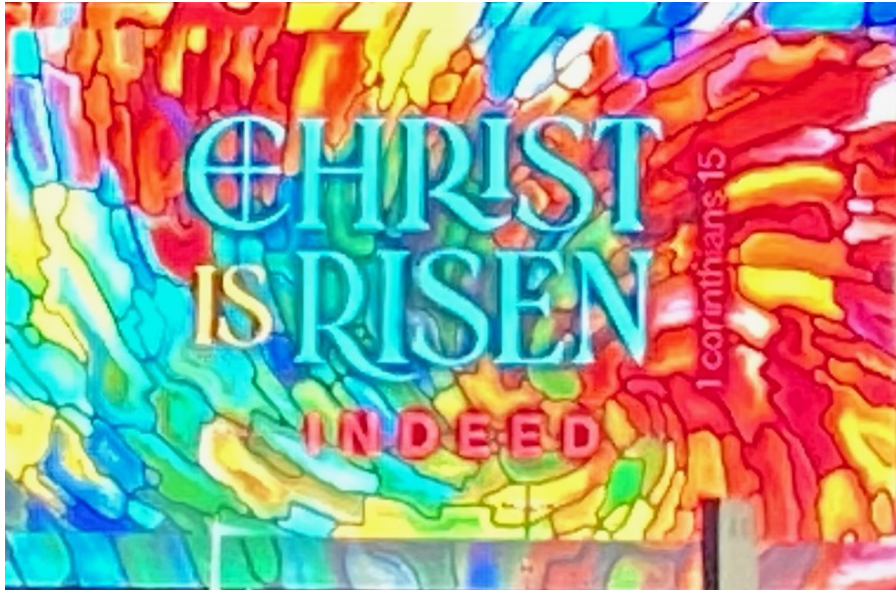




Synod Convention Update July 23, 2026



Eden Keefe, President of the LWML brought greetings to the convention body as did Kurt Buchholz from Lutheran Hour Ministries.

Elections

Concordia University, Nebraska Board of Regents continued
Lay Representative #2 – Bruce D. Schultz, 2nd ballot

Concordia University, St. Paul Board of Regents
Minister of Ordained Religion Ordained – Donald J. Fondow, 2nd ballot
Minister of Religion Commissioned – Tia M. Esser, 2nd ballot
Lay Representative – Paul C. Hinz, 3rd ballot
Rosa Summers

Concordia University Texas
Minister of Religion Ordained – Neil Vanderbush, 2nd ballot
Minister of Religion Commissioned – Miguel A. Ruiz
Lay Representative – William Brandt
Bob L. Ssekyanzi

Concordia University Wisconsin Mequon
Minister of Religion Ordained – Lance A. ODonnell – 2nd ballot
Minister of Religion Commissioned – Jennifer Knox
Lay Representative – David Lambert, 2nd ballot
Stephen M. Saunders

Commission on Worship

Minister of Religion Ordained - Steven P. Mueller – 3rd ballot (5 votes)

Minister of Religion Commissioned – Paul M. Soulek, 3rd ballot

Lay Representative – Joseph L. Olson – 3rd ballot

Floor Committee Presentations – Floor Committee #8 -

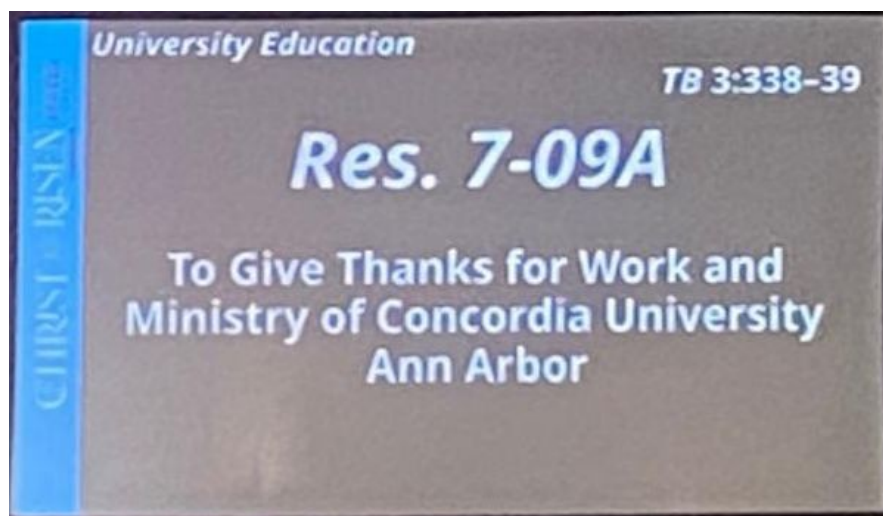
Finance, **Floor Committee #9** – Structure and Administration, **Floor**

Committee #5 – Theology and Church Relations, **Floor Committee #10** –

Ecclesiastical Supervision and Dispute Resolution, **Floor Committee #3** -

Mercy

Our Lay Delegate for the Central Circuit, Matthew Berent served on **Floor Committee #7** – University Education. Pictured below is Matt presenting on Resolution 7.



President Vinovskis served on Floor Committee #3 Mercy (second photo below is the Floor Committee). Resolution 3-01A "To Commend and Encourage Life Ministry Efforts of Congregations, Schools, Districts, and Recognized Service Organizations". Life Match Recipients were announced and three SELC District churches received funding. They were the Cross of Central Florida, St. Athanasius Lutheran Church, and St. Peter and Paul Lutheran Church.



The Commemoration of Faithful Departed was held at the Convention. The link to this portion of the Convention is - <https://www.youtube.com/live/1JqCYyA9uPE> It is at the beginning of this video.

Rev. Kirk M. Clayton presented the daily essay on "Christ's Resurrection For You"

The Synod President's reception was held last evening. Please see some of our delegates who attended the reception. Pictured below from left to right: Laura Hertel, Rev. David Haara, Joe Fana, President Matthew Harrison, Rev. Allen Dass, Rev. Troy Countryman, and Rev. Mark Larson.



The Council of Presidents sang on July 21st for the convention body. They sang "The King of Love My Shepherd" LSB709.

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>



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