2019

John J. Zettlemoyer, Jr.
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SELC District Legal Counsel

REPORT OF LEGAL COUNSEL FOR SELC DISTRICT OF THE L.C.M.S. FOR THE
JANUARY 21-22, 2019 REGULAR MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HOSTED BY HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH, LAKE
MARY, FL.

- 1.** Participation by teleconferencing in the 12/6/2018 SELC Board of Directors Meeting.
- 2.** SELC's Constitutional Review Committee, John J. Zettlemoyer, Jr., Larry Schultz and Don Roegge, members, is continuing to work on updating and completing the District's Articles of Incorporation, as requested by the L.C.M.S. Commission on Constitutional Matters (see L.C.M.S. Bylaw 1.5.3.6 and 2016 Resolution 9-02A).
- 3.** Request made that the proofread copy of the final approved version of the amended SELC Bylaws be posted on the SELC District website (3rd time). I checked with the District Secretary, and I was informed that the Website is not ready to accept such postings
- 4.** A copy of the Sadlon Last Will & Testament shall be made available to the members of the Board of Directors at its upcoming meeting.
- 11.** Board President Wally's 4/30/18 email is a new and good touchstone for communication and sharing of information amongst Board members and the several others to whom such communication and information sharing is directed. It suggests the context in which such tools should be utilized. Perhaps, these tools and their "how to" might be a topic that serves to benefit the Board at its upcoming meeting and thereafter (3rd time).
- 12.** Just a reminder: Don Roegge's new email address: droegge@gmail.com (3rd time). Don is a member of the SELC C.R.C.
- 16.** Several communications with SELC District and District congregational representatives, regarding several and sundry matters, pertaining to the District and those congregations, as well

as any impact on the L.C.M.S and its Bylaws, rules and regulation, as the latter may be impacted.

17. St. Stephen's has proposed a change to its Constitution. On 9/23/18 a special voters' meeting approved a change to Art. XVI:

A. Current wording: "Art. XVI - Property Rights. Sec. 2 In the event that the congregation should dissolve or disband, the property and all rights connected therewith shall be transferred to the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod."

B. Proposed change: "[In the event] that [St. Stephen's] dissolves [the] property and all rights connected therewith shall be dispersed at the sole discretion, and the will of the majority two thirds of votes cast at Voters' meeting, and not dispersed to the Synod. The assets and sale thereof, will be donated to nonprofit organizations within the confines of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod."

Formal corporate action on this matter is governed by L.C.M.S. Bylaw 2.4 - Continued Eligibility of Congregations. Sec. 2.4.1.c. states that, "Upon advice of the constitution committee and recommendation by the district president, the district board of directors shall determine if the changes are acceptable to the Synod."

At the 12/6/18 SELC Board of Directors' Meeting it was determined that the SELC Legal Counsel shall consult with the L.C.M.S. as to the appropriateness of this proposed change. Legal Counsel had a telephone discussion and an email exchange with Synod Secretary Rev. Dr. John Sias, and on 12/11/18 Dr. Sias wrote Exhibit "A" attached hereto. The District's C.R.C. recommends that the District Board of Directors direct its Legal Counsel to forward Dr. Sias' email to St. Stephen's with the suggestion that it review and reconsider its previously submitted Constitution amendment, taking into consideration Dr. Sias' point-of-view, and after doing so then re-submit its constitution amendment proposal to the SELC C.R.C., together with any changes, for its review and presentation to the District's Board of Directors.

18. St. Athanasius has forwarded a request for comprehensive changes to its Bylaws and Constitution to the Board of Directors. Attached to this Report are two sets of two (2) documents each; one set for the Bylaws, and one for the Constitution (Exhibit "B"). One shows the proposed deletions (red) and proposed additions (blue). The other is the document with the proposed amended document, if approved by the Board.

SELC's C.R.C. recommendation: Approval of all requested changes except for Paragraphs 64 and 65 of the Constitution that are still under review.

19. The L.C.M.S. C.C.M. has directed that all agencies of the Synod, and as it pertains to the SELC and its subsidiary agency, Lutheran Haven (agencies of agencies are also agencies of the Synod), to comply with L.C.M.S. Bylaw 1.5.3.6 and Resolution 9-02A (Exhibit "C"). With respect to SELC's compliance with this directive, I shall file an amendment to our District's original Articles of Incorporation that shall read as follows"

Except to the extent, if any, that the law requires otherwise, and notwithstanding anything in the Bylaws to the contrary, the Articles of Incorporation or any other governing documents are amended as follows: (a) All provisions of its Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws are subject to the provisions of the Constitution, the Bylaws, and the resolutions of the Synod in convention, and (b) that in the event of dissolution other than by direction from the Synod in convention, the assets of such agency, subject to its liabilities, shall be transferred, consistent with applicable state and federal laws, as follows: (1) In the case of a synod-wide corporate entity, district (emphasis added), university, college or seminary, to the Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod, as may be more specifically described elsewhere in these Bylaws; and (2) In the case of a corporation formed by an agency (as defined in these Bylaws) to the agency that

formed the dissolving corporation, or if such forming agency is not then in existence, to the Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod itself.

I did a search, albeit unsuccessful, for the Lutheran Haven Bylaws. If anyone has access to a copy, I ask that the those Bylaws be reviewed to determine if they contain any provision that addresses this Synod directive, and let me know of the result of that review.

20. It is proposed that the SELC District Bylaws shall be amended as follows:

10.4. Board Directors Meetings:

10.4.1 The members of the Board of Directors shall hold Four (4) meetings per calendar year to conduct its regular business. The meetings for the upcoming calendar year shall be scheduled to occur, during the winter, **spring**, summer and fall, with the actual dates, times, locations and/or means to be determined by the Board at the prior year's regular fall meeting. For any meetings of the Board of Directors conducted through some form of teleconferencing, any actions taken, formally, by majority vote of the quorum then participating, in order to be effective, shall be confirmed by a vote of a majority of the quorum present at the next scheduled face-to-face meeting of the Board of Directors (to be inserted); and

10.4.2 The Board of Directors shall meet in special session at such other dates, times and locations, as the President and/or the majority of the Board members, from time-to-time, shall determine.

(I have also attached, as Exhibit "D", my 9/26/18 emailed critique of my Report to the Board presented at the 9/24-25/18 Board Meeting held at Redeemer Lutheran Church, Manchester, NJ.)

Respectfully submitted by:

Date: January 11, 2019

John J. Zettlemoyer, Jr.
John J. Zettlemoyer, Jr., Esq.
SELC District Legal Counsel

Report of the Lay Member - Mission Focus of the SELC Board of Directors

For the past 4 years I have had the privilege of serving as your Lay Representative - Mission Focus on the SELC Board of Directors (BOD). This has been my first term holding such an office, and much learning was required on my part. Although I did not know the person who held the position before me well, I understood quickly that there were large shoes for me to fill. I regret that I was not able to capitalize on my predecessor's knowledge and experience.

I considered my role on the SELC BOD to be the voice of the laity as the Board performed its duties. These duties included developing short and long term visions, being responsible and wise stewards of the resources our Lord has given us, assisting and encouraging the member congregations, and confronting the new realities created by the COVID pandemic. As the Board carried out these duties, I always tried to consider how the different options being considered would impact those of you sitting in the pews on Sunday, and how the different options would benefit God's Church. In humility and with prayer, I contributed my lay perspectives to the decisions we made.

Unlike several members of the SELC BOD, I did not have a unique set of tasks or activities for which I was responsible. Rather, as was the case for all members of the Board, my responsibilities included attending meetings, contributing to discussions, and voting on matters before the Board. With one exception, I attended, in person or virtually, all of the SELC BOD meetings, provided input from the perspective of a member of the laity, and cast a vote on your behalf on all matters before the board. On a few occasions, when Brother Telloni was unavailable, I acted as the Recording Secretary *Pro Tem*. With the help of the Spirit and using the gifts with which the Father has blessed me, I fulfilled, I believe, the responsibilities I accepted on your behalf.

It has been an honor and privilege to serve on the SELC BOD during the past 4 years. I have come to know the other members of the Board more intimately during those years than would have been possible otherwise. I can assure you that the members of the Board you elected in convention in 2018 are filled with the Spirit, and want nothing more than to ensure that God's flock is fed, nourished, and increased.

Your servant in Christ, Matthew K. Berent SELC BOD, Lay Representative - Mission Focus

Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service

2021 was many things – frustrating, surprising, heartbreaking, and heartening – to name a few. At Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service, however, the word we find ourselves using the most is transformative. Like all of you, we found ourselves facing parallel crises: the continuing COVID-19 pandemic, an influx of vulnerable immigrant children at our border, and the devastating refugee crisis in Afghanistan. While it was an incredibly difficult year in many ways, it was also one of the most inspiring in our 83-year history. People of faith and communities like yours stepped up in ways that we never could have expected to meet this moment and fulfill our Biblical call to welcome the stranger. In the last year alone:

- 100,000 volunteers signed up to support our refugee and immigrant neighbors
- Supporters provided more than \$30,000 worth of essential items like cell phones and gift cards to our Afghan brothers and sisters
- 14,000+ generous donors opened their hearts to the ministry of welcome
- LIRS welcomed more than 10,500 Afghans through our nationwide resettlement network
- Our team assisted in reunifying or placing nearly 33,000 children in loving homes
- We sent nearly 20,000 holiday cards and 1,750+ gifts to families affected by immigration detention
- LIRS launched several exciting new programs and offices, such as field offices in Northern Virginia and Fargo, ND; the New American Cities economic empowerment program; Mental Health services for refugee children and families, and more.

Our resettlement and immigration services were complemented by our ever-growing slate of annual programs, which offer the public opportunities to ADAPT: Act, Donate, Advocate, Pray, and Teach. We invite you to engage with LIRS, as an individual or community, through one of our five key programs:

- Stand Up Speak Up – Our interfaith advocacy program organized each spring
- Gather - A cultural education program hosted in the fall
- Hope for the Holidays™ - LIRS' flagship winter program for supporting families impacted by immigration detention
- EMMAUS Congregational Network - Our network of congregations who receive resources and support from LIRS
- LIRS Ambassador Network - A community of change-makers from around the US
In 2022, we are deepening our commitment to the work of welcome and believe that together, we can realize Matthew 25:35 in communities across the United States. We are so grateful for your astounding support and look forward to welcoming our newest neighbors alongside you.

In peace, Dr. Kristin Witte, Director for Outreach

Potential Overtures and Synodical Focus

For National Convention:

Overture: To Address the Lutheran Teacher Shortage and Low Teacher Salaries by Initiating a Student Debt Assistance Program for LCMS Commissioned Minister - Teacher

WHEREAS; our Lutheran Schools struggle to find rostered teachers to serve in the classrooms of our High Schools, Elementary Schools, and Child Development Centers¹; and

WHEREAS; research has shown that a primary reason for this is the lower salary offered for teachers within the Lutheran school systems^{2,3}; and

WHEREAS; Concordia Plans reported in 2021 that 27% of LCMS workers have student debt that averages \$46,000 per student; and

WHEREAS; The reality of Student Loan Debt is an important part of the decision to seek employment outside the Lutheran school; and

WHEREAS; it is a value that we fill our schools with rostered workers⁴; then be it Resolved, That a National Lutheran Teacher Student Debt Assistance Program be developed that recognizes the service of Lutheran Teachers through Student Loan Debt Forgiveness, and be it further

Resolved, That a committee comprising of members of the Education Department of the Concordia University System, LCMS School Ministry, Concordia Plans, The Foundation, and the Council of Presidents develops the loan forgiveness process, and be it further

Resolved, That a special, designated offering to establish this program be taken during the National Lutheran Schools Weeks of 2024, 2025, and 2026, and be it further

Resolved, That reports of this work be provided through regular communications of the Synod, and be it finally

Resolved, that the SELC District memorialize the Synod in Convention to adopt a National Lutheran Teacher Student Debt Assistance Program.

1. WHEREAS, The number of new commissioned teachers has steadily declined since 2005 (Concordia University System [CUS] Board for University

Education [BUE] statistics); and

WHEREAS, The fulfillment rate of requests for first-year Synod-trained candidates to LCMS calling entities has declined from 63 percent in 2010 to 30 percent in 2018 because of the lack of available Synod-trained candidates (CUS BUE statistics);

WHEREAS, The CUS only graduated 23 early childhood educators, 39 elementary educators, and 32 secondary educators in 2018 (CUS BUE statistics); (2019 Resolution 12:02A, p.222 of 2019 LCMS Convention Proceedings)

2. Theme 8 of Office of National Mission's "LCMS Church Worker Wellness Insights", presentation by Rev. Robert Zagore, Office of National Mission to Gospel 2019

✓ Financial wellbeing is unique among worker needs in that the major problems are beyond the worker's ability to change - most often the problem is that the workers are in a mathematically impossible situation

- ❖ Workers are under-paid for their skill level and workload
- ❖ Costs for health care are being pushed to the workers
- ❖ Young workers are burdened with significant student debt

✓ Many calling bodies are unable to pay their workers what is necessary

- ❖ *"The toughest work is being done in the places that can pay the least"* (i.e. Dying congregations, inner-city churches, immigrant ministries, etc.)

3. Note: Conclusion of Final Report of the Blue Ribbon Committee on Lutheran Schools (2019 R.63) "Lutheran education is a noble calling, yet it is facing significant challenges. Data support a real need for synodical entities to bring resolution to indebtedness for church workers. With the impending retirement of many teachers and administrators coupled with the diminishing numbers of Lutheran Teacher Diploma (LTD) candidates enrolling in the Concordia University System, there is an increased sense of urgency to recruit and retain qualified young people in the Lutheran teaching ministry. The desire to enter the vocation of education is lessening due to several factors including classroom management issues, public perception of the profession and state regulations. Additionally, many students are coming out of college with significant debt and are paid salaries below recommended levels.

The trendline on debt and salary must change or the teacher shortage will likely continue. Teachers and administrators are in a great position to influence current and future students about the joys and rewards of church work and need to be intentional in their efforts to help recruit new students for the Concordia University System." (2019 LCMS Convention Workbook, p.344-348.)

4. WHEREAS, the 2016 Synod Convention Res. 8-01A, "To Encourage and Strengthen the Lutheran Ethos of Our LCMS Early childhood Centers, Elementary Schools, and High Schools" specifically identified that a characteristic of a Lutheran school with a strong Lutheran ethos has "LCMS-trained Lutheran teachers ... who know and are committed to the truths of the Scriptures as confessed in our Lutheran Confessions (2019 LCMS Convention Proceedings, Resolution 12-02 A, p.221)

Overture: To Recognize and Thank the LCMS for the Strengthened and Expanded "Soldiers of the Cross" COVID-19 Response Initiative

Note: An LCMS Counter will provide you with the most current numbers: <https://www.lcms.org/how-we-serve/mercy/serving-church-workers/soldiers-of-the-cross/covid-19>, you may also want to include the amount your District received.

WHEREAS; The Pandemic of 2020 shuttered schools in the middle of the school year, furloughed workers and caused others to pivot towards a digital presence for which they were unprepared; and

WHEREAS; Many of our teachers and school workers were without the additional tuition or budget income needed to support the immediate response to the transition and additional regulations that were placed upon them through the Centers for Disease Control and the Executive orders of local, state, and national government; and

WHEREAS; The need for compassionate support and financial assistance was great; And

WHEREAS; The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod (LCMS) and The Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF) worked together to identify funds for immediate assistance for all who served in Lutheran ministries; and

WHEREAS; Many of our school and child development workers who were both rostered and lay benefited from this generous act of compassion; and

WHEREAS; As of September 2020 more than \$1,516,847 was awarded to 902 workers; be it therefore

Resolved, that on behalf of the workers of our Lutheran churches, schools, and centers the SELC District in Convention publicly thank God for the generosity of His people, The LCMS and the LCEF for supporting all who serve in our schools and childcare centers.

Nominations by the Congregations of the SELC District

Office of District President

The following were nominated and agreed to allow name to stand for election:

+ Rev. Waldemar R. Vinovskis

The following were nominated but declined to allow their name to stand for election:

+ Rev. Wally Arp
+ Rev. Christopher Cahill
+ Rev. James Douthwaite

For the Office of Vice President - Eastern

The following were nominated and agreed to allow name to stand for election:

+ Rev. James Douthwaite

The following were nominated but declined to allow their name to stand for election:

+ Rev. Daniel Berteau

For the Office of Vice President - Central Circuit

The following were nominated and agreed to allow name to stand for election:

+ Rev. Christopher Cahill

The following were nominated but declined to allow their name to stand for election:

+ Rev. Jacob Deal
+ Rev. George Hansell
+ Rev. Curtis Stephens

For the Office of Vice President - Western Circuit

The following were nominated and agreed to allow name to stand for election:

+ Rev. Richard Ramirez

The following were nominated but declined to allow their name to stand for election:

- + Rev. Michael Croon
- + Rev. John Gutz

For the Office of the Vice President - Southern Circuit

The following were nominated and agreed to allow name to stand for election:

- + Rev. Wally Arp
- + Rev. Ronald Meyr

The following were nominated but declined to allow their name to stand for election:

- + Rev. Kevin Duff
- + Rev. Brian Roberts

Office of the Secretary

The following were nominated and agreed to allow name to stand for election:

- + Rev. John Telloni

The following were nominated but declined to allow their name to stand for election:

- + Rev. Curtis Stephens

Office of the Treasurer

The following were nominated and agreed to allow name to stand for election:

- + Robert Lange

The following were nominated but declined to allow their name to stand for election:

- + Larry Schultz

For the Office of the Financial Secretary

The following were nominated and agreed to allow name to stand for election:

- + Scott Killian
- + Larry Schultz

The following were nominated but declined to allow their name to stand for election:
None

Board of Directors, Pastoral Representative at-large

The following were nominated and agreed to allow their name to stand for election:

- + Rev. Andrew Dzurovcik
- + Rev. Ronald Meyr

The following were nominated but declined to allow their name to stand for election:

- + Rev. Kevin Duff
- + Rev. Peter Haenftling

Board of Directors, Pastoral Representative, Mission Focus

The following were nominated and agreed to allow their name to stand for election:

- + Rev. Tige Culbertson
- + Rev. David Haara

The following were nominated but declined to allow their name to stand for election:

- + Rev. Charles St-Onge
- + Rev. Mark C. Larson

Board of Directors, Lay Representative

The following were nominated and agreed to allow their name to stand for election:

- + Grace Killian
- + Milly Kwiatkowski
- + Jeanne Wacker

The following were nominated but declined to allow their name to stand for election:

- + Doug Schipull

Board of Directors, Lay Representative, Mission Focus

The following were nominated and agreed to allow their name to stand for election:

- + Deborah St-Onge

The following were nominated but declined to allow their name to stand for election:
None

Circuit Visitors

Eastern Circuit

The following were nominated and agreed to allow their name to stand for election:

- + Rev. James Douthwaite

The following were nominated but declined to allow their name to stand for election:

- + Rev. Raymond Malec

Central Circuit

The following were nominated and agreed to allow their name to stand for election:

+ Rev. Curtis Stephens

The following were nominated but declined to allow their name to stand for election:

+ Rev. Jacob Deal

Western Circuit

The following were nominated and agreed to allow their name to stand for election:

+ Rev. Carl Krueger

The following were nominated but declined to allow their name to stand for election:

None

Southern Circuit

The following were nominated and agreed to allow their name to stand for election:

+ Rev. David Haara

The following were nominated but declined to allow their name to stand for election:

None

Lutheran Haven Board, Circuit Pastoral Representatives:

Eastern Circuit

The following were nominated and agreed to allow their name to stand for election:

+ Rev. Daniel Berteau

The following were nominated but declined to allow their name to stand for election:

None

Central Circuit

The following were nominated and agreed to allow their name to stand for election:

- + Rev. Jon Carpenter
- + Rev. George Hansell

The following were nominated but declined to allow their name to stand for election:
None

Western Circuit

The following were nominated and agreed to allow their name to stand for election:

- + Rev. John Gutz

The following were nominated but declined to allow their name to stand for election:
None

Southern Circuit

The following were nominated and agreed to allow their name to stand for election:

- + Rev. Wally Arp as Pastor of St. Luke's

Lutheran Haven Board, Lay Representative

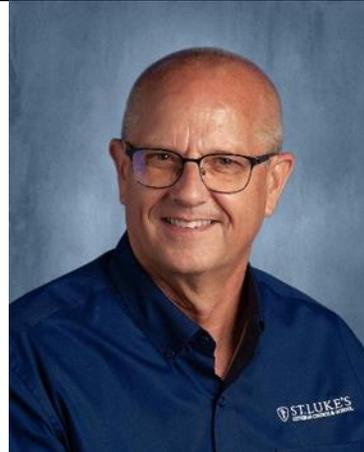
The following were nominated and agreed to allow their name to stand for election:

- + Ardyne Kim

Biographies

Rev. Wally Arp

I am the second of four children born to Gary and Marjorie Arp. I grew up in the LC-MS where my father served as a parish pastor 30+ years and as District President of Iowa District East for 9 years.



I graduated from Iowa Western Community College in Clarinda Iowa in 1978 with AA Degree. I enrolled at the University of Iowa, Iowa City eventually completing my BA Degree in History in 1983. I graduated from Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne, IN in 1988. I served my vicarage at St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Oviedo, FL, SELC District.

My first congregation was Risen Christ Lutheran Church in Davenport, Iowa (1988-1998). In Iowa District East I served as the District Evangelism Chairman for several years. I also served the Synod on the Board for Congregational Services, The Task Force on the Restoration of Harmony in the Synod, the Koinonia Project, and the Catechism Review Committee. I was also a member of the Board of Directors for Lutheran Family Services of Iowa and Lutheran Counseling Services of Central Florida.

In 1998 I accepted the call to St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Oviedo, FL. I serve on the Lutheran Haven Board of Directors. I have served two terms as 1st Vice President of the SELC District.

I am married to Lois and we celebrated our 43rd wedding anniversary this year. We have four married children: two daughters and two sons and eight grandchildren.

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Matthew Berent

Matthew Berent is a lifelong member of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. He is a current member of Saints Peter and Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church in Sharon, Pennsylvania, and former member of LC-MS congregations in Michigan, Ohio, New York, Idaho, California, and Florida.



Matthew has served the Church in a variety of capacities. He is a founding member and the current president of Mahoning Valley Lutherans, and the current Vice President and Chair of the Financial Committee for Saints Peter and Paul. He served as the president of Saints Peter and Paul in Sharon, Pennsylvania for eight years and as the president of Faith Lutheran Church in Pocatello, Idaho for three years. He is currently serving as the Lay Representative – Mission Focus on the SELC Board of Directors. He has served as an SELC lay delegate at the 2016 and 2019 LC-MS Synodical Conventions, as a congregational representative at the 2012, 2015, and 2018 SELC District Conventions, and as a congregational representative at the 1997 Northwest District Convention.

Matthew has received both parochial and secular education. He is a graduate of Saint Paul Lutheran School in Royal Oak, Michigan and Lutheran High School North in Macomb, Michigan. In 1983 he received a B.A. from Concordia College in Ann Arbor, Michigan. His education continued at The Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio from which he received an M.A. and Ph.D. in social psychology.

Matthew has held positions in academic institutions, high tech firms, and manufacturing companies. He was an Assistant Professor at Idaho State University, a Visiting Assistant Professor at Colgate University, University of California-Santa Cruz, and Florida Atlantic University, an Academic Research and Program Officer at Stanford University, and an Instructor at The Ohio State University. He has also been the Staff Survey Researcher at Intuit, and a Project Manager at Regenex.

Matthew currently operates an independent consultant business with his wife Cathy. Matt Berent Consulting provides a variety of research related services for academics and businesses. His clients have included faculty at Stanford University and the University of Michigan, start-up businesses in Silicon Valley, law firms, research groups, and manufacturing companies.

Matthew is an active contributor to the scientific community. His research has been published in top-ranked journals in social psychology, public opinion research, and political science. He has also published several book chapters, authored a number of technical reports, and given more than 30 presentation of his research at professional conferences. His work has been cited more than 3,750 times by other scholars.

Matthew currently lives with his wife Cathy, their dogs Otis and Norman, and their three-legged cat Sarge, in Sharon, Pennsylvania. Matt and Cathy's grandchildren Liliana and Solomon live with Cathy's daughter Leah and her husband Matthew in Rhode Island. Their other grandchildren, Eleanor, Harrison, Charlotte, and Oliver live with Cathy's son Mason and his wife Michelle in Florida.

Matthew and Cathy enjoy all the blessings the Lord has given them. They love visiting children and grandchildren in Rhode Island and Florida, and Matthew's family in Michigan. They delight in seeing remote stretches of the Father's creation, which has included driving trips to Inuvik in the Arctic Circle and Saint James Bay in Canada. They are also thankful that their vocations leave them ample time to use their time and talents in whatever opportunities the Spirit presents.

REV. DANIEL C. BERTEAU

College Education: M. DIV.- Master of
Divinity,
Concordia
Seminary- St.
Louis, MO,
1996
B.A. – Bachelor of Arts,

Concordia College, St Paul, MN. 1992.
Th.M.– Master of
Theology, Princeton
Seminary, Princeton,
N.J. 2007



Professional Credentials: Senior Pastor at Redeemer Lutheran Church, Manchester, New Jersey
2016-Present
United States Navy Chaplain, 2001-1016
Associate Pastor: Trinity Lutheran Church, Genoa, Illinois 1996-2001
Lutheran Haven Board of Trustees, 2017 to present

Brief Biography/Resume

In of July 1982, Daniel Christian Berteau enlisted in the United States Marine Corps and upon graduating boot camp at Recruit Depot Parris Island on October 7th spent four years on active duty serving at various duty stations at home and abroad. After leaving Active Duty he then spent the next eight years continuing to serve our nation in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve. During these Marine Reserve years, he attended Concordia College in Saint Paul, Minnesota and then Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, MO. Upon completion of Seminary, Rev. Berteau took his first Divine Call to Trinity Lutheran Church in Genoa Illinois where he ministered as Associate Pastor for 5 years. In 2001, as the country reeled following the 9/11 attacks, Rev. Berteau heard the call to serve on Active Duty once again and subsequently accepted a call to serve on Active Duty as a military chaplain in the United States Navy. While serving as a Navy Chaplain, he administered Word and Sacrament on various Navy ships, in combat with Marines, and to Coast Guardsmen and women at home and abroad. After 15 years of military ministry he retired from military service in 2016.

In 2016 Pastor Berteau accepted a divine call to serve the Lord as Senior Pastor at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Manchester, New Jersey.

In 2017 Pastor Berteau was elected to serve as the Eastern Circuit Pastoral Representative to the Board of Trustees at the Lutheran Haven.

Pastor Berteau and His wife, Janelle, currently reside in Forked River, New Jersey. Janelle and Dan have four children and twelve grandchildren.

REV. CHRISTOPHER CAHILL

Rev. Christopher Cahill, D. Min.
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Date of birth: 6 February 1953

Marital Status: Married
Spouse: Beverly L. (Buchanan) Cahill
Children:

- Nathan (wife Kathy Embt), Rochester NY
- Kathryn "Katy" Gill (husband James, Beach City Ohio; children Noah, Luke, Andrew)
- Matthew (wife Sara); children Catherine, Henry



MINISTRY EXPERIENCE

- Pastor, Christ the King Lutheran Church, Lodi, Ohio (SELC District), 1989-present
- Pastor, The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Dr. Martin Luther, Chicago, Illinois (SELC District), 1984-1989
- Pastor, Trinity Lutheran Church, Chicago, Illinois (Northern Illinois District), 1980-1984
- Vicar, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Garfield, New Jersey, 1978-1979
- Secretary, Assumption Greek Orthodox Church, St. Louis, Missouri, 1976-1978

SELECT SERVICE TO THE CHURCH

SELC District:

- Second Vice President, 1997- 2012, 2015 - present
- Mission Board, 1997-2012, 2015 - present
- Ministerial Health, 2006-present

The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod:

- Board of Regents, Concordia University, Mequon, Wisconsin 1985-1989
- Advisory delegate, four LCMS Conventions
- Ministerial Care Coalition member and "secretary"

Other:

- Member, "Catch the Vision of His Mission" team to Trivandrum District, India Evangelical Lutheran Church, August 2005
- Conference Chaplain, "Catch the Vision of His Mission" conferences at Nagercoil / Trivandrum Districts, and at Ambur District, India Evangelical Lutheran Church, January 2007

SELECT SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

- Matthew 25 Coalition, secretary and pastoral representative from Christ the King Lutheran Church
- Medina County Spelling Bee, reader

OTHER

- Participant, Pastors of Excellence, Ashland Theological Seminary, Ashland, Ohio 2004-2005
- Caregiver, Formational Prayer Training Seminars, Ashland Theological Seminary, 2004-2014
- Advisor, Doctor of Ministry program, Ashland Theological Seminary
- Advisor, Certification in Formational Prayer, Ashland Theological Seminary

SELECT PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

- "On the Seventh Day: Rest for the Caregiver" with Ronald W. Jones in [Caring Connections](#) Volume 3, Number 3, Fall 2006
- "Life of the Beloved Pastor" included in [Turning the Wheel: Henri Nouwen and Our Search for God](#)
- ["More than a Metaphor"](#) - paper for the Exegetical Symposium at Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana, February 2017
- ["Abuse of Pastors, Parts 1 and 2"](#) - Presentations for SELC District Board of Directors, 2015 & 2016

FOR A COMPLETE LIST OF EXPERIENCE, SERVICE, CONTINUING EDUCATION, PRESENTATIONS AND INTERESTS SEE
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REV. JON CARPENTER

Rev. Jon Carpenter
Associate Pastor, St. John Lutheran
Church, Massillon OH, since 2020



I was born in east central Ohio in the city of Coshocton of the western Appalachian region. My family moved multiple times, but I consider Coshocton as my hometown. For better or worse, I root for the Cleveland Browns. But I also live and die for the New York Yankees. I enjoy hiking and adventuring with my wife and three children.

Jesus claimed me on September 21, 1997 at the age of 21. But it was not until 2007 that God led me into the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. It was a difficult journey that almost ended in despair along with a confession of agnosticism. Thanks be to God for calling me through the Word and his holy Sacraments. My daily walk in faith is a daily drowning of the Old Adam, and a rising of the New Adam in Christ.

During my undergrad studies to receive a bachelor's degree in Computer Design and Animation from Kent State University, I proudly worked at a nursing home as a State Tested Nurse's Assistant, transportation driver, and scheduler for the nursing floor. Also, I worked at an independent and dependent resident community, where I was a transportation driver, and an activities team member. The work was well worth the hard effort; for it truly taught me how to love and serve my neighbor. Not only with words, but also with Spirit filled deeds.

I would eventually use my bachelor's degree for eligibility to apply for acceptance to Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, Indiana. I am from the Covid-19 Class of 2020, and was called to serve as Associate Pastor at St. John Lutheran Church in Massillon, Ohio, where I still serve to this day.

REV. DR. TIGE A.C. CULBERTSON

Pastor Culbertson attended Concordia University – River Forest, where he graduated with a B.A in Theological Languages. There, he fell in love with Sara, whom he would marry in 1998. He continued his education at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis.



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His first call was to Christ the King Lutheran Church in Coeur d’Alene, ID where he served as Associate Pastor for four years. He then served as Associate Pastor and Director of Youth Ministries at Concordia Lutheran Church in San Antonio for four years. There, Tigé and Sara fostered and then adopted their daughter Faith in 2006. Addiction ended this call, and he was removed from Synod’s roster, and he began a life of recovery.

Recovery taught him much of God’s redemption and restorative power. After two years, he was restored to Synod’s roster and planted Restoration Fellowship, a church that offers hope, healing, and growth to individuals and families impacted by addiction. Seeing how much spiritual growth occurred in his life and in the life of recovering addicts, Pastor Culbertson returned to school, and received his Ed.D. in Transformational Leadership from Concordia University – Portland. His focus of study was the development of spirituality during addiction recovery.

Pastor Culbertson currently serves at St. Luke’s Lutheran Church and School in Oviedo, FL. He oversees contemporary worship and community outreach. He is working to establish Goods and Grace, a food store to serve the ALICE (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed) community with dignity and grace.

Pastor Culbertson lives to magnify the passion and promises of Jesus to people in relational and transformational ways.

REV. JAMES DOUTHWAITE

Family: Wife: Laurie Children: Robert (25), Sarah (24), Joanna (16)

Pastor: Saint Athanasius, Vienna, VA, May 2002-
Hope Lutheran Mission, Purcellville, VA, 2019-
Holy Trinity, Yonkers, NY, July 1995-May 2002



Education: Master of Philosophy (Liturgical and Sacramental Theology), 2017
The Catholic University of America, Washington, DC

Master of Sacred Theology (Pastoral Ministry, Liturgics), 2003
Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne, IN

Master of Divinity, 1994
Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne, IN

Bachelor of Science in Computer Science
Lehigh University, Bethlehem, PA, 1985

District: Eastern Circuit Visitor, 2015-
Eastern Circuit Counselor, 2003-09
Lutheran Haven Board of Trustees, 2013-15
LCMS Convention Delegate and Floor Committee Member (CTCR), 2019

Synod: Board for International Mission, 2021- present

Community: Pastoral Counselor, Northern Virginia Lutherans for Life
Founding Board Member, *The Orchard* Classical Education Community
Campus Ministry - George Mason University, Fairfax, VA
Patrick Henry College, Purcellville, VA

Teaching: Jan-Feb 2009
Matongo Lutheran Theological College (Seminary) and
Atemo Evangelist School, Sondu and Atemo, Kenya
Higher Things Youth Conferences, 2012- present

Publications: Portals of Prayer (January 2002, December 2009)
Concordia Pulpit Resources (2005, 2009, 2019)
Concordia Theological Quarterly Book Reviews
"The Resurrection of the Body" in *Modern Reformation*, Vol. 25, No. 2
(Easter 2016), 28-35.
"Is It Time for Confessional Booths in the Lutheran Church?" in *Logia*, Vol.
30, No. 4 (Reformation 2021).

REV. ANDREW DZUROVCIK

<p>Biographical Information: Born: June 25, 1947 (Whiting, Indiana) Married: Susan Garan on June 28, 1975 Children: Faith (Pete McDevitt) Hope (Chris Alfieri) Joy (Geoff Cleveland) Grandchildren: Patrick and Grace (Faith and Pete) Sophia and Jacob (Hope and Chris) Geoffrey and Victoria (Joy and Geoff)</p>	
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Education:

A.A. Concordia College, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 1967
 B.A. Concordia Senior College, Fort Wayne, Indiana 1969
 M. Div Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Missouri 1973

Parish Experience:

Zion, Clark, New Jersey 1989 – 2016
 Holy Cross, Alsip, Illinois 1979 – 1989
 Holy Trinity, Pleasant City, Ohio 1973 - 1979
 Holy Trinity, Streator, Illinois (Vicar) 1971 – 1972

Service to Church:

District:

President 2015 – present
 1st Vice President 1997 – 2015
 2nd Vice President 1994 – 1997
 Mission Board 1990 – 1994
 Lutheran Haven Trustee 1987 – 1989
 LWML Pastoral Advisor 1974 - 1989
 GPC Chairman 1989
 Luther League President 1970 – 1982
 Luther League Pastoral Advisor 1990 – 1996

Synod (Church at Large):

LCMS Convention Advisory Delegate 1995 – 2016
 LCEF Leadership Conference Delegate 2000 – 2017
 Vicarage Supervisor 2001 – 2015

Civic/Community Involvement:

Cambridge Kiwanis Club 1973 – 1979 (President 1978 – 1979)
 Guernsey County Red Cross Board
 American Cancer Society Board
 Democratic Club
 Clark Senior Housing Commissions 1999 – present

Mission Experience:

Holy Cross, Alsip, Illinois (subsidized the first five years of ministry)
 Development of Living Word, Orland Park, IL and Peace, Galloway, NJ
 SELC Representative on CAME 1999 – present
 Asian Indian Ministries in New Jersey
 African Immigrant Ministries in New Jersey
 Worked with Mission Developer to Asian-Indian Community

PASTOR JOHN GUTZ



Pastor Gutz has served as the Western Circuit pastoral representative to the Lutheran Haven since 2018. He serves Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Streator, IL, where he has been since 1992. Prior to that he served Trinity Lutheran, Centralia, IL. He is a 1988 graduate of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. He also serves on the Board of Directors for Lutheran Heritage Foundation, Macomb, MI. He has been through the Synod's Reconciliation training and Doxology. He is married to Sandy. They have been blessed with 3 children and 6 grandchildren.

Rev. David Haara

I have a long history with the SELC District that goes back to my Vicarage at Calvary Lutheran Church in Parma Ohio.



I served in that capacity as one of the many Vicars to then SELC President Albert Marcis. I have served at two SELC congregation: Dr. Martin Luther in Chicago and Family of Christ in Tampa. I am currently Founding Pastor on the staff here at Family of Christ. I started this congregation 22 years ago when we left DML for a mission start in Florida. In the past I have been the LWML District Counselor and am currently helping in stewardship for the District. I am also Chaplain for Concordia Village Tampa which is a part of Concordia Lutheran Ministries headquartered in Cabot Pennsylvania. This is an RSO of the LCMS.

REV. GEORGE R. HANSELL, JR. (EM)

Personal:

Date of Birth: June 16, 1955
Place of Birth: Jersey City, New Jersey
Married: June 24, 1978 (Krista nee Herr)
Children: Christopher G. Hansell (5-9-80),
Jennifer A. Thompson (7-27-83)
Grandchildren: Cora Grace Thompson,
Jonathan C. Hansell, Samuel C. Thompson
Retired: August 16, 2021



Personal:

Date of Birth: June 16, 1955
Place of Birth: Jersey City, New Jersey
Married: June 24, 1978 (Krista nee Herr)
Children: Christopher G. Hansell (5-9-80), Jennifer A. Thompson (7-27-83)
Grandchildren: Cora Grace Thompson, Jonathan C. Hansell, Samuel C. Thompson
Retired: August 16, 2021

Education:

Concordia Lutheran College, Austin/TX.....A.A. (Pre-ministerial-1975)
Concordia Teachers College, River Forest/IL...B.A. (Elementary Education-1977)
Concordia Theological Seminary, FW/INM.Div (Pastoral Theology-1981)

Ministries/Congregations:

Missionary-at-Large/Hispanic Ministry.....1981-1985 (Michigan District)
Redeemer Lutheran Church/Oneida, NY...1985-1995 (Eastern District)
First Lutheran Church/Sharpsburg, PA.....1995-2003 (Eastern District)
Grace Lutheran Church/Lakewood, OH....2004-2021 (SELC District)

Synodical Service:

1989 LCMS Convention Delegate: Wichita, Kansas (Central NY North)
2001 LCMS Convention Delegate: St. Louis, MO (Pittsburgh NE Circuit)
2001 LCMS Convention-Floor Committee: Admin/Planning/Structure

SELC District Service:

LWML Zone Counselor-Central Circuit (2 Years)
LWML SELC District Pastoral Counselor (4 Years)
Central Circuit Pastoral Representative/Lutheran Haven Bd. Of Trustees (15 Yrs)
Lutheran Haven Board of Trustees Secretary (8 Years)

Miscellaneous Community and District Service:

Detroit Police Chaplain-4th & 6th Precincts (1983-1985)
Oneida Fire Dept. Chaplain/Oneida, NY (1987-1995)
Member/Secretary-Eastern District Mission Board (1990-1994; 1995-1999)

Grace Killian

Grace grew up in central New Jersey and became a member of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod in 2008 when her family left the Reformed Episcopal Church. She and her husband Scott are members of St. Athanasius Lutheran Church in Vienna, Virginia, where they first met and have attended services for ten years. They reside in Great Falls, Virginia.



Grace has embraced the Christ-focused teachings and liturgy of her adopted church and assists her church family in a variety of ways. She serves on the Commission on Mercy, where she helps organize opportunities for the congregation to show mercy to others; assists on the Altar Guild; teaches Sunday School; organizes food for after-church fellowship; and plays flute for special services.

Grace has more than eleven years of experience in the US Federal Government, where she has managed contracts and provided intelligence analysis on transnational issues. She has received numerous awards for exceptional mentorship, leadership, teamwork, and corporate service.

Scott Killian

Scott is a lifelong Lutheran. He was baptized as an infant and later confirmed at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Bristol, Connecticut. After finishing law school, Scott was a member of Immanuel's Board of Finance until he moved to the Washington, DC area in 2010.



Scott and his wife Grace are currently members of St. Athanasius Lutheran Church in Vienna, Virginia, where they first met in 2012. Scott is the Vice President of the congregation and serves on the Board of Elders, the Investment Committee and the Building Committee.

Scott is the Deputy General Counsel of a large property management company in the Mid-Atlantic region. Prior to joining his current company, Scott worked at several law firms and clerked for two federal judges. Scott's practice has been primarily focused on commercial real estate, structured finance and general corporate matters.

In addition, Scott serves on the board of directors of Community Residences, Inc. (a local organization that provides resources (including homes) for people with developmental disabilities and/or mental health needs), the board of directors of the Apartment & Office Building Association of Metropolitan Washington, and as the treasurer of his homeowners' association.

Ardyne Kirn

Church Membership: Resurrection Lutheran Church, Crown Point, IN
Ardyne was baptized and confirmed at Dr. Martin Luther - Gary, IN, where she served as Luther League Secretary and President, Luther League Counselor, Sunday School Teacher, President of Pairs and Spares, and was a member of the Choir.



Ardyne served as Secretary of the Building Committee for the SELC mission congregation now known as Resurrection Lutheran Church - Crown Point, IN. Service to the Church at Resurrection includes Church Council Secretary, President and Treasurer of CROSS Society (LWML), Bible Study Leader, Chancel Circle, Choir, Call Committee and Delegate to SELC District Conventions.

Service in the SELC Western Circuit: Luther League Executive Board Secretary, LWML Western Zone Sectary, LWML Executive Board Vice President, and District Interview Committees.

SELC District: Secretary and Vice President LWML Executive Board, ILWML Convention Delegate, LWML Dream Team member, several SELC District appointed committees, has served since 1997 as Lutheran Haven SELC Lay Representative and presently serves as Chair of the Long Range Planning Committee.

Ardyne's family includes two daughters, a son-in-law, and four granddaughters. Ardyne is retired from private practice as a Registered Occupational Therapist. She is a 1968 graduate of Indiana University School of Medicine - Division of Allied Health Sciences. During her 48 year career she has provided therapy and consultation services to all ages contracting with rehabilitation and mental health centers, Nursing Homes, Assisted Living Facilities, public schools, and Home Health Agencies. She has served on numerous health agency committees and is past Vice President of the NW Indiana District OT Association.

Serving as Lay Representative on the Lutheran Haven Board of Trustees for the past 24 years has truly been a blessing and honor.

Rev. Carl H. Krueger

Rev. Carl H. Krueger, Jr.
Born: Feb. 18, 1948
Baptismal Birthday: April 4, 1948
Married: Dianne, 7/17/71
5 Children
7 Grandchildren



EDUCATION

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor MI	BA	1970
Concordia Seminary, Springfield IL	MDiv	1974
Concordia University WI	DD	2001

PARISH MINISTRY

Evangelical Lutheran Church of Dr. Martin Luther, Gary IN	1974 – 1979
St. John Lutheran Church, Cudahy WI	1979 – 2015

SELC DISTRICT / LCMS

Chairman, SELC Board for Missions	1978 – 1997
SELC District President	1997 – 2015
Circuit Visitor, Western Circuit	2015 - present

OTHER

Cudahy/St. Francis Project Concern, Chairman	1982 – 1992
Chaplain, WI Air National Guard, LtCol (Retired)	1984 – 2004
Milwaukee Co. Veterans' Service Officer	2011 – present
WI State Congressional Dist #4 Rep Veteran Affairs	2014 – 2019
MKE Airport Meditation Room Bd. Vice-Chair	2017 - present

Millicent Kwiatkowski

I am a member of Holy Trinity, Parma, Ohio where I am a Trustee for 17 years. I am also a reader and usher. Sometimes even have janitorial duties. Taught Sunday School for 15 years.

Currently I am the SELC-LWML District President.

I have served on the Board of Directors since 2017 as the Lay Delegate. It is always exciting to visit our newly formed Mission churches. Especially when you have seen a sign or picture of the land and then you are actually worshiping there. To me it is Important to see the direction your District is heading and following The WORD.

Robert Lange

Schooling started at Concordia Lutheran Parochial School then Lane Technical High School followed by the Walton School of Commerce majoring in accounting.



Christ English Lutheran Church; English District
Church Recording Secretary
Sunday School Superintendent
Evangelism/Stewardship Chairman

Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church; NID
Board of Education
Treasurer

Zion Lutheran Church; SELC
President of the congregation
Treasurer

Served the SELC District in the position of District Vice President for the Lutheran Church Extension Fund and currently serves as Treasurer of the SELC District,

Two years stint in the United States Army stationed at Fort Myer, Virginia and worked out of the Pentagon, followed by three years in a Transportation Outfit with the United States Army Reserves.

Started working for Western Electric prior to my military service which became AT&T and finally Lucent and retired after forty years as a Senior Member of their Information System Staff working in the accounting, payroll etc.

Have two brothers, one older and one younger who have eight children who have twenty children who have two children.

Rev. Ron Meyr

<p>Faith "Viera" Lutheran Church near Rockledge, Florida</p> <p>Current Pastoral representative, mission focus to the SELC Board of Directors</p>	 A portrait photograph of Rev. Ron Meyr, a middle-aged man with short, light-colored hair, smiling. He is wearing a dark suit jacket over a white clerical shirt with a visible white tab. The background is a soft, out-of-focus blue and white.
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Graduated from Concordia Seminary, St Louis in 1980. Served congregations in Estevan and Midale, Sask. Canada for six years. Then he served Redeemer Manchester, N.J. for nine years at the beginning of that church along with other mission start work. From 1996, was pastor at the beginning of Faith Viera. He wanted to retire fulltime in 2011 but that didn't happen yet. This appears to be standard practice for LCMS pastors.

Originally from S.E. Missouri, he has been married for 45 years to Pamela. She was a teacher for over 30 years in Lutheran Schools and now spends lots of time in Philadelphia with our two grandsons.

Rev. Richard L. Ramirez

Rev. Richard L. Ramirez STS, serves as the Pastor (Part-time) of Dr. Martin Luther Church in the Gage Park neighborhood on the near-Southwest side of Chicago. He has served the wider church as a member and as Chairman of the Metro Chicago Synod's Ministry Committee, and as the dean of the Northeastern Ohio chapter of the Society of the Holy Trinity (STS).



He is married to Karen, a retired elementary school and Special Needs teacher. They have two grown children, David, a pastor in WI, and Christina, who lives in Lakewood, OH.

Pastor Ramirez has a fondness for the liturgy, exegetical and systematic theology, books, and all kinds of music. He is committed to the Good News of Jesus Christ, witnessed by the Scriptures and the Lutheran Confessions, and endeavors to teach and preach properly distinguishing between Law and Gospel.

Concordia Teachers College B.S.Ed., 1973 Christ Seminary-Seminex M.Div. 1980

Graduate work Lutheran School of Theology, Chicago, IL 1987-89

Called and ordained (1980) as Assistant Pastor, Part-time, Ashburn Evangelical Lutheran Church (AELC), Chicago, IL 1980-83

Called as Assistant Pastor, Full-time, Ashburn Evangelical Lutheran Church (AELC), Chicago, IL 1983-89

Called as Senior Pastor, Full-time, Ashburn Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA), Chicago, IL 1989-2000

Called as Associate Pastor, Messiah Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA), Fairview Park, OH 2000-2012

Colloquized into LCMS 2013

Called as Interim Pastor, St. Paul Lutheran Church, Melrose Park, IL 2013-14

Called as Part-time Pastor, The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Dr. Martin Luther, Chicago, IL 2015

Editorial Board, *Currents in Theology and Mission*, LSTC 1990-2005, Chairman, Ministry Committee of the Metro Chicago Synod, Dean, Society of the Holy Trinity, Northeast Ohio Chapter, 2003-2013, Member, Society of the Holy Trinity, Northern Illinois Chapter 2013-present, Adjunct Faculty, Theology, Concordia University Chicago 2015-present

Larry Schultz

Larry Schultz is currently serving as the Financial Secretary for the SELC District. He previously served as the President, Treasurer, and Financial Secretary for Concordia Lutheran Church in Macungie, Pa. He has also served the congregation as the Director of the Capital Stewardship Campaign and General Contractor during the expansion of their education wing and office complex.



Prior to joining Concordia in Macungie, Pa, he and his family attended Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Lawrenceville, N.J. and Redeemer Lutheran Church in South Charleston, W.V. At both churches he served as Chairman of the Congregation, Head Elder, Treasurer, Financial Secretary, and Trustee.

Larry has been married to his wife, Deborah, for 49 years, and they have three children.

Education: BSME - University of Wisconsin

MBA - Marshall University

Master's in Project Management - Villanova University

Work: Sanofi Pasteur (retired)

- Director of Project Controls
- Project Manager
- Director of Quality Management

Rhone Poulenc

- Director of Project Controls
- Senior Project Manager

Union Carbide

- Senior Project Manager
- Production Engineer

USNR - Lieutenant Commander

Deborah St-Onge

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PROFILE

After twenty-five years teaching general music, choir, and piano lessons in both the public and Lutheran school/church settings, I followed my husband to the foreign mission field. We have been serving through OIM since 2013.

EXPERIENCE

Ascension Lutheran Church, Montréal, QC — 2015-present

Substitute organist/pianist; active with Sunday school, Ladies Aid, Church Council, Bible class, and volunteering. Participation in Regional Bible Studies via Zoom (even pre-Covid!) and spousal support for Caribbean wives.

Network Building — 2013-2015

Support for my husband in efforts to fund our deployment.

Memorial Lutheran Church, Houston, TX — 2008-2013

Sunday school teacher, LWIM, VBS Director, active volunteering with both church and school.

Trinity Downtown School, Houston, TX - 2012-2013

Pre-school - Grade 8 music teacher.

St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Ridley Park, PA — 2003-2008

Sunday school superintendent/teacher, Choir Director, VBS Director, LWML, active volunteering with both church and pre-school.

Memorial Lutheran, Houston, TX/CTSF, Ft. Wayne, IN - 2001-2003

Teacher and active volunteer during my husband's vicarage and final year of seminary.

Messiah Lutheran Church, Middletown, OH — 1965-2001

As a lifelong Lutheran Christian, I am grateful that God used the faithful saints of this small congregation to shape my faith, to provide a foundation of strong doctrine that I retain to this day, and to provide opportunities at every age to serve the congregation. They nurtured and encouraged me and continue to do so by supporting our work in Montréal and the Caribbean.

EDUCATION

Miami University, Oxford, OH — B.M. in Music Education, May 1988

University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, MN - M.A. in Music Education, July 1994

INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE

Monrovia, Liberia - short-term team 2005

Moscow/Serpuchov, Russia - 4 weeks to adopt our daughter

Nicaragua - short-term team 2013

Kunming, China - 4-month deployment 2014 (unexpectedly cut short for medical reasons).

Montréal, Québec, Canada - residency since July 2015.

Rev. Curtis D. Stephens

Pastor Curtis Stephens hails from Davison, MI, his home congregation being St. Timothy Lutheran Church, Otisville, MI. Pastor Stephens graduated from Concordia University Ann Arbor in 2010 with a BA and from Concordia Theological Seminary Fort Wayne in 2014 with an MDiv.



He was ordained and installed at St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Hazleton, PA in 2014. In March of 2017, Pastor Stephens was installed as pastor of St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church, Norton, OH where he currently serves.

Pastor Stephens also serves as Circuit Visitor of the Central Circuit SELC (2018 to the present) and as District Pastoral Counselor to the LWML SELC (2016 to the present).

Pastor Stephens and his wife, Naomi, have a six-year-old son, Jonah, and a three-year-old daughter, Isobel.

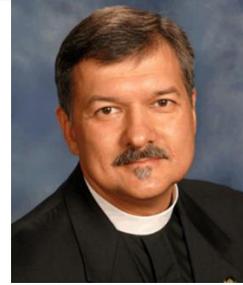
REV. JOHN L. TELLONI

<p>Born: March 7, 1950, Lorain, Ohio; baptized and confirmed at Sts. Peter and Paul, Lorain, OH (SELC)</p> <p>College: Bowling Green State University, Bachelor of Science Degree in Secondary Education, 1972 – Majors: American History/Political Science and English.</p>	
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- Seminary:** Concordia Seminary, St. Louis (1972-1974); Concordia Theological Seminary, Springfield, IL/Fort Wayne, IN (1974-1977), Master of Divinity Degree, 1977.
- Post-Grad:** Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago (1983-1985); doctoral studies at Concordia, St. Louis (2003-2005), and Ashland Theological Seminary, Ashland, Ohio (2006-2008)..
- Parish:** St. Paul Lutheran Church, Whiting, Indiana, 1977-1987; St. John Lutheran Church, Massillon, Ohio (1987-Present). Vacancy Pastor: Martin Luther Lutheran Church, Gary, Indiana (SELC-twice); St. John Lutheran Church, Whiting, Indiana (Indiana District-twice); St. Mark Lutheran Church, Steubenville, Ohio (SELC-2004-2012) – also supervised assigned vicars for six years; St. Matthew, Norton, Ohio (SELC-2016-2017). Vicared at Calvary, Parma, OH (SELC), Rev. Dr. Albert Marcis, 1975-1976.
- Satellite/New Congregation:** Organizing pastor, Resurrection Lutheran Church, Malvern, Ohio (first as satellite of St. John, Massillon; 2010-2011; and as Interim Pastor when chartered, 2011-2012).
- District:** District Secretary, 2015-Present; Board of Directors, Pastoral Representative, 2006-2012; Lutheran Haven Board of Trustees, 1983-1987 (Recording Secretary) and 1988-2002 (Chairman); Student Aid Committee, 1978-Present (Chairman since 1997); Ministerial Health Committee; Chairman, General Pastoral Conference (twice); Central Circuit Pastoral Delegate, LC-MS Convention, 1992, 2001, 2010, 2013, 2016, and 2019; Luther League Officer (Central District Treasurer and President, 600 Mission Plan Director, Courier Editor, and Vice-President); Youth Board; Circuit Director, Synod’s Forward in Remembrance (Western), Alive in Christ, and Fan into Flame (Central) campaigns.
- Synod:** Trained LifeLight facilitator; PALS (Post-Seminary Applied Learning and Support) Facilitator for a cluster group of first-call pastors for Ohio for three years; Missions Committee (2001 Convention).
- Other:** Member, Board of Directors of the Lutheran Home of Northwest Indiana, Crown Point, IN, 1981-1985; Board of Directors, American Cancer Society of NW Indiana, 1982-1985); Member, Mayor’s City Commission, Whiting, Indiana; Member, Board of Directors, St. Luke’s Lutheran Home, North Canton, OH (1992-1995).
- Certificate:** Pastors of Excellence Program, Ashland Theological Seminary, 2003-2005.
- Composing:** Written over 100 hymns; *“The Christ Canticles,”* 1999 (Entrance Psalms/Hymns for the Church Year). Wrote *“All Praise to God in Heaven Above”* for the 100th Anniversary of the SELC District (2001), and *“Come, Let Us Fill God’s Throne of Grace,”* for the Dedication of the Lutheran Haven’s new assisted living and skilled care facility (2006).
- Personal:** Four children and 11 grandchildren.

Rev. Waldemar R. Vinovskis

Rev. Waldemar R. Vinovskis was born and raised in Omaha, Nebraska. He was baptized and confirmed in the Latvian Ev. Lutheran Church in Omaha. After graduating high school, he was catechized into the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod at Bethany Lutheran Church in Omaha. He attended the University of Nebraska-Lincoln where he was active at the University Lutheran Chapel on campus. He graduated from UNL in 1987 with a Bachelor's Degree in Human Development and Psychology. While at the University, Pastor Vinovskis met his wife, Cyndi, and they were married at Bethany Lutheran Church in Omaha, Nebraska in July, 1985. He and his wife Cyndi have four children: Carissa, Micah, Noel-Darius and Oliver.



Education: University of Nebraska-Lincoln, B.A. 1987, Concordia Seminary-St. Louis, M.Div. 1992

Parish Experience:

Grace Lutheran Church – Lancaster, CA 1990-1991 (Vicarage)
 Grace Lutheran Church – Lancaster, CA 1992-1998 (Associate Pastor)
 Zion Lutheran Church – Piedmont, CA 1998-2001 (Associate Pastor)
 Concordia Lutheran Church – Macungie, PA 2001-Present (Pastor)

District:

SELC District Education Committee (Chair) – 2001-2005
 Presenter/Panel Member SELC General Pastors' Conference – 10/2002
 SELC District Convention Resolutions Committee (Chair) - 2006
 Eastern Circuit Delegate LCMS Synod Convention – 2004, 2007, 2010
 The Lutheran Haven Board of Trustees – 2003-Present
 SELC Board of Directors – 2012-2015
 SELC District President – 2018-2022

Synod (Church-at-Large):

LLL So. Cal. "To Russia with Love" Committee – 1991-1992
 LLL So. Cal. District Convention, Chaplain - 1996
 LWML Zone Counselor, PSW District - 1997-1998
 LWML SELC District Counselor, 2004-2008
 KFUDam – Bible Study Leader, 2007-Present
 LCMS Synod Convention, Floor Committee member – 2007
 LCMS Blue Ribbon Task Force on Synod Structure and Governance Theological Convocation - August, 2008; District Caucus - January, 2010
 LCMS Synod Nominations Committee, secretary – 2009-2013, LCMS – Council of Presidents – Clergy Call & Roster Committee, Intentional Interim Ministry

Civic/Community Involvement:

Lancaster (CA) Community Shelter Board – 1993-1998, interim chair, 1995, Thrivent Builds/Habitat for Humanity build Kwazulu-Natal, South Africa – 08/2007

East Penn School District "Take Back Our Children" Initiative (Committee Chair) – 2004-2005
 East Penn School District – Superintendent's Parents Advisory Committee – 2003-2010
 East Penn School District – 2008-2014 Strategic Plan Committee – 01/2008 - 07/2008
 Emmaus High School, PA – Middle States Accreditation Steering Committee – 2010-2012
 East Penn School District – School Board – 2013-2015, 2016-2018
 East Penn School District – 2018-2021 Comprehensive Planning Team – 12/2017-2020
 East Penn Education Foundation – Board of Directors – 2015-2018

WDIY Community Public Radio (Allentown, PA) – Programmer/Volunteer – 2001-Present Lehigh Valley Community Broadcasters Association – Board of Directors – 2009-2013, 2015-2018

Mission Experience: California City Lutheran Mission (Trinity Lutheran Church), California City, CA– 1991-1994, Concordia Lutheran Church, Macungie, PA – mission status 2001-2004, St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Oviedo, FL/Sloka Ev. Lutheran Church, Jurmala, Latvia ESL Mission team – 2011, 2012, 2014, 2016, 2018

Jeanne Wacker

I have lived in the Oviedo area since 1971 and have been a member of St. Luke's Oviedo since 1979 when I began teaching at the school there. I taught middle school for 12 years and after retiring from teaching spent several years working on the office staff at the church in the financial department.



I have served in a variety of areas at St. Luke's including Altar Guild, VBS, Bethel Bible teacher, chairperson for Board of Christian Education, member of the School Board, and Board of Directors for the church. I also served on the SELC Board of Directors from 2012-2015 as a Lay Representative.

On a personal level, Paul and I have been married 39 years and currently live in the Lutheran Haven. Our blended family of four children and ten grandchildren all live within a two-hour drive of Oviedo and we feel especially blessed to have them all so close to us.

I look forward to the possibility of serving our district again.

Conflict of Interest Policy

The District is fully committed to conducting its responsibilities in a manner reflecting the highest degree of integrity and honesty. The success of the District in conducting its affairs is the sum efforts of each individual - board, commission, and committee member, officer and employee - in executing his or her responsibilities with good judgment and in an ethical manner. Therefore, in exercising these responsibilities, each individual should comply with the following policy which is modeled after the SELC District By-Law 12.7.5 disclosure of conflict of interest.

I, the undersigned, have read, understand, and agree to comply with the following:

1. Each board of commission member shall disclose to the chairman of the entity and each staff member shall disclose to the executive director any potential conflict of interest. Each chairman or executive shall disclose any potential conflicts of interest to the Board of Directors, who shall determine whether an inappropriate interest exists. Such disclosure shall include board membership on, a substantial interest in, or employment of the individual or a relative by any organization doing business with the District or any of its entities.
2. Board members or staff, who receive honoraria or payments for sales or services rendered to the District or any of its entities, shall disclose such information.
3. Activities shall not be entered into which may be detrimental to the interest of the District or any of its entities.
4. Information acquired in the course of carrying our district duties shall not knowingly be used in any way which would be detrimental to the welfare of the District.
5. No board or commission member shall vote on any transaction from which the individual shall receive a direct or indirect financial gain.
6. Gifts, entertainment or favors in excess of \$100 per person per year from any individual or outside concern which does or is seeking to do business with the District or any of its entities shall not be accepted.
7. Any inappropriate activity shall cease or the position will be vacated.
8. Each individual; prior to accepting an elected or appointed office or staff position, shall sign a statement that he has received, understands, and agrees to abide by this bylaw and the conflict of interest policy of the respective corporation. Each shall also sign annually a "Statement of Compliance" with the bylaw and policy.
9. Responsibilities shall be conducted in a manner reflecting the highest degree of integrity and honesty consistent with the Scriptures, the Lutheran Confessions, the Synodical Handbook, board policies, and civil laws. (For employees not familiar with the Lutheran Confessions, Scripture should be used to interest the expect conduct.)

Print Name

Title/Board/Commission/Committee

Signature

Date

SELC District Disaster Response



Tornados. Hurricanes. Fires. Floods...

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod’s Disaster Response ministry responds to immediate and long-term needs following natural and man-made disasters. Working through LCMS districts and congregations as well as with international Lutheran churches and other partners, LCMS Disaster Response builds capacity of the church’s partners to respond to needs with Christian care.

The ministry reaches out to LCMS congregations and their communities with services that include on-site assessment, emergency relief and development grants, pastoral care for LCMS church workers and members, and other resources.

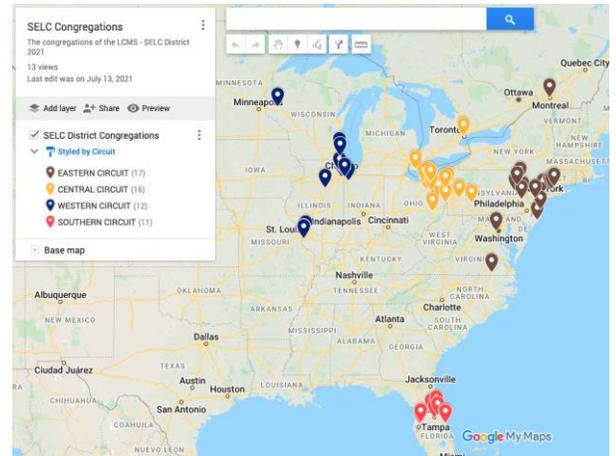
The SELC **District Disaster Relief Coordinator (DDRC)** is Steve Lehenbauer. Steve is the Chief Administrative Officer at [St. Luke’s Lutheran Church in Oviedo FL](#). He is a 1985 Concordia Seward graduate with experience as a classroom teacher, technology director and school and church administration. He is LERT certified and has taken part in multiple disaster relief events. In the role of DDRC, he will coordinate any emergency needs in our district.

Each congregation of the SELC District should:

- Designate a member to serve as a disaster information officer. This person will be the liaison when other churches need help and take the lead to communicate with the DDRC if help is needed.
- Promote, encourage and implement a **Lutheran Early Response Team (LERT)**. This team should schedule regular yearly events to assist in your local community and prepare to travel regionally to assist other communities as needed.
- Make contact with the local geographical LCMS district to coordinate training for LERT certification.
- Designate at least one Sunday a year to promote disaster preparedness. This may include collecting flood buckets, collecting donations for disaster relief, providing FEMA disaster preparation information, encouraging LERT training,
- Create an emergency guide. See an [example from St. Luke’s Oviedo](#). (slcs.org/LERT)
- Create a disaster recovery plan. See [examples from FEMA](#). (fema.gov)

All individuals in the district are encouraged to:

1. Go through LERT training.
2. Register at the LCMS LERT website [LCMS-LERT.org](https://www.lcms-ler.org)
 - a. Become a FAN of the SELC District.
 - b. Join the SELC User group. This will help us notify you for SELC needs, trainings, etc.



To Strengthen Non-voting Advisory Delegate Participation at SELC District Conventions

Resolution 2022-01

WHEREAS, Currently, there are 12,010 Ministers of Religion – Commissioned (Church Worker Update System - March 2021) who serve the mission and ministry of congregations, schools, child development centers, camps, compassion centers, and mission work throughout the national and global mission fields; and

WHEREAS, The current structure of the Synod does not allow for a third category of voting delegates at District and Synod conventions (Synod Handbook: Article IX, Article XII.10.b); and

WHEREAS, The Synod highly values commissioned ministers for their eagerness to serve the Lord and His Church (2019 Resolution. 9-17, “To Study Voting Privilege in the LCMS” p. 201 of 2019 LCMS Convention Proceedings); and

WHEREAS, The Synod recognizes the voices and wisdom of our commissioned ministers as gifts from the Lord, and appreciates and gives thanks to God for the unique vocations of ordained ministers, commissioned ministers, and lay people alike; and

WHEREAS, Ministers of Religion – Commissioned are considered Advisory Members with representation, voice, but no vote at conventions of Districts and Synod, along with “those ordained ministers not eligible for election as a voting delegate” under Bylaw 3.1.2.1(d) ... (p. 101 Handbook 2019) with representation, voice, but no vote at conventions of Districts and Synod; and

WHEREAS, At least one other District (Northern Illinois) utilizes the voice and guidance of their commissioned workers in District Convention through a non-binding advisory member vote; and

WHEREAS, This honors the bylaw and structure of the Convention while allowing the non-voting Advisory Delegate voice to be heard and their vote recognized; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the SELC District enable Non-voting Advisory Delegates to provide a preliminary, advisory vote during its regular convention; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the results of the advisory vote be published prior to the delegate vote; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this become effective with the next District Convention in 2025; and be it finally

RESOLVED, That the SELC District in convention memorialize the Synod in Convention to pass a like-minded resolution.

To Address the Lutheran Teacher Shortage and Low Teacher Salaries by Initiating a Student Debt Assistance Program for LCMS Commissioned Minister – Teacher

Resolution 2022-02

WHEREAS, Our Lutheran Schools struggle to find rostered teachers to serve in the classrooms of our High Schools, Elementary Schools, and Child Development Centers [1]; and

WHEREAS, Research has shown that a primary reason for this is the lower salary offered for teachers within the Lutheran school systems [2, 3]; and

WHEREAS, Concordia Plans reported in 2021 that 27% of LCMS workers have student debt that averages \$46,000 per student; and

WHEREAS, The reality of student loan debt is an important part of the decision to seek employment outside the Lutheran school; and

WHEREAS, It is desired that we fill our schools with rostered workers for the health and well-being of our Synod and its schools [4]; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the SELC District memorialize the Synod in Convention to recognize the importance and service of Lutheran Teachers by convening a committee comprised of members of the Education Department of the Concordia University System, LCMS School Ministry, Concordia Plans, The Foundation, and the Council of Presidents, to develop a National Lutheran Teacher Student Debt Assistance Program; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a special, designated offering to establish this program be taken during the National Lutheran Schools Weeks of 2024, 2025, and 2026; and be it finally

RESOLVED, That reports of this work be provided through regular communications of the Synod.

[1.] The number of new commissioned teachers has steadily declined since 2005 (Concordia University System [CUS] Board for University Education [BUE] statistics); and the fulfillment rate of requests for first-year Synod-trained candidates to LCMS calling entities has declined from 63 percent in 2010 to 30 percent in 2018 because of the lack of available Synod-trained candidates (CUS BUE statistics).

The CUS only graduated 23 early childhood educators, 39 elementary educators, and 32 secondary educators in 2018 (CUS BUE statistics as contained in 2019 Resolution 12-02A, p. 222 of 2019 LCMS Convention Proceedings).

[2.] Theme 8 of Office of National Mission's "LCMS Church Worker Wellness Insights," presentation by Rev. Robert Zagore, Office of National Mission to Gospel 2019:

- ✓ Financial wellbeing is unique among worker needs in that the major problems are beyond the worker's ability to change – most often the problem is that the workers are in a mathematically impossible situation.
- ✓ Workers are under-paid for their skill level and workload.
- ✓ Costs for health care are being pushed to the workers.
- ✓ Young workers are burdened with significant student debt.
- ✓ Many calling bodies are unable to pay their workers what is necessary.
- ✓ “The toughest work is being done in the places that can pay the least.” (i.e. dying congregations, inner-city churches, immigrant ministries, etc.)

[3.] Note: Conclusion of Final Report of the Blue Ribbon Committee on Lutheran Schools (2019 R.63) “Lutheran education is a noble calling, yet it is facing significant challenges. Data support a real need for synodical entities to bring resolution to indebtedness for church workers. With the impending retirement of many teachers and administrators coupled with the diminishing numbers of Lutheran Teacher Diploma (LTD) candidates enrolling in the Concordia University System, there is an increased sense of urgency to recruit and retain qualified young people in the Lutheran teaching ministry. The desire to enter the vocation of education is lessening due to several factors including classroom management issues, public perception of the profession and state regulations. Additionally, many students are coming out of college with significant debt and are paid salaries below recommended levels.

“The trendline [sic] on debt and salary must change or the teacher shortage will likely continue. Teachers and administrators are in a great position to influence current and future students about the joys and rewards of church work and need to be intentional in their efforts to help recruit new students for the Concordia University System.” (2019 LCMS Convention Workbook, p. 344-348.)

[4.] The 2016 Synod Convention Res. 8-01A, “To Encourage and Strengthen the Lutheran Ethos of Our LCMS Early childhood Centers, Elementary Schools, and High Schools” specifically identified that a characteristic of a Lutheran school with a strong Lutheran ethos has “LCMS-trained Lutheran teachers ... who know and are committed to the truths of the Scriptures as confessed in our Lutheran Confessions. (2019 LCMS Convention Proceedings, Resolution 12-02 A, p. 221)

To Recognize and Thank the LCMS for the Strengthened and Expanded “Soldiers of the Cross” COVID-19 Response Initiative

Resolution 2022-03

WHEREAS, The pandemic of 2020 shuttered schools in the middle of the school year, furloughed workers, caused many churches to temporarily close, caused others to pivot towards a digital presence for which they were unprepared, and created stress upon the financial well-being of many churches and their workers; and

WHEREAS, Many of our teachers and school workers were without the additional tuition or budget income needed to support the immediate response to the transition and additional regulations that were placed upon them through the Centers for Disease Control and the Executive Orders of local, state, and national government; and

WHEREAS, Many Recognized Service Organizations of our Synod were also without the means to adapt to these additional burdens and struggled financially; and

WHEREAS, Many of our pastors and other church workers bore a great financial burden in adapting to new realities and maintaining ongoing care for the members of our churches; and

WHEREAS, The need for compassionate support and financial assistance was great; and

WHEREAS, The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod (LCMS) and The Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF) worked together to identify funds for immediate assistance for all who served in Lutheran ministries; and

WHEREAS, Many of our church, school, and child development workers, rostered and non-rostered, benefited from this generous act of compassion; and

WHEREAS, To date, \$1,643,715 was awarded to 967 workers [1]; be it therefore

RESOLVED, That the SELC District in convention publicly thank God for the generosity of His people, The LCMS, and the LCEF for supporting all who serve in our churches, schools, childcare centers, and Recognized Service Organizations.

[1.] Statistics accessed May 11, 2022 (<https://www.lcms.org/how-we-serve/mercy/serving-church-workers/soldiers-of-the-cross/covid-19>)

To Recognize and Thank the Lord for the Service of Rev. Paul Hoyer as District Mission Executive

Resolution 2022-04

WHEREAS, The Rev. Paul Hoyer has served the SELC District faithfully as Mission Executive for eighteen years; and

WHEREAS, Under his leadership the District has started and cultivated numerous mission starts and church plants to advance the Gospel around the world; and

WHEREAS, Paul's zeal for the Gospel has inspired others in their work of proclaiming Christ; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the SELC District in Convention publicly thank and praise God for the Rev. Paul Hoyer and his dedication and service by standing and singing the Doxology.

To Recognize and Thank the Saints of Saint Lucas Lutheran Church and the Rev. Dr. Mark Larson for Hosting the 2022 SELC District Convention

Resolution 2022-05

WHEREAS, The good people of Saint Lucas Lutheran Church provided exemplary service and hospitality in hosting the 2022 SELC District Convention; and

WHEREAS, This Convention posed unique and unusual challenges due to the COVID-19 pandemic closures and delays which forced the postponement of the Convention by one year; and

WHEREAS, These challenges were met with Christian charity, perseverance, and grace; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the SELC District in Convention thank and praise God for His servants at Saint Lucas and their efforts by singing the first verse of *Now Thank We All Our God*.

Now thank we all our God
With hearts and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things has done,
In whom His world rejoices;
Who from our mothers' arms
Has blest us on our way
With countless gifts of love
And still is ours today.

- 9:30 AM Convention Overview and Opening Remarks
Welcome: New Rostered Church Workers
Introductions: Officers, Delegates, and Committee Delegates
Credentials Report
Adoption of Convention Procedures/Adoption of Agenda
- 10:00 AM Ratification of SELC District Bylaws
- 10:10AM Convention Greetings
- Rev. Timothy Scharr, SID-LCMS
- Rev. Mark Miller, CID-LCMS
- 10:20 AM Polling/Election Procedure
- 10:30 AM Resolutions Committee
- 11:00 AM Circuit Forums
- Circuit Visitor Election
- 2023 LCMS Circuit Delegates and Laypersons
- 12:00 PM Lunch
- 12:45 PM Convention Photo
- 1:00 PM Call to Order
Welcome "The Way Ev. Lutheran Church"
Credentials Report
Reports from Circuit Forums
- Receive Circuit Visitors' Reports
- Ratify 2023 LCMS Circuit Delegates
Secretary Report and 2018 Proceedings
District President's Report
- 2:00 PM SELC Missions Report - Rev. Paul Hoyer
SELC Mission Future Vision - Rev. Jacob Hoyer
Rev. Mark Larsen
- 2:40 PA Resolutions Committee
- 2:45 PM Break

- 3:15 PM "I Am the SELC"
Convention Greetings
- Rev. Dr. Allan Buss, NID
- 3:30 PM Nominations and Elections
- Credentials Report
Election of District President
Election of Vice-Presidents
Call for Nominations
Election of Other District Officers
2023 LCMS Nominations Committee (PCW)
2024 SELC Nominations Committee
- Resolutions Committee
- 4:40 PM Evening Devotion: "Praise to Thee Who Light Dost Send"
Liturgist: Rev. Daniel Berteau, Redeemer–Manchester, NJ
Preacher: Rev. Curtis Stephens, St. Matthew–Norton, OH
- 5:00 PM Dinner
- 7:00 PM Fellowship - River City Hotel and Casino

Saturday, May 14, 2022

- 8:00 AM Breakfast
- 8:55 AM "I Am the SELC"
Convention Greetings
- Concordia Publishing House, Jonathan Schultz
- 9:05 AM Morning Devotion - "Thy Strong Word Bespeaks Us Righteous"
Liturgist: Rev. Bill Hale, St. John–Granite City, IL
Preacher: Rev. Charles St. Onge, Ascension–Montreal, QC
- 9:30 AM Convention Essay - Rev. Dr. Joel Elowsky, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis

10:25 AM Convention Acknowledgements and Thank Yous

10:30 AM Break

10:45 AM Convention Greetings
 - LCMS Foundation, David Fiedler/Mark Cannon
 - Grace Place, Darrell Zimmerman

11:00 AM Synod Report - President Matthew Harrison
 - Video Presentation

12:00 PM Lunch

1:00 PM Worship Service: In Memoriam - "From the Cross Thy Wisdom
 Shining..."
 Liturgist: Rev. Raymond Malec
 Preacher: Rev. Dr. Wally Arp

1:30 PM President Matthew Harrison - Part II

2:00 PM Break

2:20 PM Credentials Report
 Lutheran Haven Report - Mr. Jerry Griffing
 Ratify Lutheran Haven Board of Trustees Appointments
 Lutheran Haven Board of Trustees Elections

3:00 PM "I Am the SELC"
 Resolutions Committee

3:30 PM Financial Secretary's Report
 Treasurer's Report and Audit Report
 Stewardship Report
 Lutheran Church Extension Fund
 SELC 2022 - 2024 Work Program

4:15 PM Break

4:30 PM Ministerial Care Report
 LWML

Luther League
Education Executive/School Ministry Report

- 5:00 PM Evening Devotion: "Give us Lips to Sing Thy glory".
Liturgist: Rev. Hosea Ekong, Concordia–Youngstown, OH
Preacher: Rev. Matt Wallis, Holy Cross–Lake Mary, FL
- 5:20 PM Dinner
- 7:00 PM President's Reception at hotel

Sunday, May 15, 2022

- 9:00 AM Worship Service with Holy Communion and Installation of Officers
Installation - Officiant: Rev. Dr. Matthew Harrison
Preacher: Rev. Dr. Mark Larson