

CHRIST IS RISEN

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Today's Business

Issue 4

Morning Session

- 8:00 Morning Prayer—*Rev. Dr. Nabil S. Nour*
- 8:25 Registration, Credentials, and Elections
- 8:30 Greetings—Concordia Publishing House,
Jonathan D. Schultz
- 8:35 Consent Calendar
- 8:45 Registration, Credentials, and Elections (#11)
*(Balloting for other boards, CTCR, boards of regents,
and synodwide entities)*
- 9:35 Convention Essay—*Dr. Michael A. Thomas,*
"Christ Conquers Death"
- 10:00 Essay Responder—*Rev. C. Bryan Wolfmueller*
- 10:10 Presentation—Military Chaplains, *Rev. Craig G. Muehler*
- 10:30 Ecclesiastical Supervision and Dispute Resolution (#10)
- 11:00 Pastoral Ministry and Seminaries (#6)
- 12:00 Recess

Afternoon Session

- 1:30 Midday Prayer—*Rev. Dr. Dien Ashley Taylor*
- 1:45 Minutes
- 1:50 Greetings—Concordia Historical Institute,
Rev. Dr. Daniel Harmelink
- 1:55 Presentation—Church Relations,
Rev. Dr. Jonathan E. Shaw
- 2:10 Theology and Church Relations (#5)
- 2:55 Special Recognition—*National and International
Church Body Representatives*
- 3:15 Registration, Credentials, and Elections (#11) *(Balloting for
other boards, CTCR, boards of regents, and synodwide entities)*
- 3:55 Special Recognition—*Newly elected and outgoing
Synod Board of Directors*
- 4:00 Ecclesiastical Supervision and Dispute Resolution (#10)
- 4:40 Pastoral Ministry and Seminaries (#6)
- 5:05 Registration, Credentials, and Elections (#11)
*(Balloting for other boards, CTCR, boards of regents,
and synodwide entities)*
- 5:45 Responsive Prayer
- 6:00 Recess
- 6:00 LHM and LWML Reception, *(Room 120 AB)*

Evening—Alumni Receptions



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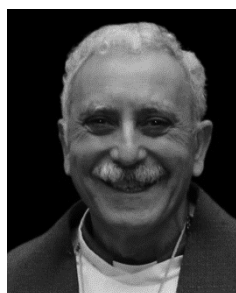
DAILY WORSHIP AND ESSAYS

Essayist—“Christ Conquers Death”



Dr. Michael A. Thomas has served as president of Concordia University Irvine since 2020. Under his leadership, Concordia has expanded its footprint to three campuses and matured into a comprehensive university offering 60+ programs from the baccalaureate through Ph.D. levels, with an operating budget exceeding \$100 million and an enrollment approaching 5,000 students across on-ground and online learning modalities. Thomas has stewarded significant capital investments and academic innovation, from the expansion of engineering and computer science programs to facility enhancements that support athletics, performing arts, and holistic student formation. These initiatives align with his vision of a Lutheran university that integrates rigorous scholarship, vocational formation, and community service. Before arriving at Concordia University Irvine, Thomas held senior academic leadership roles at Concordia University, Portland. His academic training includes a Ph.D. from the University of Virginia, an M.A. from the University of Washington, and a B.A. from Concordia University, Portland.

Preacher —Matins



The Rev. Nabil S. Nour is LCMS fourth vice-president, representing the Great Plains region. He has served as an LCMS vice-president since 2013. Nour is Arab by race, Palestinian by nationality, and Christian by grace. He migrated to the U.S. at the age of 16 with no English skills. His mother's tongue is Arabic, and country's tongue is Hebrew. He graduated Huron College in 1979 with a B.S. degree in criminology and sociology, with minors in psychology and gerontology. In 1989 he entered Concordia Seminary in St. Louis and graduated in the spring of 1994 with a Master of Divinity degree. He served in our Lord's vineyard at Redeemer Lutheran in Armour, S.D. for 21 years and Trinity Lutheran in Hartford, S.D. for nine and one-half years. He retired from full time ministry on Reformation Day of 2024. Nour has been privileged to serve the South Dakota District on many levels, circuit counselor (now visitor), and the second and first vice-president of the South Dakota District. Pastor Nour travels and lectures often on how to live the Christian life in a postmodern time, how to witness to Muslim, the true meaning of love, the conflict of the Middle East and how it can be solved, evangelism outreach, sharing the Good News of our salvation and other topics, and his favorite topic: "Listen to a man from Nazareth speak about The Man from Nazareth." Nour received an honorary degree of Humane Letters from Concordia University, St. Paul in May 2025. Nour and his wife, Jean, have three sons, three daughters-in-law, and fourteen grandchildren.

Preacher—Midday Prayer



The Rev. Dr. Dien Ashley Taylor, a baptized child of God, serves as the bishop and president of the Atlantic District of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS). Taylor also is the pastor of Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church in The Bronx, New York. In addition to serving in these roles, he is the LCMS president's voting representative on the LCMS Board for National Mission and serves as that board's vice-chairman. A native New Yorker, church musician, and educator, he earned degrees from Concordia College New York (B.A.), Concordia Seminary, St. Louis (M.Div.), and Fordham University (Ph.D.), serving in the Church in a variety of ways.

SILVER MEDAL OF ST. MARTIN OF TOURS

The Silver Medal of St. Martin of Tours is awarded for exceptionally meritorious service in support of the LCMS Ministry to the Armed Forces. This award is especially fitting for Lutheran chaplains. St. Martin of Tours (born 316 A.D.) served as an officer in the Roman Army. One cold day, he encountered a poor beggar shivering by the roadside. Martin drew his sword, cut his military cape in two, and gave half to the man. Martin left the army, became a monk, founded a monastery, and was later chosen by popular acclaim as Bishop of Tours, France. After his death, the remaining portion of his cape (“capa”) was preserved as a sacred relic. It was carried into battle in a small tent-like shrine known as a “capella.” The priest entrusted with its care was called the “capellanus.” From these terms come our English words “chapel” and “chaplain.” Since the Middle Ages, St. Martin of Tours has been closely associated with military chaplains. For Lutherans, the connection runs even deeper. On November 10, 1483, Hans and Margarethe Luther welcomed a son in Eisleben, Germany. The child was baptized the next day—November 11, the feast day of St. Martin of Tours—and named Martin Luther. Thus, the Silver Medal of St. Martin of Tours gives fitting tribute to Lutheran pastors who have served with distinction as military chaplains, honoring the legacy of two great defenders of the Christian faith: St. Martin of Tours and Dr. Martin Luther.

Silver Medal of Saint Martin of Tours Award Recipient



Rear Admiral Gregory N. Todd, CHC, USN (Retired) is a native of Seattle, Washington. Chaplain Todd is a 1984 graduate of Concordia College, Portland, Ore. He earned a Master of Divinity from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, and a Doctor of Ministry from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, Charlotte, N.C. Todd was commissioned in the U.S. Navy Reserve in 1986 and served in the Marine Corps Reserve while he pastored congregations in Illinois. In 1994, he superseded to active duty and served as base chaplain Naval Amphibious Base Coronado and then reported to USS Chancellorsville (CG 62), deploying to the Caribbean and Eastern Pacific for counter-narcotics operations. In his first U.S. Coast Guard tour, he was assigned to U.S. Coast Guard Activities New York. While there, he was the first Navy chaplain to respond at “Ground Zero” following the attacks on the World Trade Center and hosted the Coast Guard Chaplain Emergency Response Team to provide ministry to emergency workers and civilians. Todd served as the 10th chaplain of the Coast Guard where he supervised religious ministry support for the more than 88,000 Coast Guard personnel. In June 2018 Todd became the 20th chaplain of the United States Marine Corps and deputy chief of Navy Chaplains until assuming his role as the 28th Chief of Navy Chaplains. Todd retired after 40 years of

service in May 2026 after leading the religious ministry for the over 570,000 personnel and their families of the Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard for four years.

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CONVENTION STANDING RULES (REVISED)

Minutes

1. Minutes shall be distributed every next morning for consideration and approval. The first item of business of the afternoon session shall be the formal approval of these minutes. The final day's minutes shall be approved by the Board of Directors at its first meeting following the convention. Only substantive corrections to the minutes (impacting the meaning or effect of convention actions) shall be offered from the floor for consideration. Editorial corrections or non-substantive changes to the minutes (misspellings, numbering errors, faulty references, incorrect titles, punctuation, grammar, etc.) should be provided in writing to the Secretary for incorporation into the final version of the minutes published in the 2026 Convention Proceedings.

Resolutions

2. Resolutions shall be prioritized by floor committees and normally shall be presented to the convention in numerical sequence. However, resolutions that impact nominations or elections may be given earlier consideration at the discretion of the chair, in consultation with the floor committee chairman and the chairmen of the floor committees on nominations and elections.
3. The preface, preamble, rationale, and whereas sections shall be regarded as integral parts of resolutions and therefore subject to the same consideration, amendment, and adoption.
4. It shall be the discretion of the chairman or presenting member of the floor committee to read the preface, preamble, rationale, and whereas sections of resolutions from floor committees that are printed in *Today's Business*. In addition, the chair of the convention is not required to read each resolution as he states the questions and then as he puts the resolution to a vote.
5. The convention chairman, in consultation with floor committee chairmen, may identify resolutions to which up to 1 ½ hours of continuous consideration should be allotted, as follows:
 - 15 minutes (if needed) Floor committee presentation
 - 30 minutes (if needed) Debate on the main motion, excluding amendments and other subsidiary motions
 - 45 minutes (if needed) Presentation of and debate on amendments, substitute motions, main motion, or main motion as amended.
6. Whenever possible, substitute resolutions and amendments to proposed resolutions shall be submitted to *Today's Business* for publication prior to convention consideration of the resolutions to which they pertain. When this is not possible, as in the course of discussion, one written copy of the proposed amendment shall be provided to the Secretary immediately after it is offered from the floor.
7. Amendments to Constitution or Bylaw language require advance review and approval by the Commission on Constitutional Matters (CCM); these should be presented to the Today's Business office in time for publication, or in advance to the Secretary on the dais.
8. Only *substantive* amendments to a resolution shall be offered from the floor (those impacting its purpose or effect). The Secretary is authorized to make typographical and grammatical corrections provided such corrections do not alter the substance of a resolution. Any editorial corrections or *non-substantive* changes to introduced resolutions should instead be shared in writing with the Secretary. Until a resolution is presented to the delegates, any such changes should be suggested directly to the floor committee chair.
9. The delegates will consider omnibus resolutions as part of regular scheduled business. Omnibus A includes overtures referred to a board, commission, or other group of Synod to consider and take action deemed appropriate. Omnibus B includes overtures with respect to which the action taken by a previous convention is to be affirmed. Omnibus C acknowledges overtures of thanks or recognition. Each floor committee's Omnibus D (if any) dispenses formally with overtures declined by that floor committee. During consideration of a given omnibus, a majority vote is required to remove an overture from the omnibus resolution and have

it referred to the appropriate floor committee for action.

10. In addition to the Omnibus Resolutions above, any remaining resolutions may be placed on a consent calendar if they are deemed by the chair to be non-controversial, courtesy, or honorific in nature and it shall require 10 percent of voting delegates to remove said resolution from the consent calendar. All resolutions not successfully removed shall be adopted without further action of the convention. The chairman may publish in each day's *Today's Business* a consent calendar for consideration that day.
11. If any resolution is not acted upon by the convention before adjournment, it dies and the subject matter may be reintroduced for possible consideration by an overture to the next convention.

Process

12. Unless covered by these Special Standing Rules, parliamentary procedure shall be governed by the most recent edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised.
13. The chair shall see that the agenda is followed as closely as possible. The chair may deviate from the printed program when necessary or expedient.
14. All nonvoting advisory delegates and representatives may participate in debate, but may not nominate candidates, make motions, or vote.
15. Registered delegates and advisory representatives wishing to address the convention, once recognized by the chair, shall state their name, the name of the district (or other entity of the Synod that they represent), and whether they are a voting delegate, advisory delegate, or advisory representative. Delegates and representatives shall normally address the convention from their assigned microphones.
16. A microphone queue list will be enacted for every debatable motion considered by the assembly. The pro-con method of debate will be used to the extent possible intermingled with secondary motions in queue order. When a member of the floor committee speaks in favor of a resolution, it shall be recognized as a "pro" speech and will be followed by a "con" speech.
17. Delegates and representatives seeking recognition for any reason must first register at the nearest microphone kiosk, indicating their general purpose (speak pro or con, make a motion, raise a point of order, or request information). All queue entrants will be addressed as they appear in the queue order, except where the chair gives preference otherwise in recognition due to rules of order or another reason explained to the body. When called upon by the chair, delegates and representatives must identify themselves and state the desired action. Speakers can check their current position in, or withdraw from, the queue at the kiosk.
18. Ordinarily, questions of privilege (or point of personal privilege) shall be addressed in writing to the chair or his designee.
19. No delegate or representative may speak in debate any longer than two (2) minutes per speech. No delegate or representative may speak more than twice on the same motion on the same day and may not speak a second time until all delegates and representatives desiring to speak the first time have had the opportunity. The chair shall have discretion to make exceptions to this rule. When a floor committee is called on to answer a question or to give information, this rule shall not apply.
20. A delegate who speaks on an issue may not move to call the question at the close of his or her speech.
21. If a substitute motion is offered and seconded, the presenter shall be offered two (2) minutes to provide the rationale for offering it and a member of the floor committee shall be offered two (2) minutes to present rationale for why the committee believes the original motion is to be preferred. The convention shall decide by majority vote without further debate whether or not to consider the substitute motion. If the decision is in the affirmative and if the substitute motion is subsequently adopted, the original motion dies. If the substitute motion does not receive favorable action either to consider or adopt, the original motion is again pending.
22. A motion to close debate ("call the question") shall apply only to the immediately pending question. (*added in Session 4*)

23. While any voting delegate may move to close debate (call the question) at any time that it is his or her turn to speak, a vote on closing debate (two-thirds vote required) on the main motion shall be put by the chair after every twenty (20) minutes of debate (except those to which Standing Rule 5 pertains). The chair may also call for a vote on closing debate (two-thirds vote required) when in his judgment the assembly has heard sufficient speaking from both sides of the issue.
24. Amendments of non-contiguous words may be made to a pending question. so long as the consequence of such non-contiguous words does not constitute in effect a substitute motion.
25. During the last two days of the convention, the President shall have the privilege of calling up for action those resolutions that in his judgment must be acted upon before adjournment.
26. No motion to reconsider or rescind shall be made or called up during the last day of the convention.

Floor Nominations

27. No floor nominations will be accepted for the First Vice-President or regional vice-presidents (Bylaws 3.12.2.1; 3.12.2.7 [c]). In the case of election of the Secretary and board and commission members, floor nominations are allowed, to take place at the time of the report of the chairman of the Committee for Convention Nominations (Bylaw 3.12.3.7 [a–b]). “Such floor nominations may only be made from the list of names which have previously been offered to the Committee for Convention Nominations prior to the final deadline for the submission of nominations, unless the convention shall otherwise order by a simple majority vote” (Bylaw 3.12.3.7 [c]). Floor nominations are not debatable and shall be brought individually before the convention for approval, being voted on immediately, before being added to the ballot (Bylaw 3.12.3.7 [a–b]).

Allowable floor nominations for all positions of boards and commissions shall be opened for a period of forty (40) minutes, unless ceased earlier by a two-thirds vote of the assembly. At the end of forty (40) minutes, a vote to cease nominations shall be called by the convention chairman. If a two-thirds vote to cease nominations is not received, the period for floor nominations shall be extended an additional twenty (20) minutes. This cycle shall continue in twenty (20) minute intervals until a two-thirds vote for nominations to cease is received from the assembly.

Voting

28. An electronic response system shall ordinarily be used to register votes. If the system is not available, or at the discretion of the chair, the chair may take votes by voice, by show of hands, or by a rising vote. The chair may order a count if any voice, show of hands, or rising vote seems inconclusive. When possible, vote tallies shall be recorded in the minutes.
29. An invalid vote is defined as a vote entered on the keypad with a number not offered as a selection or entered before voting is opened or after voting is closed. Invalid votes are not counted in the total number of votes cast.
30. The privilege of granting delegates the right to record their votes in the minutes with respect to a particular resolution shall be granted by the assembly by a majority vote without debate. If such privilege is granted, the votes of record shall be submitted in writing to the Secretary of the Synod within 15 minutes after the close of the day’s business on which such privilege was granted.

Use of Voice, Print, and Electronic Devices

31. In order to promote an orderly convention atmosphere, while also respecting the continuing duties and obligations to family, congregations, and others, delegates shall use godly judgment in their use of all electronic devices and equipment. In all cases, the sound-producing capabilities of such devices shall not be used. Except as approved by convention staff, personal extension cords shall not be allowed in Halls AB.

	Type of Usage Permitted in Designated Area			
	Voice	Printers	All Electronic Communications including email, text, and social media messaging from any device, e.g., laptops, tablets, pagers, laser pointers, PEDs, smart phones, wearable technology including smart watches, activity trackers, and like devices.	Laptop computers, Smartphones, and tablets WITH communications disabled (e.g., Wi-Fi, Bluetooth, Cellular, and Infrared communications turned off or in airplane mode.)
Voting and Advisory Delegates & Representatives Areas	No	No	Yes	Yes
COP, BOD, CCM, COH, CTCR, Press, Special Guests Areas	No	No	Yes	n/a
Visitors, Back Seating Area	No	No	Yes	n/a
Convention Staff, All Areas	Yes	Yes	Yes	n/a



The Rev. David Langewisch queues with others during the 69th Regular Convention of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod in Phoenix on Monday, July 20, 2026. LCMS Communications/Frank Kohn

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RESOLUTION ACTION REPORT

Floor Committee (continues on next page)

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01	A/Ad. Am. (1)	A/ Adopted CC (1)		Adopted (2)		A/Adopted (3)
02	Ad. Am. (1)	A/ Adopted (2)		A/Adopted (2)		Adopted (3)
03	A/Adopted (1)	A/ Adopted (2)		Adopted (2)	Prop CC (5)	A/Ad. Am. (3)
04	Adopted CC (1)	Adopted (2)		B/Adopted (3)		A/Adopted (3)
05	A/Adopted CC (3)	Adopted (2)		Adopted (3)		A/Adopted (3)
06				A/Adopted (2)	A/Prop CC (5)	A/Adopted (4)
07	A/Adopted (4)			Adopted (3)	Prop CC (5)	A/Adopted (4)
08	A/Adopted CC (3)			Adopted as read (3)		Adopted (4)
09	A/Adopted (4)			A/Adopted (3)		
10				Prop CC (5)		
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 CC.: Consent Calendar (#): Action in session #

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02			A/Adopted (4)			
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06			Adopted CC (3)	Prop CC (5)		
07			Adopted CC (3)			
08			Adopted as read (4)			
09			Adopted (4)			
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18					Omnibus Resolution A	Adopted (2)
19					Omnibus Resolution B (TB, 2B:266-67)	Adopted (2)
20					Omnibus Resolution C	Adopted (2)

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Preamble

Standing rule 10 states, “any remaining resolutions may be placed on a consent calendar if they are deemed by the chair to be non-controversial, courtesy, or honorific in nature and it shall require 10 percent of voting delegates to remove said resolution from the consent calendar. All resolutions not successfully removed shall be adopted without further action of the convention. The chairman may publish in each day’s *Today’s Business* a consent calendar for consideration that day.”

WHEREAS, the following have been presented by the President for adoption as part of the day's consent calendar and not removed by request of at least ten percent of the voting delegation; therefore be it

Resolved, That the following resolutions shall stand adopted and be so reflected in the minutes and proceedings of the convention:

<u>Resolution</u>	<u>Title</u>
Res. 4-10	To Celebrate Concordia Historical Institute Centenary and Renew the Synod’s Commitment to Treasure and Trumpet Its Redeemed History
Res. 5-03	To Give Thanks for the Mission Province in Sweden
Res. 5-06A	To Amend Bylaw 3.9.5.2.2 (b)
Res. 5-07	To Refer “Sister Church” Nomenclature Change to Commission on Handbook
Res. 5-13A	To Give Thanks to God for 1700th Anniversary of First Council of Nicaea
Res. 9-01B	To Amend Bylaws 1.5.3.2–4 and Add Bylaw 4.7.6 regarding Regulations for Committees
Res. 10-05A	To Amend Bylaw 4.2.4 regarding Installation of District Presidents
Res. 10-06	To Amend Bylaw 2.11.2.2 (c)

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WHEREAS, As is the case with policy manuals in general, the *CCPM Policy Manual* can be changed at any time by the four-member CCPM; and

WHEREAS, There are many important requirements for pastoral colloquy that have been in place for many years and it would be wise to involve a larger representative body in a more deliberate process with regard to changes; and

WHEREAS, The well-known *Handbook* is a more accessible place to house these important requirements for pastoral colloquy rather than the lesser-known *CCPM Policy Manual*; and

WHEREAS, This overture does not seek or intend to introduce to the Bylaws any substantial changes to the requirements for pastoral colloquy as contained in the *CCPM Policy Manual*; therefore be it

Resolved, That Bylaw 3.10.2.2 be amended as follows:

~~PRESENT~~/PROPOSED WORDING

B. Colloquy Committee for the Pastoral Ministry

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3.10.2.2 The Colloquy Committee for the Pastoral Ministry shall establish and monitor academic, theological, and personal standards for admission to the office of the pastoral ministry by colloquy after consultation with the faculties of the seminaries. It may consider and approve those applicants who meet the requirements for eligibility as specified in this bylaw and concerning whom no valid objection is made pursuant to paragraph (c). In consultation with the President of the Synod, it shall develop any necessary additional policies to govern eligibility and the process to be followed to determine qualifications and suitability for pastoral service in the Synod.

~~(a) In consultation with the President of the Synod, it shall develop all necessary policies to govern eligibility and the process to be followed to determine qualifications and suitability for pastoral service in the Synod. Only such male applicants shall be considered eligible to apply for colloquy who are:~~

(1) ministers in good standing in other Christian church bodies (or independent congregations), are graduates of programs of study leading to ordination of no less than 60 semester hours or the equivalent thereof in length from accredited institutions, and have served at least three years in a recognized ministry of their church body, unless granted an exception to either of these last two requirements by the colloquy committee; or

(2) graduates of programs of study leading to ordination of no less than 60 semester hours or the equivalent thereof in length from accredited institutions, who become communicant members in good standing of congregations of the Synod and are members for at least two years immediately prior to the time of application (unless granted an exception to either of these last two requirements by the colloquy committee), and whose congregations adhere to Bylaw 2.5.2; or

(3) pastors emeriti from other church bodies. If certified by the committee, they may be placed on the roster of the Synod according to Bylaw 2.7.5.

~~(b) Applicants for colloquy shall be directed to the president of the district where the applicant resides.~~

(1) The district president shall refer the applicant to a district interview committee, who shall give a report and recommendation to the district president.

(2) The district president shall recommend qualified applicants to the chairman of the colloquy committee. Such recommendations shall be processed according to the policies and procedures adopted by the Colloquy Committee for the Pastoral Ministry.

~~(c) The colloquy committee shall publish notice of its intent to interview an applicant in an official periodical of the Synod unless the applicant requests such notice be delayed until after his interview.~~

(1) If no valid objection is received by the committee within 30 days after the publication of such notice, the applicant may be interviewed.

(2) If the applicant was interviewed first, notice shall then be published and upon publication 30 days be given for valid objections to be received.

(3) The committee, in its sole discretion, shall decide whether an objection is valid. Its decision shall not be the subject of any appeal.

(d) The colloquy committee shall arrange for an in-person colloquy, or discussion, with qualified applicants. The decision on each applicant shall be made on the basis of the colloquy application and examination and shall be the sole prerogative of the colloquy committee.

- (e) The criteria by which the colloquy committee shall determine an applicant’s readiness for certification are to be based upon adopted standards, including, but not limited to:
- (1) areas of general education;
 - (2) understanding of and agreement with the scriptural and doctrinal positions of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod;
 - (3) familiarity with the history and polity of the Synod;
 - (4) studies in theology assuring a well-rounded education in the major fields of theological discipline;
 - (5) positive experience in the work of the pastoral ministry; and
 - (6) demonstrated moral character (“above reproach”).
- (f) The colloquy committee, at its sole discretion, shall determine the content and amount of academic work, personal study programs, or supervised ministry that may be required prior to certification. To this end, the committee may assign residential and/or online seminary coursework, mentored readings, and/or a formal vicarage or a shorter informal internship.
- (g) The committee, at its discretion, may require a second colloquy interview following the completion of such study and/or supervised ministry.
- (h) Decisions to declare applicants qualified for the pastoral ministry and to certify for placement shall be at the sole discretion of the committee.
- (i) The committee shall:
- (1) certify for placement those applicants against whom no valid objection has been made and who have satisfactorily completed the colloquy interview and any other requirements as assigned by the colloquy committee;
 - (2) report this action to the applicant, the Office of Pastoral Education of the Synod, and to the appropriate district president; and
 - (3) publish a report of its favorable action in an official periodical of the Synod.
- (ej) Every applicant whom the committee declares qualified shall be assigned his first call by the Council of Presidents acting as the Board of Assignments.
- (k) The colloquy committee shall report to the Synod in convention.

9. STRUCTURE AND ADMINISTRATION

To Amend Bylaws 1.5.3.2–4 and Add Bylaw 4.7.6 regarding Regulations for Committees

RESOLUTION 9-01B

Overture 9-01 (*CW*, 449–50)

Rationale

The Commission on Constitutional Matters, noting frequent issues encountered in applying Bylaw section 1.5 to the committees of districts, universities, and other agencies of the Synod, referred the language to the Commission on Handbook for study and potential revision. The following is the proposal of the latter commission, intended to clarify the bylaw language dealing with regulations for committees. It was designed in light of the standard language used in *Robert’s Rules of Order Newly Revised*, 12th edition, especially sections 49–50 (Sarah Corbin Robert, Henry M. Robert III, William J. Evans, Daneil H. Honemann, Thomas J. Balch, Daniel E. Seabold, Shmuel Gerber, eds. [New York: PublicAffairs, 2020]), for various types of committees and to address concerns about committee constitution and authority across the board, rather than (as the present bylaws do) allowing certain narrow structural categories while remaining silent on others. The new bylaws focus on types of committees (Bylaw 1.5.3.2), the authority and responsibility of committees (Bylaw 1.5.3.3), and the constitution of committees (Bylaw 1.5.3.4). Finally, language is added to Bylaw section 4.7 to account for district committees that are established by district bylaw or district convention resolution, so that it will be clear that such committees are not subject to the requirements imposed by Bylaws 1.5.3.2–4 on committees of a board or commission. These revisions will provide significantly improved clarity and appropriate levels of both flexibility and regulation for corporate Synod and the agencies of the Synod with regard to their committee needs.

Therefore be it

Resolved, That Bylaws 1.5.3.1–4 be amended as follows:

PRESENT/PROPOSED WORDING

Organization

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1.5.3.1 Unless otherwise stipulated in these Bylaws, at the initial meeting after members take office under new terms filled by regular election or appointment (including the regular election or appointment of any fraction of the members), all mission boards, commissions, and governing boards shall organize themselves as to chair, vice-chair, secretary, and other standing committees and positions as necessary or mandated by these Bylaws and shall conduct business in accordance with accepted parliamentary rules.

~~1.5.3.2 All mission boards, commissions, and governing boards may make use of executive committees to act in times of emergency between plenary meetings, to act on delegated assignments, and to act as specified elsewhere in these Bylaws.~~

~~(a) Executive committees may not perform acts specifically required by statute or by legislation or the Constitution, Bylaws, and resolutions of the Synod to be performed by the agency, nor may they overturn actions of the agency.~~

~~(b) All executive committee actions shall be reported to plenary sessions of the agency.~~

~~1.5.3.3 All mission boards, commissions, and governing boards may also delegate a specific assignment for a limited time to a committee composed of its own members.~~

~~1.5.3.4 All mission boards, commissions, and governing boards may appoint standing committees of specialists to provide professional or technical assistance to the board or commission and may delegate certain responsibilities to such committees while retaining supervision. Standing committees may be made up of or include non board or commission members. The creation of standing committees shall be reported to the President and the Board of Directors of the Synod.~~

1.5.3.2 All mission boards, commissions, and governing boards (“plenaries”) may establish and appoint committees as follows:

(a) A standing committee is established explicitly in bylaws or plenary resolution or policies to perform a specified, continuing function. The creation of a standing committee shall be reported to the President and Board of Directors of the Synod.

(b) An ad hoc committee is established by resolution of the plenary to accomplish a specified task of limited duration, upon the completion of which it is automatically discharged.

(c) The executive committee, a specific type of standing committee composed of board or commission members only, may act with the authority of the plenary (i) in times of necessity between plenary meetings and/or (ii) on assignments specifically delegated by the plenary. It may also be assigned additional functions, as described below.

(d) The audit committee, another specific type of standing committee, is comprised of financially literate and independent directors, oversees for the plenary the related incorporated organization’s financial reporting process, selects an independent auditor, and receives the audit.

1.5.3.3 The authority and responsibility of a committee of a mission board, commission, or governing board, as well as any special rules applicable to such, are to be specifically set forth in the establishing bylaw, policy, or resolution, subject to the following:

(a) Committees may not perform acts specifically required by statute or the Constitution, Bylaws, and resolutions of the Synod to be performed exclusively by the plenary, nor may they overturn actions of the plenary.

(b) Except for executive committees acting in times of necessity, any committee charged “with power” to do more than report findings or recommendations to the plenary shall be empowered to act only (i) upon specific instructions of the plenary or (ii) under standing powers clearly delineated in bylaws or policies.

(c) The granting of standing authority to a committee to act for the plenary in any area without specific instructions, or the designation of any business to be automatically referred to a committee, or the impact in any other way of the parliamentary procedure of the plenary by a committee shall: (i) require, if not effected by bylaw, a two-thirds vote of the plenary; (ii) be reported to the President and Board of Directors of the Synod; and (iii) require the submission of any related policies, upon adoption or subsequent amendment, to the Commission on Constitutional Matters for review.

(d) The plenary shall retain supervision of any responsibilities delegated to committees, receiving and regularly reviewing their minutes, except for such executive sessions of committees as have been authorized by the plenary.

(e) Each standing committee shall report to each regular plenary session.

(f) Any action of a committee taken upon authority delegated by the plenary (including actions of an executive committee taken in times of necessity) shall be reported to the members of the plenary within two weeks or at the next regular meeting, whichever is sooner.

1.5.3.4 Except as otherwise provided by these Bylaws, a committee of a mission board, commission, or governing board shall be constituted as follows:

(a) A standing or executive committee shall comprise members appointed by ballot of the plenary or as *ex officio*.

(b) An *ad hoc* committee may be comprised of members appointed by ballot of the plenary, by nomination by the plenary members or chair, or by appointment by the chair, as designated by the plenary.

(c) Unless otherwise specified in bylaws or plenary policies, service in a committee appointment is at the pleasure of the plenary. Any potential committee member conflicts of interest shall be disclosed to the plenary, under Bylaw 1.5.2.

(d) The plenary may appoint as members of a committee, other than its executive committee, individuals who are not members of the plenary, provided that: (i) they provide necessary professional or technical expertise; (ii) such appointment is reported to the President and Board of Directors of the Synod; and (iii) such appointees do not vote on any action taken by the committee with authority delegated by the plenary, except where the committee acts upon specific instructions of the plenary.

(e) Committees may form subcommittees of their own members or others, including others only as specifically authorized in their constituting bylaws, policies, or resolution, as applicable, and subject to the same requirements stated in (d).

and be it further

Resolved, That Bylaw 4.7 be amended as follows:

~~PRESENT~~ PROPOSED WORDING

4.7 District Nominations, Elections, and Appointments

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4.7.6 A district convention may, by bylaw or resolution, create standing or *ad hoc* committees responsible to the district. These shall act on specific assignments or within authority delegated and shall conduct business in accordance with accepted parliamentary rules. Unless these are committees of the board of directors of the district, the provisions of Bylaws 1.5.3.2–4 do not apply to them.

NEW DELEGATE RESOLUTIONS

To Direct Seminaries to Publish Annual Enrollment Numbers Every Fall

NEW RESOLUTION

Overture 6-74 (*CW*, 408–9)

WHEREAS, The matter of pastoral formation has become a significant issue among many in the Synod; and

WHEREAS, There is great concern among many districts and congregations as to the number of pastors who are currently rostered and who will be rostered in the future; and

WHEREAS, Different views have been expressed by many in the Synod regarding whether or not a pastor shortage exists now and the extent of any potential shortage in the future; and

WHEREAS, The Synod does publish the number of rostered church workers, including pastors, in its various communications, giving a snapshot of the current number of pastors, but not giving a clear picture of what future pastor numbers will be; and

WHEREAS, The seminaries have not consistently published enrollment numbers in a manner easily accessible to obtain for districts and congregations and their members, thereby allowing them to better understand for themselves both the current realities and future probabilities of the status of the Synod's clergy roster; and

WHEREAS, Publications such as the Data Tables of the Association of Theological Schools (ATS) (one of the two accrediting agencies for Concordia Seminary [CSL] and Concordia Theological Seminary [CTSF])—which indicate that, by the seminaries' reporting to them in the Fall of 2024, there were only 322 Master of Divinity (M.Div.) students across all classes between both seminaries—are not disseminated to congregations and workers as are Synod publications; (This information which reveals an average of only 80 M.Div. students/year to be ordained in the Synod during this particular 4 year cycle can be found in ATS 2024–2025 Table 2.12 [this is the most recent available data from ATS]); and

WHEREAS, Numbers from LCMS Rosters, Statistics, and Research Services presented to the Texas District Board of Directors during its 2025 presidential visitation indicated a relatively small number of pastors, only 96, who will be reaching retirement age (67) in 2060 and beyond, suggesting a very small number of pastors currently on the roster who are in their early 30s or younger; and

WHEREAS, Synod publications such as *The Lutheran Witness* and *Reporter* have wide circulation among congregations and their members; therefore be it

Resolved, That enrollment numbers for CSL and CTSF be published in *Reporter* and other appropriate Synod publications every year in the fall upon the matriculation of the newest class at each school. Such numbers to include:

- the number of residential M.Div. students broken down by class (first year, second year, vicarage, fourth year)
- the number of students in the Specific Ministry Pastor program
- the number of students in other programs that lead to ordination
- the number of deaconess students, as well as the number of students in any other program which the seminaries consider important to report
- the number of students expected to be ordained and assigned in the coming academic year
- the number of students in the different academic programs by the following age groups: 21–26, 27–32, 33–40, 41–49, 50+
- the approximate cost per student per year in the different academic programs;

and be it further

Resolved, That districts and congregations be encouraged to use such information to bring an awareness of the need and value of ministerial recruitment; and be it finally

Resolved, That similar reporting be provided to congregations of the Synod and their members for other church worker programs in the schools of the Concordia University System.

Mark T. Pulliam
Pastoral Delegate, Texas District



PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

5. THEOLOGY AND CHURCH RELATIONS

To Reaffirm the Synod’s Positions on Men and Women in the Church

AMENDMENT TO RESOLUTION 5-08A

Resolution 5-08A (*TB*, 2B:292–93)

To insert, at *TB* 2B:292, after line 37, the additional *whereas*:

WHEREAS, Holy Scripture and the apostle Paul very clearly state that women are not to teach or hold any positions of authority over men in the church (1 Tim. 2:12); the apostle refers to the order of creation regarding the roles of men and women in the church (1 Tim. 2:13–15), making this a permanent and lasting mandate (1 Cor. 14:33b); and the apostle plainly intends to communicate that restrictions on the role of women are broader than simply not serving as a pastor or performing duties related to the office of pastor; and

To insert, at *TB* 2B:293, after line 10, the additional *resolved*:

Resolved, That the Synod in convention direct the presidents of both seminaries to each form a committee from their respected faculty to evaluate the roles of women in our congregations, especially the service of women as elders and as president/chair or vice president/vice-chair (cf. 2004 Res. 3-08A, “To Affirm the Conclusions of the 1994 CTCR Report: *The Service of Women in Congregational and Synodical Offices*” [*Proc.* 132–33]) and each offer a report to the 2029 Synod convention; and be it further

Rick Snyder
Lay Delegate, Indiana District

To Address the Public Reading of Scripture in Public Worship

AMENDMENT TO RESOLUTION 5-09A

Resolution 5-09A (*TB*, 3:325–26)

To insert at *TB* 3:326, line 13, the words “and make recommendations for action at the next Synod convention” so as to make the final *resolved* read:

Resolved, That the COP and the appointed seminary committee report on their discussion, evaluation, and conclusions no later than six months prior to the next Synod convention and make recommendations for action at the next Synod convention.

Brian L Kachelmeier
Pastoral Delegate, Texas District

To Reaffirm Sanctity of Human Life Regarding Practice of In Vitro Fertilization

AMENDMENT TO RESOLUTION 5-11A

Resolution 5-11A (*TB*, 2B:293–94)

To insert, at *TB* 2B:293, after line 34, the additional *whereas*:

WHEREAS, The practice of IVF commonly uses gametes obtained from donors outside the marital union thus violating the one flesh union between husband and wife and depriving children of their right to their biological mother and father; and

To replace the resolve at *TB* 2B:293, line 42, with the following *resolve*:

Resolved, That the Synod condemn the practice of IVF especially because of the freezing and destruction of human beings and the introduction of gametes from persons outside the marital union; and be it further

Hayden Folks
Pastoral Delegate, Ohio District

10. ECCLESIASTICAL SUPERVISION AND DISPUTE RESOLUTION

To Respond to Sexual Misconduct by Rostered Workers and Make Provision for Spiritual Care of Those Affected

AMENDMENT TO RESOLUTION 10-03A

Resolution 10-03A (*TB*, 3:352–53)

To insert, at *TB* 3:353, after line 11, the two additional *resolves*:

Resolved, That district presidents be directed and empowered, as those entrusted with ecclesiastical supervision, to carry forward all such investigations to completion regardless of resignation status, ensuring proper documentation, reporting, and closure; and be it further

Resolved, That the Synod develop and maintain a publicly accessible classification or designation for all rostered workers who resign before the completion of an investigation into credible allegations of misconduct, or, if a rostered worker is removed due to a substantiated allegation of clergy sexual abuse, that it be reported publicly; and be it further

Christopher Neuendorf
Pastoral Delegate, North Dakota District

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SLATE OF CANDIDATES

The 69th Regular Convention of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (2026)

Office / Candidate	1 st Ballot		2 nd Ballot		3 rd Ballot		4 th Ballot	
First Vice-President of the Synod								
Minister of Religion—Ordained (elect 1, 3-year term)	Total	926						
1. Christopher S. Esget (EN)	7.13%	66						
2. Alfonso O. Espinosa (PSW)	6.95%	157						
3. Eric T. Lange (NOW)	8.32%	77						
4. Peter K. Lange (MO)	60.37%	559						
5. Don R. (Richard) Stuckwisch Jr. (IN)	7.24%	67						
Regional Vice-President								
Central Region								
Minister of Religion—Ordained (elect 1, 3-year term)	Total	936	Total	940				
1. Benjamin T. (Ben) Ball (SI)	47.97%	449	51.91%	488				
2. Joel D. Biermann (MO)	42.95%	402	45.96%	432				
3. Peter J. Brock (IN)	2.99%	28						
4. Jeffrey P. Cloeter (MO)	3.85%	36	2.13%	20				
5. Michael P. Schuermann (CI)	2.24%	21						
East-Southeast Region								
Minister of Religion—Ordained (elect 1, 3-year term)	Total	925						
1. Wally M. Arp (SELC)	13.08%	121						
2. Christopher S. Esget (EN)	56.76%	525						
3. Jeffrey E. Skopak (SE)	10.81%	100						
4. Deric A. Taylor (NJ)	8.86%	82						
5. Luke T. Zimmerman (EN)	10.49%	97						
Great Lakes Region								
Minister of Religion—Ordained (elect 1, 3-year term)	Total	919	Total	931	Total	925		
1. Mark D. Brandt (MI)	22.31%	205	27.93%	260	33.62%	311		
2. Jamison J. Hardy (EN)	15.13%	139						
3. David P. Ramirez (SW)	20.02%	184	23.52%	219				
4. Eric C. Skovgaard (SW)	37.32%	343	48.55%	452	66.38%	614		
5. Sean A. Willman (MI)	5.22%	48						
Great Plains Region								
Minister of Religion—Ordained (elect 1, 3-year term)	Total	921						
1. David C. Mumme (MNS)	12.81%	118						
2. Nabil S. Nour (SD)	51.25%	472						
3. Matthew R. Richard (ND)	15.64%	144						
4. Scott C. Sailer (SD)	9.99%	92						
5. Steven D. Turner (IW)	10.31%	95						

Office / Candidate	1 st Ballot	2 nd Ballot	3 rd Ballot	4 th Ballot
First Vice-President of the Synod				
West-Southwest Region <i>Minister of Religion—Ordained</i> <i>(elect 1, 3-year term)</i>	Total 935			
1. Timothy P. (Tim) Ahlman (PSW)	22.99% 215			
2. Alfonso O. Espinosa (PSW)	53.26% 498			
3. Bradley W. Jurischk (TX)	3.64% 34			
4. Eric T. Lange (NOW)	12.09% 113			
5. Yohannes A. Mengsteab (TX)	8.02% 75			
Regional Vice-President Rankings				
2nd Vice-President <i>Minister of Religion—Ordained</i> <i>(elect 1, 3-year term)</i>	Total 932	Total 932		
1. Benjamin T. (Ben) Ball (SI)	44.74% 417	52.9% 493		
2. Christopher S. Esget (EN)	10.41% 97	7.4% 69		
3. Alfonso O. Espinosa (PSW)	21.35% 199	26.5% 247		
4. Nabil S. Nour (SD)	15.99% 149	13.2% 123		
5. Eric C. Skovgaard (SW)	7.51% 70			
3rd Vice President <i>Minister of Religion—Ordained</i> <i>(elect 1, 3-year term)</i>	Total 928	Total 929		
2. Christopher S. Esget (EN)	25.11% 233	27.77% 258		
3. Alfonso O. Espinosa (PSW)	43.86% 407	55.97% 520		
4. Nabil S. Nour (SD)	21.98% 204	16.25% 151		
5. Eric C. Skovgaard (SW)	9.05% 84			
4th Vice President <i>Minister of Religion—Ordained</i> <i>(elect 1, 3-year term)</i>	Total 926	Total 930		
2. Christopher S. Esget (EN)	45.25% 419	53.12% 494		
4. Nabil S. Nour (SD)	41.47% 384	46.88% 436		
5. Eric C. Skovgaard (SW)	13.28% 123			
5th Vice-President and 6th Vice-President <i>Minister of Religion—Ordained</i> <i>(elect 1, 3-year term)</i>	Total 926			
4. Nabil S. Nour (SD)	66.74% 618			
5. Eric C. Skovgaard (SW)	33.26% 308			
Secretary of the Synod				
<i>Minister of Religion—Ordained</i> <i>(elect 1, 3-year term)</i>	Total 840			
1. Richard C. Rudowske Jr. (MO)	17.74% 149			
2. John W. Sias (MO)	82.26% 691			

Office / Candidate	1 st Ballot	2 nd Ballot	3 rd Ballot	4 th Ballot
LCMS Board of Directors				
Central Region <i>Lay Member of LCMS Member Congregation</i> <i>(elect 1, 6-year term)</i>	Total 823			
1. Andrew N. Grams (MDS)	58.20% 479			
2. Aaron J. Silletto (IN)	27.46% 226			
3. Kevin W. Washburn (MDS)	14.34% 118			
West-Southwest Region <i>Lay Member of LCMS Member Congregation</i> <i>(elect 1, 6-year term)</i>	Total 852	Total 866		
1. Trey Cox (PSW)	21.24% 181	21.02% 182		
2. Jerald L. Folkerts (RM)	10.68% 91			
3. Stephen Reavis (TX)	23.71% 202	26.10% 226		
4. Jesse L. Yow Jr. (CNH)	44.37% 378	52.89% 458		
At-Large <i>Lay Member of LCMS Member Congregation</i> <i>(elect 1, 6-year term)</i>	Total 849	Total 864		
1. Thomas J. Deadrick (SD)	26.86% 228	36.23% 313		
2. David C. Eastburn (IE)	24.85% 211			
3. John W. Edson (MNS)	48.29% 410	63.77% 551		
At-Large <i>Minister of Religion—Commissioned</i> <i>(elect 1, 6-year term)</i>	Total 871	Total 866		
1. Nathan T. Domsch (NEB)	25.95% 226	36.49% 316		
2. Jay A. Krause (SI)	25.83% 225			
3. Jan W. Lohmeyer (SO)	48.22% 420	63.51% 550		
Board for National Mission				
Central Region <i>Minister of Religion—Ordained or Commissioned</i> <i>(elect 1, 6-year term)</i>				
1. Douglas L. Rutt (MO)				
2. Michael P. Schuermann (CI)				
Great Lakes Region <i>Minister of Religion—Ordained or Commissioned</i> <i>(elect 1, 6-year term)</i>				
1. Peter C. Bender (SW)				
2. Miriam R. Yakimow (MI)				
West-Southwest Region <i>Minister of Religion—Ordained or Commissioned</i> <i>(elect 1, 6-year term)</i>				
1. Kevin W. Austin (PSW)				
2. Thomas E. Chryst (TX)				
3. Neil S. Vanderbush (TX)				
East-Southeast Region <i>Lay Member of LCMS Member Congregation</i> <i>(elect 1, 6-year term)</i>				
1. Rande T. Casaday (EN)				
2. David L. Daniels (SE)				
3. Karen A. Dowbnia (EN)				
4. Janis G. McDaniels (SE)				
Great Plains Region <i>Lay Member of LCMS Member Congregation</i> <i>(elect 1, 6-year term)</i>				
1. Vernon W. Kettelhake (NEB)				
2. Sarah Rausch (SD)				

Office / Candidate	1 st Ballot	2 nd Ballot	3 rd Ballot	4 th Ballot
Board for International Mission				
East-Southeast Region <i>Minister of Religion—Ordained or Commissioned</i> <i>(elect 1, 6-year term)</i>				
1. James A. Douthwaite (SELC)				
2. Gregory D. Jans (NJ)				
3. Rachel E. Jaseph (SE)				
Great Plains Region <i>Minister of Religion—Ordained or Commissioned</i> <i>(elect 1, 6-year term)</i>				
1. Richard X. Her (MNS)				
2. Daniel Preus (MNN)				
3. Brent D. Smith (NEB)				
Central Region <i>Lay Member of LCMS Member Congregation</i> <i>(elect 1, 6-year term)</i>				
1. Adam D. Fosse (KS)				
2. Seth R. Hinz (MO)				
Great Lakes Region <i>Lay Member of LCMS Member Congregation</i> <i>(elect 1, 6-year term)</i>				
1. Kelly Bone (MI)				
2. John L. Powers (SW)				
West-Southwest Region <i>Lay Member of LCMS Member Congregation</i> <i>(elect 1, 6-year term)</i>				
1. Richard P. Fielitz Jr. (CNH)				
2. Terence Lung (CNH)				
3. Doss Tychicus (PSW)				
Commission on Theology and Church Relations				
<i>Minister of Religion—Ordained (parish pastor)</i> <i>(elect 1, 6-year term)</i>				
1. Theodore J. Hopkins (MI)				
2. Andrew C. Kennell (MO)				
3. Martin R. Noland (CNH)				
4. Mark P. Surburg (SI)				
<i>Lay Member of LCMS Member Congregation</i> <i>(elect 1, 6-year term)</i>				
1. Keith G. Chuvala (TX)				
2. Paul P. Edmon (NE)				
3. Joseph L. Olson (SW)				

Office / Candidate	1 st Ballot	2 nd Ballot	3 rd Ballot	4 th Ballot
Concordia Historical Institute Board of Governors				
<i>Minister of Religion—Ordained</i> (elect 2, 6-year term)	A B	A B	A B	A B
1. Rodney A. Benkendorf (MO)	A B			
2. Mark A. Loest (MI)	A B			
3. David P. Ramirez (SW)	A B			
4. Robert V. Roethemeyer (IN)	A B			
<i>Minister of Religion—Commissioned or Lay Member of LCMS Member Congregation</i> (elect 1, 6-year term)				
1. David Duesenberg (MO)				
2. Alessandro Meregaglia (NOW)				
3. Matthew C. Phillips (NEB)				
Concordia Publishing House Board of Directors				
<i>Lay Member of LCMS Member Congregation</i> (elect 4, 6-year term)	A B C D	A B C D	A B C D	A B C D
1. Heidi K. Abegg (EN)	A B C D			
2. Jeff Bull (IW)	A B C D			
3. Thomas R. Halvorson (MT)	A B C D			
4. Mark Hemingway (EN)	A B C D			
5. Seth R. Hinz (MO)	A B C D			
6. Noreen L. Linke (RM)	A B C D			
7. Sarah Rausch (SD)	A B C D			
8. William M. Thompson II (MO)	A B C D			

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The Lutheran Church Extension Fund—Missouri Synod Board of Directors				
<i>Minister of Religion—Ordained or Commissioned</i> (elect 1, 3-year term)				
1. Michael L. Kumm (SD)				
2. Kevin D. Robson (MO)				
3. Blaise C. Sedney (SE)				
<i>Lay Member of LCMS Member Congregation</i> (elect 3, 3-year term)	A B C	A B C	A B C	A B C
1. Jason Behr (SW) A B C				
2. Matthew W. Hurtienne (EN) A B C				
3. Julie A. Johnson (SI) A B C				
4. Jonathan H. Kramer (MO) A B C				
5. Gretchen A. Roberts (MDS) A B C				
6. Ryan Weir (KS) A B C				
The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod Foundation Board of Trustees				
<i>Minister of Religion—Ordained</i> (elect 1, 3-year term)				
1. Mark L. Huff (MI)				
2. Todd C. Riordan (IN)				
<i>Lay Member of LCMS Member Congregation</i> (elect 1, 3-year term)				
1. Glenn R. Pittsford (TX)				
2. Franklin E. Simek Jr. (SI)				
3. Mark O. Swenson (MNS)				
Concordia University System Board of Directors				
<i>Minister of Religion—Ordained</i> (elect 1, 6-year term)				
1. Jacob C. Bobby (SD)				
2. Matthew E. Borrasso (SE)				
3. Mark S. Nuckols (SW)				

Office / Candidate	1 st Ballot	2 nd Ballot	3 rd Ballot	4 th Ballot
Concordia Theological Seminary (Fort Wayne, Ind.) Board of Regents				
<i>Minister of Religion—Ordained</i> (elect 2, 6-year term)	A B	A B	A B	A B
1. Randall L. Golter (IE) A B				
2. Timothy M. Klinkenberg (PSW) A B				
3. Korey D. Maas (MI) A B				
4. David P. Ramirez (SW) A B				
5. Jeffrey E. Skopak (SE) A B				
<i>Minister of Religion—Commissioned</i> (elect 1, 6-year term)				
1. Matthew C. Janssen (MO)				
2. Mark W. Meehl (NEB)				
<i>Lay Member of LCMS Member Congregation</i> (elect 1, 6-year term)				
1. Elizabeth R. Killinger (TX)				
2. Michael D. Lange (PSW)				
3. Christian A. Preus (MNS)				
Concordia Seminary (St. Louis, Mo.) Board of Regents				
<i>Minister of Religion—Ordained</i> (elect 2, 6-year term)	A B	A B	A B	A B
1. Joel A. Brondos (CI) A B				
2. Warren W. Graff (RM) A B				
3. Bruce E. Keseman (SI) A B				
4. Richard C. Rudowske Jr. (MO) A B				
5. Harald G. Tomesch (SW) A B				
<i>Minister of Religion—Commissioned</i> (elect 1, 6-year term)				
1. Sarah E. Gaffney (SI)				
2. Michael S. Staub (TX)				
<i>Lay Member of LCMS Member Congregation</i> (elect 1, 6-year term)				
1. Michelle M. Kazmierczak (IN)				
2. Noreen L. Linke (RM)				
3. Mark O. Stern (NI)				

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Concordia University Chicago (River Forest, Ill.) Board of Regents				
<i>Minister of Religion—Ordained</i> (elect 1, 3-year term)				
1. Matthew D. Bean (SE)				
2. Rene G. Castillero (SI)				
3. Lawrence R. Rast Jr. (IN)				
<i>Minister of Religion—Commissioned</i> (elect 1, 3-year term)				
1. Jeremy T. Geidel (NEB)				
2. Nathanael Hahn (WY)				
3. Paul R. Steinhaus (NW)				
<i>Lay Member of LCMS Member Congregation</i> (elect 2, 3-year term)	A B	A B	A B	A B
1. Alicia K. Dietrich (SI) A B				
2. David Walz (NI) A B				
3. Alison C. Witte (OH) A B				
4. Mark D. Wolfrum (NI) A B				
Concordia University, Irvine (Calif.) Board of Regents				
<i>Minister of Religion—Ordained</i> (elect 1, 3-year term)				
1. Brian L. Kachelmeier (TX)				
2. Elroi Reimnitz (PSW)				
3. Muluneh Taye (CNH)				
<i>Minister of Religion—Commissioned</i> (elect 1, 3-year term)				
1. Robert S. Fogo (TX)				
2. Sarah E. Gaffney (SI)				
<i>Lay Member of LCMS Member Congregation</i> (elect 2, 3-year term)	A B	A B	A B	A B
1. Harry Edmon (NOW) A B				
2. Laura G. Hemminger (NOW) A B				
3. Gary C. Nelson (CNH) A B				
4. Brian T. Yamabe (CNH) A B				

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Concordia University, Nebraska (Seward, Neb.) Board of Regents				
<i>Minister of Religion—Ordained</i> (elect 1, 3-year term)				
1. Scott T. Adle (NEB)				
2. Luther C. Biggs (NEB)				
3. John David K. Zischke (MDS)				
<i>Minister of Religion—Commissioned</i> (elect 1, 3-year term)				
1. Craig A. Ernstmeyer (MO)				
2. Jay A. Krause (SI)				
3. Alan P. Runge (NI)				
<i>Lay Member of LCMS Member Congregation</i> (elect 2, 3-year term)	A B	A B	A B	A B
1. Dan Buman (NEB) A B				
2. Christopher P. Heins (MO) A B				
3. Bruce D. Schultz (KS) A B				
4. Douglas Tewes (NEB) A B				
5. Stan Ullerich (IW) A B				
Concordia University, St. Paul (Minn.) Board of Regents				
<i>Minister of Religion—Ordained</i> (elect 1, 3-year term)				
1. Jeffrey P. Cloeter (MO)				
2. Adam T. Filipek (ND)				
3. Donald J. Fondow (MNN)				
<i>Minister of Religion—Commissioned</i> (elect 1, 3-year term)				
1. John Chilman III (PSW)				
2. Tia M. Esser (SD)				
3. Gary L. Volberding (MNS)				
<i>Lay Member of LCMS Member Congregation</i> (elect 2, 3-year term)	A B	A B	A B	A B
1. Karl Abbott (SE) A B				
2. Paul C. Hinz (TX) A B				
3. Richard A. Rolf (MI) A B				
4. Rosa Summers (MNS) A B				

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Concordia University Texas (Austin, Texas) Board of Regents				
<i>Minister of Religion—Ordained</i> (elect 1, 3-year term)				
1. Keith W. Schweitzer (IW)				
2. Neil S. Vanderbush (TX)				
3. Richard A. Zeile (MI)				
<i>Minister of Religion—Commissioned</i> (elect 1, 3-year term)				
1. Christopher R. Marshall (SW)				
2. Miguel A. Ruiz (TX)				
<i>Lay Member of LCMS Member Congregation</i> (elect 2, 3-year term)	A B	A B	A B	A B
1. Jon Allen (EA) A B				
2. William Brandt (TX) A B				
3. Bob L. Ssekyanzi (TX) A B				
Concordia University Wisconsin (Mequon, Wis.) Board of Regents				
<i>Minister of Religion—Ordained</i> (elect 1, 3-year term)				
1. Jonathan E. Conner (IW)				
2. Dwayne M. Lueck (NW)				
3. Lance A. ODonnell (SW)				
<i>Minister of Religion—Commissioned</i> (elect 1, 3-year term)				
1. Jennifer Knox (SW)				
2. Paul R. Steinhaus (NW)				
<i>Lay Member of LCMS Member Congregation</i> (elect 2, 3-year term)	A B	A B	A B	A B
1. Jon Allen (EA) A B				
2. Rande T. Casaday (EN) A B				
3. David Lambert (EN) A B				
4. Stephen M. Saunders (SW) A B				

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Commission on Worship				
<i>Minister of Religion—Ordained (parish pastor)</i> <i>(elect 1, 6-year term)</i>				
1. John M. Berg (SW)				
2. Steven C. Briel (MNS)				
3. Jason M. Kasper (TX)				
4. David A. Kind (MNS)				
5. Brent W. Kuhlman (NEB)				
6. Steven P. Mueller (PSW)				
7. Daniel C. Ross (OK)				
8. Sean R. Smith (MDS)				
<i>Minister of Religion—Commissioned (director of parish music or parish teacher)</i> <i>(elect 1, 6-year term)</i>				
1. Matthew C. Janssen (MO)				
2. Darin D. Koenemann (IN)				
3. Miguel A. Ruiz (TX)				
4. Paul M. Soulek (NEB)				
5. Thomas J. Winterstein (MI)				
<i>Lay Member of LCMS Member Congregation</i> <i>(elect 1, 3-year term)</i>				
1. Michael Hollman (IN)				
2. Noreen L. Linke (RM)				
3. Joseph L. Olson (SW)				

ELECTION CANDIDATE CHANGES

The following notices update or correct information in the *Biographical Synopses & Statements of Nominees (BSSN)*:

Board for National Mission, East-Southeast Region, Lay (BSSN, 46): Janis G. McDaniels was added by floor nomination in Monday's session. Info follows:



Janis G. McDaniels, Greensboro, NC; Ebenezer (SE); LCMS 49; Retired. **S:** BNM 7, All Nations Coun. 1, BOD Luth. Deaf. Miss. Soc. 5, TF on Domestic Violence & Child Abuse 2, Nat'l. Advocacy Group for Miss. 5, BBMS 6, BOR CCA 5, LWML Carolinas Dist. Pres. 4, LWML VP of Gospel Outreach 4, LWML Heart to Heart Sisters Com. Chm. 2, Nat'l. Youth Gath. Com. Life Builder. **D:** SE BOD 3,

Area Miss. Team 5, Coalition of Luth. in Black Min. 26, SE Youth Min. TF 2, AT BOD 5 Total. **C:** VP 2, Bd. of Evan. 8, Bd. of Soc. Concern 5, Bd. Chm. Campus Min. **O:** Habitat for Humanity Lunch Min. 5, Greensboro Urban Min. Food Delivery.

I would like the opportunity to continue to work with the Board for National Mission in its creation and maintenance of policies to ensure its efforts to share the Gospel throughout the Synod.

Board for International Mission, West-Southwest Region, Lay (BSSN, 50): Doss Tychicus was added by floor nomination in Monday's session. Info follows:



Doss Tychicus, Baldwin Park, CA; Immanuel First, West Covina, CA (PSW); LCMS 7; Chief Information Officer. **O:** Food for Health (AHF) 15.

I am honored to be considered for service on the Board for International Mission. As a fifth-generation Lutheran from India, and active member of the LCMS, and a global technology executive, I have experienced firsthand the blessings and challenges of Lutheran mission work around the world. My vision is to strengthen relationships with our partner churches, support faithful proclamation of the Gospel, and encourage collaboration rooted in Scripture and the Lutheran Confessions. I seek to serve with humility, integrity, and a commitment to advancing Christ's mission while fostering unity, transparency, and mutual respect throughout the Synod's international ministry.

Commission on Theology and Church Relations, Ordained (BSSN, 51): Theodore J. Hopkins was added by floor nomination in Monday's session. Info follows:



Theodore J. Hopkins, Saline, MI; St. Paul, Ann Arbor, MI (MI); LCMS 28; Sr. Pastor **S:** CUAA Asst. VP of Academics 1, CUAA Assoc. Professor of Theology 10, CUAA Dir. Pre-Sem. & Family Life Ministry 10, Theology Instructor Lutheran HS South, St. Louis 1 **D:** Presenter, MI District Theological Conference **C:** St. Paul, Ann Arbor, MI 2 **O:** PhD Systematic Theology (CSL) (2021)

The work of the Commission on Theology and Church Relations is vital to our Synod, faithfully applying Holy Scripture and the Lutheran Confessions to questions facing the Church today. As a trained systematic theologian, I taught theology in the Concordia University System for ten years and now serve as senior pastor of a mid-sized LCMS congregation. I would be grateful to contribute both academic and pastoral experience to the CTCR's work, serving our Synod with confessional and pastorally grounded theological reflection.

Commission on Theology and Church Relations, Lay (BSSN, 51–52): Joseph Olson was added by floor nomination in Monday's session. Info follows:



Joseph L. Olson, Whitefish Bay, WI; Our Savior, Whitefish Bay, WI (SW); LCMS 25; Attorney. **S:** Mem. BOR CUW 2, Chm., CPH BOD 4, Chm. Investment-Finance Com./Audit Com. CPH BOD 6. **C:** Elder, Teach youth Bible Study **O:** WELS Outside Lgl. Counsel 5, Michael Best Strategies LLC, VP 12, Michael Best & Friedrich LLP, Associate 6, Partner 16.

The CTCR exists to preserve the unity we have in the faith handed to us by the apostles. I would be honored to help the Church preserve its confessional unity in the face of a hostile world. I believe my experience both inside the Church and in my secular vocation provides a solid foundation for this work.

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Commission on Theology and Church Relations, *Ordained* (BSSN, 51): **David P. Ramirez** was added by floor nomination in Monday's session. The nominee has declined this nomination.

Concordia Theological Seminary (Fort Wayne, Ind.) Board of Regents, *Ordained* (BSSN, 61–62): **David P. Ramirez** was added by floor nomination in Monday's session.



David P. Ramirez, Union Grove, WI; Saint Paul, Union Grove WI (SW); LCMS 21; Pastor. S: DR 12, Conv. Deleg. 1, LCMS Nom. Com. 1. D: CI and SW Pastors' Conf. Plng. Com. 5, SI Fl. Com. 2, CV SW 5. C: Pastor 17. O: Duke Univ. Luth. Lutheran Campus Min. Coord. 1, Grad. Asst. CTSFW 1, Organizer, Jr. and Sr. High Youth Confs. 5, Chm. NLSA Accreditation Com., Zion Luth. School, Bugenhagen Conf. Plng. Com. 9, Little League Baseball Coach 6, Vicarage Supervisor 1, Co-Planner, Faith of Our Fathers Conf. 2.

I have had a love for American Lutheran history and heritage since I was a boy. Learning and studying it was a strong influence on my decision to leave the ELCA and join the LCMS when I was in seminary. After completing my M.Div. in 2008, I served as the historical theology graduate assistant at CTSFW. I later earned an S.T.M. in historical theology in 2020. I have sought to advance the knowledge and preservation of Lutheran history in the parishes I have served, by sharing resources on the blog "Lutheran Treasures of the Old Missouri Synod" and by presenting on our Synod's dedication to the confession of the Gospel and focus on education.

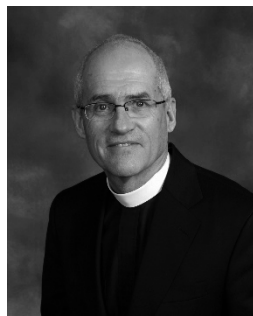
Concordia Seminary (St. Louis, Mo.) Board of Regents, *Ordained* (BSSN, 63): **Harald G. Tomesch** was added by floor nomination in Monday's session. Info follows:



Harald G. Tomesch, Slinger, WI; Trinity, Sheboygan, WI (SW); LCMS 69; Prof. CUW S: Prof. 40, Pres. CLTS, St. Cath. 3, Chm. Bd. Doxology 10 D: SW Theo. Ed. (SMP) 4, SW Exec. Team 4, E and SW Miss. Cong. 11 C: Choir 6, Vac. Pastor 6 O: Higher Things preacher 4, Conc. Pastor's Conf. Presenter 30, Conv. Essayist

"Imitate me!"—St. Paul. Pastors are formed in community, "Living Together in Life Together" (faithful, confessional). Residential seminaries provide pastoral care of souls, formed in a habitus through daily worship. I have experience and training having served as an ATS Seminary President in St. Catharines. I will support the president; a talented faculty; use soft skills preserving the historic campus, healthy foundations, and supporting a missionary emphasis. Our faculty are to certify fully examined candidates. Aspirants are encouraged to hear the faculty's special voices. A wise administrator supports residential training most regularly giving support to the best residential M.Div.

Commission on Worship, *Ordained* (TB, 2B:304): **Steven Briel** was added by floor nomination in Monday's session. Info follows:



Steven C. Briel, Maple Grove, MN; St. John's, Corcoran, MN (MNS); LCMS 75; Pastor (Ret.) S: Instructor St. John's College, Winfield, KS 4; Board for Higher Education (member); Concordia College New York (member), Board for Pastoral Ed. (member); Chair Board for National Mission 9. O: STM CTSFW; D. Litt (CUAA); Servus Ecclesiae Christi

In my service on the Board for National Mission and as a long time parish pastor, I have seen the great blessings given by God through our rich history of Lutheran worship materials. I would seek to serve faithfully to assist in the evaluation of best practices for new resources and congregational worship life.

Commission on Worship, *Lay* (TB, 2B:305): **Michael Hollman** was added by floor nomination in Monday's session. Info follows:



Michael Hollman, Fort Wayne, IN (IN); Zion Evangelical, Fort Wayne, IN (IN); LCMS 66; Director of Music, Organist D: Chair Comm. On Worship & Spiritual Care 10, Workshop Leader C: Sanctuary Beautification Comm. 2, Youth Dir. 25, Elder 14

I have been blessed to have had the opportunity to study with and receive coaching from some of the finest church musicians both in the country and abroad. I am indebted to their commitment to me and their wisdom imparted upon me—and I wish to share this experience with others.

"Our dear fathers and prophets did not desire without reason that music be always used in the churches.... This precious gift has been given to man alone that he might thereby remind himself that God has created man for the express purpose of praising and extolling God."—Martin Luther

Commission on Worship, *Ordained* (TB, 2B:304): Jason M. Kasper was added by floor nomination in Monday's session. Info follows:



Jason M. Kasper, La Grange, TX; Mount Calvary, La Grange, TX (TX); LCMS 50; Pastor. **D:** Church Planter, Epiphany, Bastrop, TX 7.

Our Synod has done some great work in preparing and rolling out the *Lutheran Service Book* and its ancillary materials. We are wise to continue building up our congregations with the highest quality and most faithful materials we can muster. I was a lifelong lay musician in the LCMS before serving as a parish pastor. I'm humbled by a nomination to the Commission on Worship. I look forward to the work ahead. By the Grace of God, I'll serve faithfully in this position.

Commission on Worship, *Commissioned* (TB, 2B:305): Darin D. Koenemann was added by floor nomination in Monday's session. Info follows:



Darin D. Koenemann, Decatur, IN; Zion, Decatur, IN (IN); LCMS 49, Principal/Teacher; Dir. Integration. **D:** Council for Congregational Services (2009–2018), Board of Directors (IN) (2018–Pres.). **C:** Congregational Recording Sec. (2002–2023) 2. **O:** CTSFW Schola Cantorum (member).

In addition to being a faithful pastor of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, I have extensive experience as a writer, editor, and publisher, including nearly 14 years as Managing Editor of Theological Publications at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. I also possess a wide network of professionals in the publishing and literary communities. CPH is well-positioned to be a leader in Christian publishing, and I would consider it an honor to advance its mission to proclaim the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Commission on Worship, *Ordained* (TB, 2B:304): Brent Kuhlman was added by floor nomination in Monday's session. Info follows:



Brent W. Kuhlman, Murdock, NE; Trinity, Murdock, NE (NEB); LCMS 61; Pastor **S:** Guest Instructor Luth. Sems. Novosibirsk, Vietnam, Tanzania, Sumatra, and CTSFW, guest instructor CUNE **D:** NEB Koinonia Comm. **C:** Pastor Trinity, Murdock, NE and Faith, Hebron, NE 35 **O:** BOR Luth. Class. Coll., BOD Higher Things

I am a life-long member of the LCMS. She is my mother and I love her deeply. I have served as a pastor for 35 years. I have taught as a guest instructor for the Synod in Siberia, Sumatra, Vietnam and Tanzania, at CTSFW and CUNE. I served on a sub-committee for the preparation of LSB. Worship is the life of the church. The church is created and sustained by the Gospel given in Word and Sacrament. I would be honored to serve on such a committee for the sake of the LCMS.

Commission on Worship, *Ordained* (TB, 2B:304): Steven P. Mueller was added by floor nomination in Monday's session. Info follows:



Steven P. Mueller, Lake Forest, CA; St. Paul's, Irvine, CA (PSW); LCMS 62; Asst. Pastor/Professor/CMO **S:** Comm. on Doc. Review 9, CUS Eccl. Accred. member 2; conv essayist 1; 5-01A task force 2; 5.02B task force 3; CUS worship standards task force; comm. on Luth. identity in CUS 6 **C:** Pr. Assist., St. Paul's, Irvine, CA 33; music dir.

St. Paul's, Irvine, CA 2 **O:** Hymnal Supp 98 reviewer; LSB contributor; Luth. Study Bible assoc. Ed.; CTSFW adjunct prof.; intro workshop leader for LSB (2006); instructor CUENet colloquy 20;

I am a lifelong member of the LCMS and am blessed to serve as an ordained minister for 35 years. Most of my ministry has been at Concordia University Irvine where I served on the theology and ministry faculty, as dean, and as VP and Chief Mission Officer. I have taught systematic theology and worship to undergraduates and MA students.

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Commission on Worship, *Ordained* (TB, 2B:304): Daniel C. Ross was added by floor nomination in Monday’s session. Info follows:



Daniel C. Ross, Yukon, OK; Christ, Mustang, OK (OK); LCMS 22; Pastor. **D:** Evangelism Exec. (2022–Pres.), Church Planting Comm. (KS) (2014–2019), Worship Arts Comm. (MI) (2011–2014) **C:** Pastor, Christ, Topeka, KS 5, Pastor, Good Shepherd 3.

Commission on Worship, *Ordained* (TB, 2B:304): Sean Smith was added by floor nomination in Monday’s session. Info follows:



Sean R. Smith, Adams, TN; Grace, Clarksville, TN (MDS); LCMS 42; Pastor. **D:** Chair. District Comm. (SID) (2018–2022); District Cong. Support (SID) (2018–2021); SAS Coord. (MDS) (2026–Pres.). **O:** “Concord Matters” Host (KFUO)

An LCMS pastor for 15 years, I am a former host of KFUO Radio Show and the podcast “Concord Matters.” I would like to serve on the Commission on Worship to support the work of supplying confessional resources, agendas, and hymnals for use in our Synod. I especially have interest in coordinating work with the “Sing, Pray, Keep His Ways” initiative, of which my congregation has been participating.

Commission on Worship, *Commissioned* (TB, 2B:304): Paul M. Soulek was added by floor nomination in Monday’s session. Info follows:



Paul M. Soulek, Seward, NE; St. John, Seward, NE (NEB); LCMS 40; Cantor **S:** Adj. Prof. of Music CUNE 13. **O:** Higher Things Cantor 11.

As a member of the Commission on Worship, I would seek to serve the Synod by helping equip parishes for vibrant, faithful worship that edifies the church and boldly confesses Christ.

Commission on Worship, *Commissioned* (TB, 2B:304): Thomas J. Winterstein was added by floor nomination in Monday’s session. Info follows:



Thomas J. Winterstein, Frankenmuth, MI; St. Lorenz, Frankenmuth, MI (MI); LCMS 32; Dir. of Parish Music. **D:** Adv. Deleg (MI) **C:** Dir. of Worship Arts., St. Lorenz, Frankenmuth, MI.

Serving in the realm of worship, I work to ensure that the worship life of our congregation is vibrant, healthy, and uplifting people in the faith. It would be a privilege to serve as part of the Commission on Worship to help our whole church body thrive in their worship life.

NOTICES

National Offering

The convention’s opening worship service included the first public ingathering of the National Offering, building on all the pre-convention gifts already received. The offering amount received Saturday evening was \$60,750. Combined with the pre-convention gifts, Saturday’s ingathering brings the total received thus far to nearly \$750,000. We will continue to invite and receive National Offering contributions, under the theme of “Tell the Next Generation,” throughout the new triennium and will report in 2029 the full impact of this National Offering. Gifts can be brought to the LCMS booth in the Exhibit Hall, through Tuesday at 2:00 p.m. We give thanks for these gifts and all who have participated thus far and encourage the entire Synod to build on this good start—as the Lord allows.