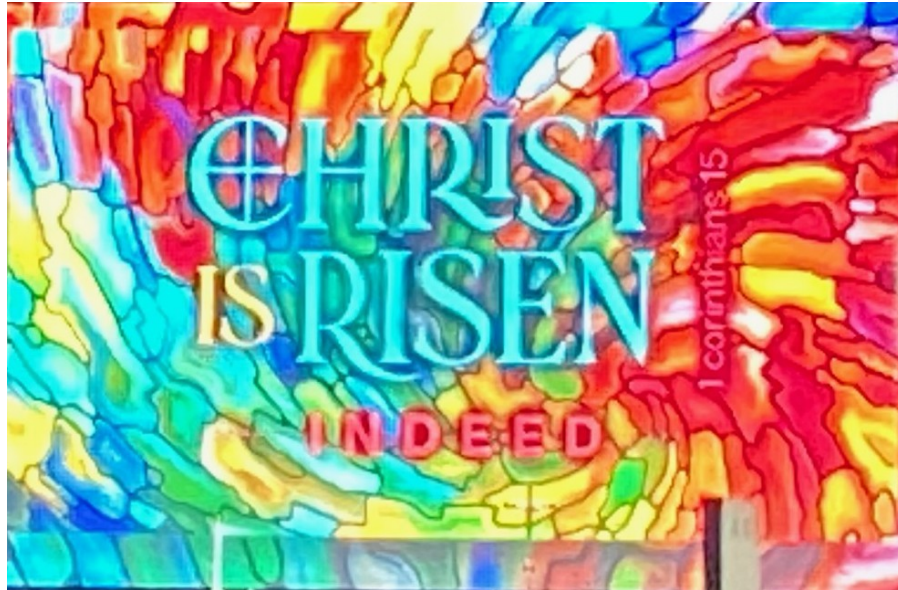




Synodical Convention Update July 20, 2026



The Synod Convention opened on Saturday July 18, 2026 with Opening Worship. The Convention business began on Sunday, July 19th with Matins and then the business of the Convention began.

The essayist on Sunday was Rev. Dr. Jon Bruss who spoke on "Christ is the Truth". The responder to that essayist was Rev. Dr. Scott Murray who spoke on "The Truth will set you free".

Rev. Stephen Heimer represented the All Nations Ministry of the Synod. He noted that the Chinese ministry is celebrating its 90th Anniversary and the Hispanic ministry is celebrating their 100th anniversary. The connecting point of this department of the Synod is to be the gatherer of all ethnicities to engage in ministries together.

Elections

1st Vice President – Peter K. Lange – First ballot
Central Region Regional Vice President - Ben T. Ball – 2nd ballot
East-Southeast Regional Vice President – Christopher S. Esget – 1st ballot
Great Lakes Regional Vice President – Eric C. Skovgaard – 3rd ballot
Great Plains Region Vice President – Nabil S. Nour – 1st ballot
West-Southwest Regional Vice President – Alfonso O. Espinosa – 1st ballot

Vice President Elections

2nd Vice President - Ben T. Ball – 2nd ballot

3rd Vice President – Alfonso O. Espinosa – 2nd ballot

4th Vice President – Christopher S. Esget – 2nd ballot

5th Vice President – Nabil S. Nour

6th Vice President – Eric C. Skovgaard

Kevin Herweck, the new CEO of Concordia Plan Services brought convention greetings.

Floor Committees - the delegates received information on the work the floor committees have done for the following committees: National Witness, International Witness, and Life Together. They voted on the resolutions for these committees. You can see the final versions of these resolutions on the Synod's website where they post daily Today's Business - <https://www.lcms.org/convention/national/publications#todays-business>

Floor Committee #1 - National Witness announced that 2029 will be the 500th Anniversary of Luther's Catechism. There will be a Catechism 500 Initiative funded by grants to celebrate the anniversary.

Livestream - You can livestream the convention at this link - <https://www.youtube.com/live/TJVFAdPdUM>

Commemoration of the Faithful Departed is scheduled for Wednesday, July 22nd at 1:30 PM MST.



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