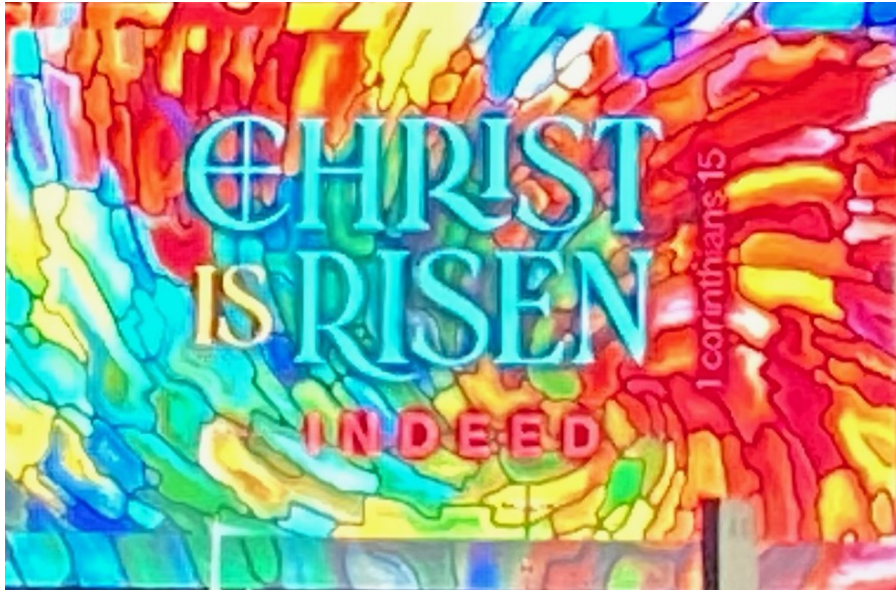




Synod Convention Update July 22, 2026



National Offering Update - The national offering theme is "Tell the Next Generation". The Bolick Foundation gave a \$500,000 seed grant. \$60,750.11 was collected at the Opening Worship service. Additional monies collected bring the total to \$742,522.11.

Elections

Board of National Mission

- Central Region, Ordained or Commissioned Minister of Religion – Michael P. Schuermann
- Great Lakes Region, Ordained or Commissioned Minister of Religion – Peter C. Bender
- West-Southwest Region, Ordained or Commissioned Minister of Religion – Thomas E. Chryst, 2nd ballot
- East-Southeast Region, Lay Member – David L. Daniels
- Great Plains Region – Lay Member – Sarah Rausch

Board of International Mission

- East-Southeast Region, Ordained or Commissioned Minister of Religion, Rev. James Douthwaite, **SELCLCMS**
- Great Plains Region, Ordained or Commissioned Minister of Religion – Daniel Preus, 2nd ballot
- Central Region, Lay Member – Adam D. Fosse
- Great Lakes Region, Lay Member – John L. Powers
- West-Southwest Region, Lay Member – Terence Lung

Commission on Theology and Church Relations

- Minister of Religion, Ordained – Mark P. Surburg, 3rd ballot
- Lay Member – Paul P. Edmon

Concordia Historical Institute

- Minister of Religion, Ordained – Rodney A. Benkendorf, 2nd ballot
Robert V. Roethemeyer, 2nd ballot
- Minister of Religion, Ordained or Commissioned Minister of Religion – Matthew C. Phillips, 2nd ballot

Concordia Publishing House Board of Directors

- Lay Member, elect 4
 - Heidi K. Abegg
 - Thomas R. Halvorson
 - Mark Hemingway
 - William M. Thompson II

Lutheran Church Extension Fund

- Minister of Religion, Ordained or Commissioned – Michael L. Kumm 2nd ballot
- Lay Member, elect 3
 - Julie A. Johnson
 - Gretchen A. Roberts
 - Jonathan H. Kramer

The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod Foundation Board of Trustees

- Minister of Religion, Ordained, 6 year term – Todd C. Riordan
- Lay Member, 6 year term – Mark O. Swenson 2nd ballot

Concordia University System Board of Directors

- Minister of Religion, Ordained - Mark S. Nuckols

Concordia Theological Seminary Fort Wayne, IN Board of Regents

- Minister of Religion, Ordained – Korey D. Mass, 2nd ballot
- Minister of Religion, Ordained – David P. Ramirez, 2nd ballot
- Commissioned Minister for Religion – Mark W. Meehl
- Lay Member. Christian A. Preus, 2nd ballot

Concordia Seminary St. Louis Board of Regents

- Minister of Religion, Ordained – Joel A. Brondos, 2nd ballot
Richard C. Rudowske, 2nd ballot
- Minister of Religion, Commissioned – Michael S. Staub
- Lay Member – Mark O. Stern

Concordia University of Chicago Board of Regents

- Minister of Religion, Ordained - Lawrence J. Rast, Jr.
- Minister of Religion, Commissioned – Nathaneal Hahn
- Lay Member – Alicia K. Dietrich
David Walz

Concordia University, Irvine Board of Regents

- Minister of Religion, Ordained – Brian L. Kachelmeier
- Minister of Religion, Commissioned – Sarah E. Gaffney
- Lay Member – Laura G. Hemminger
Brian T. Yamabe

Concordia University, Nebraska Board of Regents

- Minister of Religion, Ordained – Scott T. Adle
- Minister of Religion, Commissioned – Craig A. Ernstmeyer, 2nd ballot
- Lay Member – Christopher P. Heins, 2nd ballot

Dr. Michael Thomas presented the daily essay on “Christ Conquers Death”

Floor Committee Presentations – Floor Committee #6 - Pastoral Ministry and Seminaries (2 sessions), **Floor Committee #5** – Theology and Church Relations, and **Floor Committee #10** – Ecclesiastical Supervision and Dispute Resolution.

Special Recognition – National and International Church Body Representatives and newly elected and outgoing Synod Board of Directors. A presentation on Church Relations was presented by Rev. Dr. Jonathan Shaw. An international group of Pastors sang “I am Content! My Jesus Lives Forever” with the first verse in German, the second in Czech, the third verse in Spanish, and the fourth verse in English.

You can see the versions of all resolutions that have changed since the originals were published at this link - <https://www.lcms.org/convention/national/publications#todays-business> that will be up for discussion each day of the convention. They are available each morning at the link.

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

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



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