

The 24th Convention of the Minnesota North District—LCMS



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CONVENTION WORKBOOK

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But take heart; I have overcome the world." ~ John 16:33

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Dear Fellow Disciples and Servants of our Lord Jesus Christ, Delegates and Guests to the 24th Regular Convention of the Minnesota North District:

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and our Lord Jesus Christ.

I remember years ago reading a pamphlet produced by Lutheran Hour Ministries that had this written on the outside cover: *“Problems, We All Have Them.”* It certainly is easy to be troubled at a time like this. Russia has invaded Ukraine and there is the threat of using nuclear weapons. The economy is faltering as inflation and gas prices are rising. Crime and violence are out of control. Illegal drug use and suicides are at alarming rates. Anxiety and stress are leading to new or worsened mental health problems for many. Critical Theory and “wokeism” are infiltrating our schools and society which undermine marriage and the family, and create identity issues, and deny the sanctity of life. You can add increasing polarization and the rapid decline of civil discourse to the list of troubles afflicting us today.



Recently, I was asked what I thought about what’s happening in our country. My response was that it’s not surprising given the fact that more people are outside of the Christian Church today than in it and a growing number of mainline Christian denominations are abandoning long-held biblical truths with mind-numbing speed. The inerrancy and inspiration of Scripture have become minority theological positions even among Christians. Doctrine – the teaching of the truths of God’s Word – is seen as divisive and destructive. American culture encourages individuals to pick and choose their own beliefs from a wide array of religious ideas and philosophies.

“Because of the increase of wickedness, the love of most will grow cold” (Matthew 24:12). ***“People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal...lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God”*** (2 Timothy 3:2-4).

However, Jesus tells us: ***“See to it that you are not alarmed”*** (Matthew 24:6). ***“I have said these things to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world”*** (John 16:33 – our Convention Theme Verse).

Jesus knows our many fears and griefs, and He bears us up through all of them – just as He bore our sins upon the cross of Calvary. He has already overcome the world. He has overcome death and the devil and our own sin. He will guide us also through these troubled times with His Word and come to us in His Sacrament to fortify our faith.

That word of peace is one we are called to share with the world we live in. For in spite of the many challenges we face at this time, our mission as the Church remains the same as ever: proclaiming Christ and Him crucified (1 Corinthians 2:2) and risen (1 Corinthians 15). It is

the death of Christ which rescues humanity from death. It is the resurrection of Christ which promises eternal life.

Armed both with His promise and with His message, in these last days, we have been perfectly positioned by God to continue to carry out the mission He has given His Church of all ages. We have the promise that He will continue to do all things for the good of those who love Him. We have the precious saving Gospel and the unchanging truth of His Word – to treasure for ourselves and to proclaim to the world. At such a time as this we must recommit our efforts, our resources, *ourselves* to clinging to His Word and to being the witnesses that God intends us to be. We are called to proclaim the Word of God – to proclaim the Gospel – to a world desperately in need of Good News.

Forth in the Peace of Christ We Go...Making Disciples for Life!

What constitutes a District Convention?

There are several answers.

Worship and Bible study together with Christian fellowship would certainly be placed at the very top of the list along with sharing of vital information.

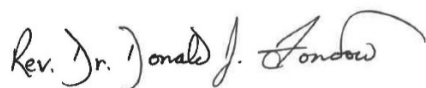
The principal *reason*, however, for this gathering is to take care of the “*business*” of the Minnesota North District-LCMS.

The Convention will conduct elections and it will pass resolutions. The Convention is the principal legislative assembly which takes action, as necessary.

To be a Delegate to a District Convention is a privilege. Being a Delegate includes the responsibility of preparing oneself through prayer and study of the Reports and Overtures that you will find in this CONVENTION WORKBOOK so that you can make informed decisions on the matters presented with the sincere desire to strengthen, unite, and extend our Lord’s Church. I also ask that you become thoroughly acquainted with the CONVENTION AGENDA.

May God the Father graciously bless our deliberations and actions. May God the Son grant us a spirit of unswerving loyalty to His Word which will not compromise the truth, but at the same time a spirit of love and eagerness which seeks to share His blessings with others. May God the Holy Spirit fill our hearts and minds with a desire to be led by His Word as we make decisions, and with a willingness to recognize and treat one another as fellow members of the Body of Christ, who are mutually concerned about the well-being of the Church despite differences of opinion that may at times exist.

May the Lord grant you safe travel to and from the Convention and may His will be done.



Rev. Dr. Donald J. Fondow
President
Minnesota North District-LCMS

Minnesota North District - LCMS
Established 1963

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
Baptized	48,107	49,494	48,448	47,671
Confirmed	38,190	39,461	38,278	37,464

196 Congregations (plus 2 Independent congregations served by LCMS pastors)

28 Schools (1 High School, 8 Elementary & 19 Preschools/Day Care Centers)

232 Pastors

(139 Active/81 Emeritus/6 Candidates/3 Military Chaplains/
3 Dist. Execs)

64 Rostered Teachers

(24 Active/15 Candidate/25 Emeritus)

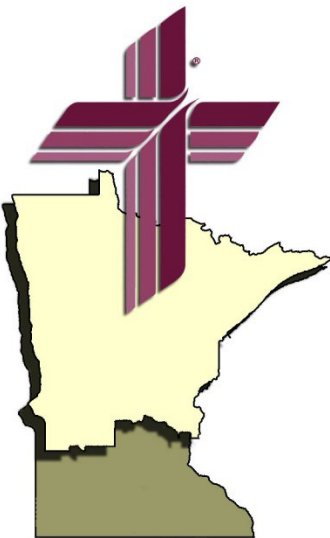
15 Directors of Christian Education

(8 Active/3 Candidate/3 Emeritus/1 DPM)

1 Director of Christian Ministry

4 Directors of Christian Outreach (2 Candidate/2 Emeritus)

8 Deaconesses (1 Active/2 Emeritus/5 Candidate)



The Mission of the Minnesota North District is to further the Great Commission (Matthew 28:19-20) and to assist congregations as Great Commission churches.

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Conferences & Circuits

Park Region Conference (Pink):

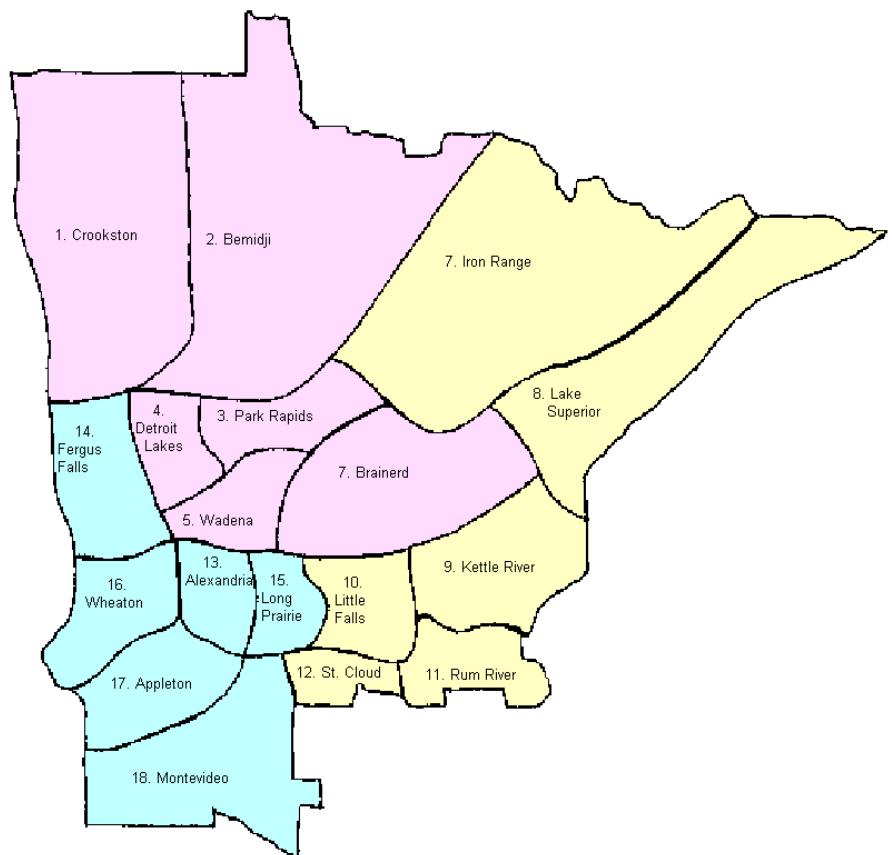
1. Crookston Circuit
2. Bemidji Circuit
3. Park Rapids Circuit
4. Detroit Lakes Circuit
5. Wadena Circuit
6. Brainerd Circuit

Arrowhead Conference (Yellow):

7. Iron Range Circuit
8. Lake Superior Circuit
9. Kettle River Circuit
10. Little Falls Circuit
11. Rum River Circuit
12. St. Cloud Circuit

Lake-Land Conference (Blue):

13. Alexandria Circuit
14. Fergus Falls Circuit
15. Long Prairie Circuit
16. Wheaton Circuit
17. Appleton Circuit
18. Montevideo Circuit



CONVENTION ORIENTATION

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

MATERIALS

What will you need to bring with you to the sessions of the Convention? Most obviously, your Bible, secondly, the Convention Workbook. Please print out a copy of the Workbook from the link you have received and 3-hole punch your copies. A 3-ring binder will be provided. The Workbook contains the reports and the overtures submitted to the Convention. It also gives the complete listing of all District Officers, District Divisions, District Commissions, District Committees as well as District Convention Personnel.

BADGE

Your badge is an important means of identifying your standing in the Convention. The badges are color coded to indicate the manner of participating, as well as the seating of persons who have been duly registered at the Convention. Your badge is not transferable. If you should lose your badge, report the loss immediately to the Convention Office.

Red - These are the **voting delegates**: pastors and lay persons, elected by the congregation. They have voice and vote.

Blue - These are the **advisory pastors** of the Convention. These participants have voice but no vote. Also, **Board of Directors**.

Yellow - These are **commissioned ministers (teachers, DCEs, DCOs, deaconesses, lay ministers)** who are also advisory participants. They have voice but no vote.

White - These are the **special invited Convention participants**. They have neither voice nor vote.

Black - Black badges are worn by the **working force** such as Convention Committee, Office Staff, etc. They have neither voice nor vote.

Green - Those who are **registered guests** of the Convention, which includes **vicars**. They do not have voice or vote.

ATTENDANCE

The Convention will run more smoothly if all delegates **are always on time** and **attend all sessions every day until the close**. Some of the most important matters are often in the closing moments. Please note that there are no breaks built into the Convention Agenda.

VOTING DELEGATES

Member congregations, including multiple parishes, are entitled to two delegates: one pastor and one lay person. A vacant parish is entitled to one lay vote, but no pastoral vote.

ADVISORY DELEGATES AND REPRESENTATIVES

In addition to the voting delegates, there are also advisory delegates and representatives present with speaking privileges. Advisory delegates and representatives may participate in floor debate, but they are not permitted to vote or to introduce motions.

THE CONDUCT OF THE CONVENTION

The Convention will be conducted according to accepted parliamentary rules and regulations. But above all, there should be a spirit of Christian love and trust. Parliamentary procedures, however, are very much in order and are designed to protect the rights of the individual, as well as the rights of the assembly proper.

A PRIMER OF PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE

A. PURPOSE OF PARLIAMENTARY LAW AND PROCEDURE

The purpose of parliamentary procedure is to carry out the aims of the assembly in an orderly and fair manner, to expedite business, to insure justice and fairness to all, both the majority and the minority.

It is not the purpose of parliamentary procedure to make the conduct of business in an assembly difficult, or to entangle an assembly in technicalities, or to provide a channel for individuals to flaunt their parliamentary knowledge.

“Parliamentary law embodies the basic principles of equal rights, the rule of the majority, the protection of the minority, and the orderly consideration of one subject at a time.” (Clarence Cannon, “Parliamentary Procedure,” The Encyclopedia Americana: International Edition (Danbury, Conn.: Grolier Incorporated, 1994), 21:466

B. PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURES AT A GLANCE

The motions or points listed below, 1 through 9, are in order of precedence. In other words:

- A. When any one of them is pending, you may not introduce one that is listed BELOW it.
- B. You may introduce one that is listed above it.

YOU WANT TO:	YOU SAY:	May Speaker Be Interrupted To Make This Motion?	Is Second Required?	Is Motion Debatable?	Can This Motion Be Amended?	Is Vote Required? What % Required?
1. Adjourn	I move we adjourn.	No	Yes	No	No	Majority
2. Recess	I move we recess until...	No	Yes	No	No	Majority
3. Register a complaint	Point of privilege Mr. Chairman ...	Yes	No	No	No	No vote required
4. Suspend further consideration (To Table)	I move to table this matter	No	Yes	No	No	Majority
5. End discuss	I move the previous question	No	Yes	No	No	2/3 Vote

YOU WANT TO:	YOU SAY:	May Speaker be Interrupted To Make This Motion?	Is Second Required?	Is Motion Debatable?	Can this Motion Be Amended?	Is Vote Required? What % Required?
6. Postpone consideration	I move we postpone This matter until ...	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority
7. Have further study on matter	I move we refer this matter to a committee	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority
8. Amend a motion	I move this be amended to read ...	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority
9. Introduce a matter of business	I move that ...	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority

YOU WANT TO:	YOU SAY:	May Speaker Be Interrupted to Make This Motion?	Is Second Required?	Is Motion Debatable?	Can this Motion Be Amended?	Is Vote Required? % Required?
10. Object to error in procedure due to a personal affront	Point of Order	Yes	No	No	No	No
11. Request for Information	Point of Information	Yes, if urgent	No	No	No	No
12. Verify voice vote by taking actual count	I call for a division of the house	No	No	No	No	No, unless someone objects, then majority
13. Object to consider a matter you think improper	I object to consideration of this question	Yes	No	No	No	Yes-2/3
14. Take up a matter which has been tabled	I move we take from the table	No	Yes	No	No	Yes-Majority
15. Reconsider a matter already disposed of	I move we reconsider our action relative to	Yes	Yes	Yes, if original motion was debatable	No	Majority
16. Consider matter out of scheduled order	I move we suspend rules & consider	No	Yes	No	No	2/3
17. Vote on a ruling of the chair	I appeal the chair's decision	Yes	Yes	Yes, if original motion was debatable	No	Majority

BASIC PARLIAMENTARY PRINCIPLES FOR THE DISTRICT CONVENTION

1. A District Delegate Convention is a parliamentary assembly called to deliberate and to make decisions. From time to time it defines the privileges, the rights, and the duties of the members of the District and sets up or changes the framework of District organization. It receives the reports of its officers, boards, and committees as to what they have done with their constitutional and Convention directives and receives and passes on proposals for their future activity.
2. All voting delegates have equal rights, privileges, and obligations.
3. The vote of the majority decides. The will of a District Convention is determined by the taking of a vote.
4. Free discussion of every proposition or resolution presented for decision is an established right for all delegates, voting and advisory. The Convention has the right to decide when it has heard sufficient discussion. This right, however, should be exercised with restraint.
5. Both proponents and opponents of a given proposal have rights which must be safeguarded. The decision belongs to the majority, but the right to discuss, the right to be heard, and the

right to oppose should be upheld. A member of the majority on one question is often a member of the minority on another.

6. Delegates may always ask for information or clarification.

CONVENTION FLOOR COMMITTEES

1. Bylaw 2.20c states that all reports and overtures accepted in accordance with its stipulations shall be referred by the President to Convention Floor Committees appointed by him in the name of the Convention from among the voting delegates and advisory delegates. After due consideration of the matters referred to them, each Floor Committee is to report its finding and recommendations to the District Convention.
2. The functions of these committees are to save time, to clarify issues, to formulate major policies and to facilitate responsible decision making. While a committee is not required to reply in detail to each proposal made to the Convention, nevertheless, it should study all proposals in preparing its recommendations.
3. Committees need to conserve time. They have the option of inviting persons to appear before them for greater explanation or for information. Delegates and members of the District may indeed request the opportunity to appear before a committee but cannot expect this request to be granted as a matter of right.
4. Accordingly, open hearings are not a required procedure. Neither should they ordinarily be necessary. Nevertheless, it has been customary to provide an opportunity for those committees, at their discretion, to conduct an open hearing usually immediately before the opening of the Convention. The purpose of these open hearings, when they are held, is not to enter into debate, but for delegates to share information with the committee.
5. Each floor committee is free within certain limits to set its own ground rules for its meetings as well as for its open hearings.
6. Floor committees will give special attention to the views of board members and staff members who are present at the Convention and available to explain the reports or proposals in greater depth. They are the principal resource persons to provide background to the committees and should be shown every courtesy as such.
7. All Floor Committee meetings except executive sessions shall be open to any member of Synod, as well as delegates elected by the congregations, and additional parties by permission of the chairman of the Floor Committee or the District President. Any member of Synod, as well as delegates elected by the congregations, and additional parties by permission of the chairman of the Floor Committee or the District President, may appear and present his/her views concerning the matter under consideration.

CONVENTION GLOSSARY

AD HOC COMMITTEE: Special committee with a limited assignment and a limited life.

ADVISORY DELEGATE: A certified member of the Convention with the right to speak without vote; however, if appointed to a floor committee, entitled to vote there.

AGENDA: List of items of Convention business “to be done.”

ALTERNATE: A full-time substitute to take the place of a delegate to the Convention, if necessary.

AMEND: To change or modify a resolution or motion.

APPEAL: An appeal from a decision of the chair requires that the decision be referred to the Convention for its immediate decision by a vote.

AUDIT: Official examination and verification of accounts.

“BEHNKEN RULE”

for dealing with substitute motions

If a substitute motion is offered, the convention shall 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 fails; if the substitute motion does not receive favorable action either to consider or to adopt, the original motion is again before the house.

BYLAW: A rule of the District ranking immediately below the constitution in authority and above standing rules.

CHAIR: The presiding office of the Convention, usually the President, or temporarily a Vice President.

CONSTITUTION: The statement of the basic principles and structures of the Synod, the highest continuing authority created by the association of congregations, pastors, and teachers constituting the Synod. The Synodical Constitution is also the constitution of all of its Districts.

DIVISION OF THE HOUSE: A vote taken by rising to verify a voice vote at the call of the Chair or at the request of a voting delegate.

GENERAL CONSENT: An informal method of disposing of routine and generally favored proposals by assuming approval of a request unless immediate objection is raised.

HANDBOOK: A manual containing the Synodical Articles of Incorporation, the Synodical Constitution, and the Bylaws.

IN ORDER: Correct from a parliamentary standpoint at a given time.

LAY ON THE TABLE: (Or to Table) To set aside a motion or a proposed resolution for consideration in the indefinite future. If adopted, it usually kills consideration or an action on the main motion by postponing it without a set time to take it up again. If this is not the intent, the motion should really be not to table, but to postpone, preferably to a set time.

MAJORITY: More than half the votes cast. The Synodical Constitution provides: "All matters of doctrine and of conscience shall be decided only by the Word of God. All other matters shall be decided by a majority vote." This means a simple majority in all instances except those which involve a proposed constitutional amendment; these require a two-thirds affirmative vote of all votes cast. All elections are determined not by simple plurality but by absolute majority.

OUT OF ORDER: Not correct from a parliamentary standpoint at that particular time.

OVERTURE (MEMORIAL): A recommendation or proposed resolution submitted by a member congregation or other authorized group for consideration by the Convention.

PARLIAMENTARIAN: A person designated by the Chair to advise him on the applicability of parliamentary principles and procedures in a given situation.

PENDING: Not yet decided. A pending motion is one that has been stated by the Chair, but is not yet disposed of by vote.

POINT OF ORDER: Any delegate may promptly call attention to the fact that the rules of the Convention are seemingly not in force by saying, "I rise to a point of order." Upon hearing the point made, the Chair rules as to its validity.

POSTPONE: To defer action on a question or proposed resolution (1) indefinitely or (2) until a certain specified time.

PREAMBLE: The introductory part of a resolution or report, usually in the form of whereases. The assembly has the right to perfect these since they are part of the resolution when presented together with the resolves.

PREVIOUS QUESTION: The motion calling for the previous question stops all discussion or debate if two-thirds of the voting delegates vote "aye" after a motion has been made and seconded to call for the previous question. When two-thirds of the voting delegates have responded "aye" the Chair must immediately call a vote on the motion pending before the Convention.

PRIVILEGED MOTION: A motion, such as to recess, to fix the time of the next session, and to change the Order of the Day. It takes precedence over all other motions.

QUESTION: A subject or point of debate or a resolution being or to be voted on.

QUORUM: The fewest number of delegates that can be present and still permit business to be transacted. At least one-third of the voting delegates of the District shall constitute a quorum. (Bylaw 2.42)

RECONSIDER: To bring back on to the Floor of the Convention a Question which has already been decided for discussion and obtaining a new vote. Only one who voted with the prevailing sign can make this motion.

RESCIND: To annul or to cancel. To undo or reverse a previous decision.

RESOLUTION: A formal proposal submitted previously in writing by a Convention floor committee for action by the Convention.

SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT: When a full paragraph, section, or resolution is dropped and another is inserted in its place. (N.B. Behnken Rule, Glossary)

CONVENTION RULES

1. The voting body is composed of the voting members, one pastoral and one lay delegate, from each parish.
2. Voting delegates must wear their badges at all sessions and sit in the section reserved for voting members.
3. The Chair shall see that the agenda is followed as closely as possible.
4. Only members of the voting body may introduce motions and vote. When requesting the floor for making motions or for discussion, a delegate should rise, and must identify himself/herself by name and the name of the congregation he/she represents in order to be recognized and always address the chair.
5. A motion must be presented in writing, signed by the maker, if requested by the chairman.
6. If lengthy debate takes place, the pro/con formula will be used. The Committee speaking on behalf of the motion should be considered a pro speaker.
7. The two minute rule shall apply for all who speak from the floor, and for the committee during debate.
8. Each member of the committee may speak once to the Question until all have spoken, at the most twice, prior to action.
9. Speakers will be recognized on a rotating basis – microphones 1,2,3,4.
10. Any unfinished item of business or program at the hour set for recess in the convention program is resumed at the following meeting or at a designated time set by the chairman.
11. All reports and resolutions are to be in writing. The copy is to be handed to the secretary at the time they are presented.
12. No motion is necessary to accept reports and resolutions of the officers or floor committees.
13. The parliamentarian interprets the rules and advises on parliamentary procedure when asked to do so.
14. The parliamentary authority is Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised unless in conflict with the Minnesota North District and/or The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

15. Announcements should be brought to the convention office. At the chairman's discretion, announcements will be made from the podium; others will be posted on the overhead screen.
16. The "so-called" "Behnken Rule" (N.B. Glossary) will be used for dealing with substitute motions. Speaker will be given one (1) minute to address the assembly as to why the substitute is being submitted.
17. These rules may be suspended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the voting body.
18. All ballots are to be destroyed at the end of the Convention.
19. A Convention resolution which would financially obligate the Minnesota North District shall be reviewed by the Finance Committee of the District Board of Directors which shall report the financial impact prior to voting on the issue proposed (N.B. Resolution 4-1, 1991 District Convention).



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CONVENTION AGENDA

Monday, May 9th

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| 8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. | Floor Committee Meetings (the Floor Committees will already have met at the District Office on April 2 nd at 10:00 a.m.) |
| 9:00 a.m. | Registration Begins |
| 10:30 a.m. | Floor Committees Open Hearings |
| 1:00 p.m. | Devotion/Bible Study
Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Pulse, CTSFW |
| 1:45 p.m. | Official Convention Opening
Rev. Dr. Donald Fondow, MN North District President |
| | Greetings from Madden's Representative
Greetings from Brainerd Lakes Area Representative |
| | Report of Committee on Registration, Credentials, And Attendance – Rev. Ron Carnicom |
| | Accepting of Agenda and Standing Rules |
| 2:00 p.m. | Report of Committee on Constitutions and Membership – Rev. Ron Carnicom, Chairman |
| 2:10 p.m. | Elections Committee |
| 2:40 p.m. | District Finance and Budget – Mr. Mike Uran, Treasurer |
| 2:50 p.m. | Convention Essayist: Rev. Shauen Trump |

3:40 p.m.	Floor Committee #1 (Missions/Evangelism/Stewardship)
4:00 p.m.	Elections Committee
4:15 p.m.	Welcome of New Members of the Synod Rev. Dr. Matthew Harrison, President of Synod
4:20 p.m.	Set Apart to Serve Rev. Dr. James Baneck, LCMS Director of Pastoral Education
5:00 p.m.	Announcements, Prayer Dinner
7:30 p.m.	Convention Worship Service – Rev. Steven Benson, Officiant Zion Lutheran Church, Brainerd Rev. Dr. Matthew Harrison, Preacher

Tuesday, May 10th

6:30 – 8:00 a.m.	Breakfast
8:00 a.m.	Devotion/Bible Study Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Pulse, CTSFW
8:45 a.m.	Minutes – Rev. Martin Mably, Secretary
8:55 a.m.	Elections Committee
9:15 a.m.	Synodical President's Report & Video Rev. Dr. Matthew Harrison
	Q & A with the President of Synod
10:45 a.m.	Floor Committee #2 (Education/Youth/Human Care)
11:30 a.m.	Floor Committee #3 (Board of Directors/Administration)
12:00 noon	Announcements, Prayer Lunch
1:10 p.m.	Elections Committee
1:30 p.m.	Installation of District President
1:45 p.m.	Christus Chorus – Concordia University, St Paul

2:05 p.m.	Convention Essayist – Rev. Dr. Brian Friedrich
3:00 p.m.	Greetings from Minnesota South District Rev. Dr. Lucas Woodford, President
3:10 p.m.	Report from Public Policy Advocate Rev. Fredric Hinz (MNN & MNS Districts)
3:20 p.m.	Greetings from LWML – Mrs. Kathy Brandt, President
3:25 p.m.	Greeting from LLL – Mr. Delano Meyer, President
3:30 p.m.	Floor Committee #4 (Doctrine and Practice)
3:45 p.m.	Floor Committee #2 (Education/Youth/Human Care)
4:00 p.m.	Floor Committee #1 (Missions/Evangelism/Stewardship)
4:30 p.m.	Elections Committee
4:55 p.m.	Announcements, Prayer
5:00 p.m.	Dinner
6:15 p.m.	Hymn Sing/Prayer
6:30 p.m.	Floor Committee #4 (Doctrine and Practice)
7:15 p.m.	Floor Committee #1 (Missions/Evangelism/Stewardship)
7:45 p.m.	Lutheran Island Camp & Retreat Center Report Mrs. Stacy Lung, Executive Director
8:00 p.m.	Greetings from LCMS Foundation Greetings from Seminaries Greetings from LCEF Greetings from CPH
8:15 p.m.	Closing Devotion Rev. Dennis O'Neill, Trinity, Ortonville, MN
8:30 p.m.	Ice Cream Social Provided by Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF)

Wednesday, May 11th

6:30 – 8:00 a.m.	Breakfast
8:00 a.m.	Devotion/Bible Study Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Pulse, CTSFW
8:45 a.m.	Minutes – Rev. Martin Mably Floor Committee #7 (Conference Minutes)
9:00 a.m.	Convention Essayist – Chaplain Craig Muehler, LCMS Ministry to the Armed Forces
9:55 a.m.	Greetings from International Lutheran Council Greetings from Lutheran Hour Ministry
10:05 a.m.	Floor Committee #2 (Education/Youth/Human Care)
10:25 a.m.	Floor Committee #3 (Board of Directors/Administration)
11:15 a.m.	Final Report of Committee on Registrations, Credentials, and Attendance – Rev. Ron Carnicom
11:25 a.m.	Unfinished Business
11:30 a.m.	Evaluation Form
11:40 a.m.	Installation of Officers
11:55 a.m.	Closing Devotion/Adjournment
12:00 noon	Lunch

Please note that the Convention will continue until 3:00 p.m. if there is substantial business that has not been completed prior to lunch.

2022 Minnesota North District Convention Floor Committees

Floor Committee #1 – Missions/Evangelism/Stewardship

Chairman: Rev. Matthew Kohl, Cloquet (Arrowhead Conference, Lake Superior Circuit)
Rev. Ed Borchardt, Frazee (Park Region Conference, Detroit Lakes Circuit)
Rev. Doug Thompson, Fisher (Park Region Conference, Crookston Circuit)
Mr. Scott Fassett, Parkers Prairie (Lake-Land Conference, Alexandria Circuit)
Dr. Traese Kuhl, Sartell (Arrowhead Conference, Little Falls Circuit)
Mr. Justin Berger, Eden Valley (Arrowhead Conference, St. Cloud Circuit)
Mr. Tom Weckwerth, Montevideo (Lake-Land Conference, Montevideo Circuit)

Floor Committee #2 – Education/Youth/Human Care

Chairman: Rev. Bill Aufdenkamp, Elbow Lake (Lake-Land Conference, Wheaton Circuit)
Rev. Andrew Ratcliffe, Perham (Park Region Conference, Detroit Lakes Circuit)
Rev. David Mommens, Melrose (Lake-Land Conference, Long Prairie Circuit)
DCE Jonathon Bailey, Brainerd (Park Region Conference, Brainerd Circuit)
Mr. Jason Karsky, Finlayson (Arrowhead Conference, Kettle River Circuit)
Mr. Jonathan Pierce, Granite Falls (Lake-Land Conference, Montevideo Circuit)
Mr. Craig Talbot, Proctor (Arrowhead Conference, Lake Superior Circuit)

Floor Committee #3 – Board of Directors/Administration

Chairman: Rev. David Becker, Aitkin (Park Region Conference, Brainerd Circuit)
Rev. Kent Borglum, Montevideo (Lake-Land Conference, Montevideo Circuit)
Rev. Jim Neubauer, Park Rapids (Park Region Conference, Park Rapids Circuit)
Mr. Dean Mustonen, Brainerd (Park Region Conference, Brainerd Circuit)
Mr. Marv Kading, St. Hilaire (Park Region Conference, Crookston Circuit)
Mr. Delano Meyer, Chokio (Lake-Land Conference, Wheaton Circuit)
Mr. Merlyn Mindeman, New York Mills (Park Region Conference, Wadena Circuit)

Floor Committee #4 – Doctrine and Practice

Chairman: Rev. Blake Rickbeil, Bertha (Park Region Conference, Wadena Circuit)
Rev. James Sorensen, Blackduck (Park Region Conference, Bemidji Circuit)
Rev. Jeff Ross, Garfield (Lake-Land Conference, Alexandria Circuit)
Rev. David Buchs, South Haven (Arrowhead Conference, St. Cloud Circuit)
Mr. George Velazquez, Elk River (Arrowhead Conference, Rum River Circuit)
Mr. Eric Carlson, Appleton (Lake-Land Conference, Appleton Circuit)
Mr. Daniel Weber, East Grand Forks (Park Region Conference, Crookston Circuit)

Floor Committee #5 – Nominations

Chairman: Rev. Matthew Vrudny (Park Region Conference, Park Rapids Circuit)
Rev. Dr. Timothy J. Rehwaldt, Sauk Rapids (Arrowhead Conference, Little Falls Circuit)
Rev. Donald Klatt, Holloway (Lake-Land Conference, Appleton Circuit)
Mr. Dale Marohn, South Haven (Arrowhead Conference, St. Cloud Circuit)
Mr. Nick Booth, Twin Valley (Park Region Conference, Crookston Circuit)
Mr. Ray Moldenhauer, Long Prairie (Lake-Land Conference, Long Prairie Circuit)
Mrs. Barbara Hertling, DCE Emeritus, St. Cloud (Commissioned Minister At-Large)

Floor Committee #6 – Elections

Chairman: Rev. Tim Renstrom, Braham (Arrowhead Conference, Rum River Circuit)
Rev. James Anthony, Deer River (Arrowhead Conference, Iron Range Circuit)

Rev. Robert Wentzel, Bemidji (Park Region Conference, Bemidji Circuit)
Mr. Brad Anderson, Kimball (Arrowhead Conference, St. Cloud Circuit)
Mr. Milan Drewlow, Breckenridge (Lake-Land Conference, Fergus Falls Circuit)
Mr. Tom Schulz, Sebeka (Park Region Conference, Wadena Circuit)

Floor Committee #7 – Conference Minutes

Chairman: Rev. Bruce Timm, St. Cloud (Arrowhead Conference, St. Cloud Circuit)
Rev. Benjamin Hollingsead, Eden Valley (Arrowhead Conference, St. Cloud Circuit)
Rev. Joshua Reber, St. Cloud (Arrowhead Conference, St. Cloud Circuit)

2022 DISTRICT CONVENTION PERSONNEL

Host Circuit

Brainerd Circuit – Rev. David Becker, Circuit Visitor

Host Congregation

Zion Lutheran Church, Brainerd
Rev. Steven Benson, Pastor

Convention Communications

Rev. Travis Lauterbach, Backus

Convention Display Coordinator

Rev. Dr. Rick Hans, Brainerd

Convention Registration Chairman

Rev. Ron Carnicom, Hackensack

Convention Worship Chairman

Rev. Steve Benson, Brainerd

Convention Chaplain

Rev. Gregory Coop, Baxter

Convention Pastoral Care

Rev. Paul Cloeter, Sauk Rapids

Convention Secretary

Rev. Marty Mably, District Secretary, Elk River

Convention Parliamentarian

Rev. Robert C. Franck, Duluth

Convention Office Staff

Mr. Albert Boldt, Brainerd
Mrs. Angie Ringstrom, Brainerd
Mrs. Diana Ruopp, Baxter

Convention Timer

Mr. Rob Rydberg, Elk River

2022 Circuit Visitor Election Report

Park Region Conference

Crookston Circuit
Bemidji Circuit
Park Rapids Circuit
Detroit Lakes Circuit
Wadena Circuit
Brainerd Circuit

Rev. Douglas Thompson
Rev. James Sorensen
Rev. Matthew Vrudny
Rev. Ed Borchardt
Rev. Blake Rickbeil
Rev. David L. Becker

Arrowhead Conference

Iron Range Circuit
Lake Superior Circuit
Kettle River Circuit
Little Falls Circuit
Rum River Circuit
St. Cloud Circuit

Rev. Jim Anthony
Rev. Matthew Kohl
Rev. Glen Kleppe
Rev. Dr. Tim Rehwaldt
Rev. Tim J. Renstrom
Rev. Bruce Timm

Lake-Land Conference

Alexandria Circuit
Fergus Falls Circuit
Long Prairie Circuit
Wheaton Circuit
Appleton Circuit
Montevideo Circuit

Rev. Jeffrey Ross
Rev. Ross Fritz
Rev. David Mommens
Rev. Bill Aufdenkamp
Rev. Donald M. Klatt
Rev. Kent Borglum

Submitted by District Secretary, Rev. Martin Mably
February 24, 2022

MINNESOTA NORTH DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Rev. Dr. Donald J. Fondow, Park Rapids
Rev. Dr. Karl A. Weber, Ottertail
Rev. Kirk E. Lee, Parkers Prairie
Rev. Brady L. Finner, Sartell
Rev. Martin Mably, Elk River
Mr. Mike Uran, Sartell

District President
First Vice President
Second Vice President
Third Vice President
District Secretary
District Treasurer

Lay Representatives:

Park Region Conference:

Mr. Timothy Browning, Baxter
Mr. Marvin Kading, St. Hilaire

Arrowhead Conference:

Mr. Bill Hansen, Sartell
Mr. Robert Rydberg, Elk River

Lake-Land Conference:

Mr. Gary Euren, Moorhead
Mr. Raymond Moldenhauer, Long Prairie

Advisory: Mission & Ministry Facilitators

Rev. Jeffrey A. Lee, Staples, Mission & Ministry Facilitator – MaCO/LCEF Area
Vice President
Rev. Monte L. Meyer, Brainerd, Mission & Ministry Facilitator - PLaN

Executive Committee: Dist. President – Rev. Donald Fondow, Dist. Treasurer – Mr. Mike Uran, Dist. Secretary – Rev. Martin Mably, Mr. Tim Browning, Mr. Marvin Kading

Finance Committee: Dist. Treasurer – Mr. Mike Uran, Rev. Kirk Lee, Mr. Ray Moldenhauer

DISTRICT OPERATING DIVISIONS

Division of Mission and Congregational Outreach [MaCO]

Rev. Matthew Canion, Willmar
Rev. Kirk Douglas, New York Mills
Rev. David Edge, Rice
Rev. Brett Hartwig, Sabin
Rev. Travis Lauterbach, Backus
Mr. Delano Meyer, Chokio
Facilitator: Rev. Jeffrey Lee

Division of Parish Life and Nurture [PLaN]

Rev. Paul Dare, Alexandria
DCM Caleb Kunze, St. Cloud
Mrs. Stacy Lung, Henning
DCE Emily Sagissor, Moorhead
Facilitator: Rev. Monte Meyer

COMMITTEES/COMMISSIONS/CONJOINT POSITIONS

Gift Planning Counselor

Mr. David Priebe

District Archivist

Rev. Mark Maunula, Isle

Lutheran Witness Supplement Editor

Rev. Travis Lauterbach, Backus

Circuit Visitors

Crookston Circuit	-	Rev. David Laue
Bemidji Circuit	-	Rev. James Sorensen
Park Rapids Circuit	-	Rev. Matthew Vrudny
Detroit Lakes Circuit	-	Rev. Ed Borchardt
Wadena Circuit	-	Rev. Blake Rickbeil
Brainerd Circuit	-	Rev. David Becker
Iron Range Circuit	-	Rev. Jim Anthony
Lake Superior Circuit	-	Rev. Matthew Kohl
Kettle River Circuit	-	Rev. Glen Kleppe
Little Falls Circuit	-	Rev. Dr. Tim Rehwaldt
Rum River Circuit	-	Rev. Tim Renstrom
St. Cloud Circuit	-	Rev. Bruce Timm
Alexandria Circuit	-	Rev. Jeffrey Ross
Fergus Falls Circuit	-	Rev. Craig Palach
Long Prairie Circuit	-	Rev. David Mommens
Wheaton Circuit	-	Rev. Bill Aufdenkamp
Appleton Circuit	-	Rev. Donald Klatt
Montevideo Circuit	-	Rev. Kent Borglum

Congregational Care Counselor

Rev. George Sagissor III, Clear Lake

Church Worker Care Coordinator

Rev. Paul Cloeter, Sauk Rapids

District Reconcilers

Rev. Walter Lehenbauer, Cloquet
Rev. Thomas Petersen, Garrison
Mr. Ken Erlandson, Fergus Falls
Mr. David Vik, Park Rapids
Mr. Kurt Daudt, Zimmerman [District Hearing Facilitator]

Committee on Congregational Constitutions & District Membership

Rev. Ronald Carnicom, Backus, Chairman
Mr. Tim Duin, Walker
Mr. David Vik, Park Rapids
Rev. Martin Mably, Elk River, Ex-officio

District ByLaw & Constitution Commission

Rev. Gregory Coop, Baxter
Mr. David Mowrey, Virginia
Rev. Martin Mably, Elk River, Ex-officio

Synod District Life Coordinator

Rev. Jason Wolter, Benson

Public Policy Advocate – MNN/MNS

Rev. Fredric Hinz, Gaylord, MN

MNN Public Policy Advisory Committee

Rev. Jason Wolter, Benson

Rev. Keith Brustuen, Montevideo

MNN Standing Reinstatement Interview Committee for Commissioned Ministers

Rev. Dr. Rick Hans, Brainerd

Ms. Janna Kietzman, Akeley

Rev. Paul Koehler, Baxter

Ministerial Health Commission

Rev. Dan Abrahams, Detroit Lakes, District Health Advocate

Rev. Paul Cloeter, Sauk Rapids, Professional Church Worker Care Coordinator

Mrs. Barbara Hertling, St. Cloud, DCE – Emeritus

Rev. John Knierim, Maple, WI

Rev. Chris Lieske, Fergus Falls, Chairman

Mrs. Bonnie Vrudny, Walker, pastor's wife

Rev. Donald Fondow, District President and Advisor

District PALS Coordinator

Rev. Guy & Emily Roberts, Detroit Lakes

Parish Nurse Council

Ms. Mary Scott, RN, Chairman

Ms. Margaret Erickson, RN Arrowhead

Mrs. Darlene Pasche, RN Lake-Land

Seminary Interview Committee

Rev. Jeff Lee, Facilitator

Rev. Steven Benson, Brainerd

Mrs. Patricia Koehler, Pequot Lakes

Rev. Tom Petersen, Garrison

Rev. Frank Milo, Pine River

Student Aid Conference Chairmen

Park Region Conference: Rev. Steve Meltzer, Wadena

Arrowhead Conference: Rev. Matthew Kohl, Cloquet

Lake-Land Conference: Rev. Kevin Zellers, Jr., Swanville

Facilitator: Rev. Jeffrey Lee

LLL Pastoral Advisor

Rev. Jason Wolter, Benson

LWML Pastoral Advisors

Rev. Matthew Vrudny, Park Region

Rev. Reed Stockman, Lakeland Region

Rev. Bruce Timm, Arrowhead Region

Crisis Team and Disaster Response/Lutheran Early Response Team - LERT

Rev. Steve Breitbarth, Hibbing

Rev. John Beck, Sauk Rapids

Investigative Team

Rev. Steve Breitbarth, Hibbing

Mrs. Bonnie Stohs, Perham

Mr. David Mowry, Virginia

Operation Barnabas Coordinator

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DISTRICT PRESIDENT'S REPORT

March 1, 2018 – March 15, 2022

ORDAINED MINISTERS

ACCESSIONS AND TRANSFERS FROM OTHER DISTRICTS: PASTORS

- **Bernecker, Gerald L.** (Emeritus) transferred from NW District on 11.12.19.
- **Borglum, Kent A.** (Emeritus) transferred from SD District and was Installed as Pastor of St. John and Trinity, Montevideo on 4.22.18 by S. Franck.
- **Buchs, David M.** (Assoc. Pastor – St. John, Wheaton, IL) transferred from NI District and was Installed as Pastor of Concordia (Fairhaven), South Haven on 10.19.19 by D. Fondow.
- **Carlson, Daniel R.** (Candidate) transferred from SO District on 7.1.18.
- **Domke, Daniel M.** (Emeritus) transferred from SD District on 5.21.18.
- **Gillard, Jacob S.** (Candidate) transferred from MNS District on 1.2.19.
- **Grohs, John K.** (Emeritus) transferred from NW District on 9.24.18.
- **Hoffman, Zachary** (Good Shepherd, Gainesville, GA) transferred from FG District and was Installed as Senior Pastor of Holy Cross, St. Cloud on 6.27.21 by D. Strohschein.
- **Houser, Philip G.** (Lamb of God, Papillion, NE) transferred from NEB District and was Installed as Pastor of Trinity, Lake George on 6.6.21 by D. Fondow.
- **Johnson, Mark D.** (Emeritus) transferred from MNS District on 8.14.18.
- **Knaack, William L.** (Emeritus) transferred from NW District on 7.28.20.
- **Lamkin, Timothy H.** (Shepherd of the Grove, Maple Grove, MN) transferred from the MNS District and was Installed as Pastor of Zion (Crown), St. Francis on 4.11.21 by D. Fondow.
- **Larsen, Daniel C.** (Bethany, Trinity and Zion, Wabasso, MN) transferred from the MNS District and was Installed as Pastor of St. Paul, Henning on 10.24.21 by D. Fondow.
- **Lauterbach, Travis E.** (Prince of Peace, Mesquite, NV) transferred from the EN District and was Installed as Pastor of Emmanuel, Backus on 11.17.19 by K. Weber.
- **Lovejoy, Patrick S.** (St. Matthew, Port Angeles, WA) transferred from the NOW District and was Installed as Pastor of First, Grand Rapids on 5.9.21 by D. Fondow.
- **Moe, John M.** (Emeritus) transferred from MNS District on 7.26.18.
- **Mueller, Thomas H.** (Emeritus) transferred from CNH District on 1.1.19.
- **Peperkorn, Troy W.** (St. John's, Reinbeck, IA) transferred from the IE District and was Installed as Pastor of Faith, Silver Bay on 3.1.20 by B. Finnern.
- **Pitsch, David Samuel** (Good Shepherd, Gretna, NE) transferred from the NEB District and was Installed as Pastor of Our Redeemer, Moorhead on 9.20.20 by D. Fondow.
- **Preus, Daniel** (Emeritus) transferred from MO District on 3.11.22.
- **Preus, Rolf** (Emeritus) transferred from MT District on 8.10.20.
- **Ratcliffe, Andrew B.** (St. John, Seward, NE) transferred from the NEB District and was Installed as Pastor of St. Paul's, Perham on 4.29.18 by D. Fondow.
- **Schmidt, David H.** (Emeritus) transferred from NOW District on 5.27.20.

- **Stockman, Reed J.** (St. John, Monticello, IA) transferred from IE District and was Installed as Pastor of Zion, Morris on 9.30.18 by D. Fondow.
- **Thompson, Douglas S.** (Missionary, Sierra Leone) transferred from the MT District and was Installed as Pastor of Trinity, Fisher and St. Paul, Euclid on 3.1.20 by D. Fondow.
- **Tilney, David M.** (Candidate) transferred from the SO District and was Installed as Pastor of St. Luke, Wood Lake on 8.30.20 by D. Fondow.
- **Vogler, Loren L.** (Emeritus) transferred from IW District on 6.11.18.
- **Von Hagel, Thomas** (Emeritus) transferred from NI District on 5.9.18.
- **Watt, Jonathan C.** (Candidate) transferred from IW District and was Installed as Pastor of Life in Christ, Grand Marais on 9.23.18 by L. Harvala.
- **Winter, David W.** (Emeritus) transferred from MNS District on 8.17.18.
- **Yahr, Karl J.** (Candidate) transferred from KS District on 9.28.21.

ACCESSIONS FROM OUR SEMINARIES/COLLOQUY: PASTORS

- **Batchelder, Thomas C.** (Candidate – CTSFW) was Ordained and Installed as Pastor of St. Paul's (Evergreen), Frazee on 7.8.18 by D. Fondow.
- **Biberdorf, Nathanael R.** (Candidate – CSL) was Ordained and Installed as Pastor of Zion, Browns Valley on 7.5.20 by L. Harvala.
- **Brown, Nathaniel W.** (Candidate – CSL) was Ordained and Installed as Pastor of Trinity, Odessa; Grace, Correll; and Trinity Bellingham on 7.15.21 by D. Fondow.
- **Brown, Scott D.** (Candidate – CSL) was Ordained and Installed as Pastor of Ebenezer (Leaf Valley), Alexandria and St. James (S. Effington) on 7.5.20 by M. Meyer.
- **Burgdorf, Zachariah, E.** (Candidate – CTSFW) was Ordained at Bethany, Fort Wayne, IN on 6.13.21 by C. Trouten and Installed as Pastor of First, Ely and Good Shepherd, Babbitt on 8.22.21 by D. Fondow.
- **Hollingsead, Benjamin A.** (Colloquy Candidate) was Installed as Pastor of St. Paul, Eden Valley on 9.12.21 by D. Fondow.
- **Kyler, Jeffrey B.** (Candidate – CTSFW) was Ordained and Installed as Pastor of Mount Olive, Bovey and Grace, Marble on 6.23.19 by D. Fondow.
- **Lorenz, Matthew S.** (Candidate – CSL) was Ordained and Installed as Associate Pastor of Zion, Alexandria on 7.18.21 by D. Fondow.
- **Magill, Timothy W.** (Candidate – CTSFW) was Ordained and Installed as Pastor of St. John's, Villard and Trinity, Grove Lake on 7.18.20 by D. Fondow.
- **Metzler, Michael J.** (Candidate – CTSFW) was Ordained and Installed as Pastor at St. Paul, Hinckley on 6.24.18 by T. Renstrom.
- **Newton, Joel** (Candidate – CSL) was Ordained at Mt. Olive, Rockford, IL on 6.2.18 by K. Krause and Installed as Associate Pastor of St. John's, Park Rapids on 6.24.18 by D. Fondow.

- **Pumphrey, Ryan J.** (Candidate – CTSFW) was Ordained at Redeemer, Cuyahoga Falls, OH on 6.13.21 by P. Frerichs and Installed as Pastor of St. John, Villard and Trinity, Grove Lake on 6.20.21 by D. Fondow.
- **Reber, Joshua S.** (Candidate – CTSFW) was Ordained and Installed as Pastor of Faith, St. Cloud and Trinity, Clear Lake on 9.6.20 by D. Fondow.
- **Schmeisser, Timothy D.** (Candidate – CTSFW) was Ordained and Installed as Pastor of Grace, Sebeka; Zion, North Germany; and Nimrod, Nimrod on 6.15.21 by D. Fondow.
- **Schwarz, Mark L.** (Candidate – CSL) was Ordained at St. Paul, Aurora, IL on 5.20.18 by D. Tutwiler and Installed as Pastor of Trinity, Carlos on 7.1.18 by K. Lee.
- **Seim, Carl** (SMP Candidate – CSL) was Ordained and Installed as Associate Pastor of Lord of Glory, Elk River on 1.30.22 by D. Fondow.
- **Thompson, Stafford L.** (Candidate – CTSFW) was Ordained and Installed as Pastor of Hope (Munger), Cloquet on 6.27.21 by R. Franck.
- **Voigt, Eli B.** (Candidate – CTSFW) was Ordained at Redeemer, Fort Wayne on 6.9.19 by D. Petersen and Installed as Pastor of Redeemer, Bagley and as Associate Pastor of Trinity, Bemidji on 8.11.19 by D. Fondow.
- **Weideman, Jay R.** (Candidate – CTSFW) was Ordained and Installed as Pastor of Faith, Fergus Falls and Immanuel, Friberg on 8.9.20 by D. Fondow.

CHANGES WITHIN DISTRICT: Pastors

- **Angland, Dennis W.** (Emeritus) was Installed as Pastor of Zion (N. Effington), Parkers Prairie on 7.19.20 by D. Fondow.
- **Aufdenkamp, William M.** (Emeritus) was Installed as Pastor of Christ, Elbow Lake and Zion, Hoffman on 3.3.19 by D. Fondow.
- **Bakou, John** (Trinity, Sauk Rapids) to Candidate 11.17.20.
- **Beck, John** (Bethlehem, Frazee) to Candidate 8.17.18.
- **Beck, John** (Candidate) was Installed as Associate Pastor of Trinity, Sauk Rapids on 3.24.19 by D. Hinz.
- **Bitz, Micheal J.** (Candidate) was Installed as Pastor of St. John's, Grey Eagle on 4.15.18 by D. Fondow
- **Blocker, Bruce L.** (Emeritus) was Installed as Pastor of Immanuel, McIntosh on 6.3.18 by K. Weber.
- **Borchardt, Edwin J.** (Trinity (Millerville), Evansville) was Installed as Pastor of Bethlehem, Frazee on 1.6.19 by D. Fondow.
- **Breach, Michael E.** (St. John, Wheaton and Immanuel, Monson Twp.) to Candidate 3.10.21.
- **Carlson, Daniel R.** (Candidate) was Installed as Pastor of St. Paul's, Milaca on 11.5.18 by D. Fondow.
- **Dare, Paul W.** (Senior Pastor - Holy Cross, St. Cloud) was Installed as Senior Pastor of Zion, Alexandria on 3.10.19 by D. Fondow.

- **Eckert, Michael L.** (Candidate) was Installed as Pastor of Trinity, Hill City on 3.4.18 by D. Fondow.
- **Edge, David A.** (Shepherd of the Pines, Rice) to Candidate 10.5.21.
- **Gillard, Jacob S.** (Candidate) was Installed as Pastor of Faith Community, Zimmerman on 5.23.21 by D. Fondow.
- **Gronewold, Goeffrey D.** (Assoc. Pastor - Zion, Alexandria) was Installed as Military Chaplain on 5.20.18 by D. Fondow.
- **Herr, Noel A.** (Immanuel and St. Paul, Fergus Falls) to Candidate 11.1.18.
- **Herr, Noel A.** (Candidate) was Installed as Pastor of St. John's, Madison on 9.6.20 by K. Lee.
- **Knaack, William L.** (Emeritus) was Installed as Pastor of Gethsemane (Snellman), Osage and St. John (Height of Land), Frazee on 3.14.21 by D. Fondow.
- **Langhorst, Richard E.** (Candidate) was Installed as Pastor of Immanuel, Giese and Trinity, Sandstone on 6.16.02 by R. Boyer. (Rev. Langhorst was Reinstated to the LCMS Roster at the September 2019 meeting of the COP).
- **Lehenbauer, Walter** (Emeritus) was Installed as Associate Pastor of Emmaunel, Barnum and St. Peter, Moose Lake on 2.27.22 by B. Vogt.
- **Lieske, Christopher A.** (Alive!, Monticello) was Installed as Pastor of Trinity, Fergus Falls on 10.17.21 by K. Lee.
- **Lytle, Jeffrey S.** (Candidate) was Installed as Pastor of St. John, Red Lake Falls and Redeemer, Plummer on 12.12.21 by D. Laue.
- **Palach, Craig M.** (Faith, Fergus Falls) was Installed as Pastor of Immanuel, Friberg on 1.5.20 by D. Fondow.
- **Rogness, Noah J.** (Trinity, Fergus Falls) to Candidate on 8.6.18.
- **Schiller, Timothy D.** (Good Shepherd, Alexandria) was Installed as Pastor of St. John, Hinckley on 1.3.21 by B. Finnern.
- **Stohs, Delton G.** (Emeritus) was Installed as Pastor of St. Paul, Vergas on 4.8.18 by L. Harvala.
- **Thomson, John M.** (US Navy Chaplain, Guam) was Installed as Pastor of Our Savior, McGregor and St. John, Wright on 5.2.21 by D. Fondow.
- **Varns, Jonathan** (First, Ely and Good Shepherd, Babbitt) was Installed as Pastor of St. Paul, Granite Falls on 12.15.19 by B. Finnern.
- **Zeige, William C.** (Emeritus) was Installed as Pastor of First, Grand Rapids on 9.23.18 by D. Fondow.

TRANSFERS TO OTHER DISTRICTS: Pastors

- **Beyersdorf, Philip J.** (St. John, Villard and Trinity, Grove Lake) to Pastor of St. Mark's, Minot, ND – ND District 5.20.19.
- **Bibb, Tysen L.** (Assoc. Pastor – Holy Cross, St. Cloud) to Pastor of Trinity, Norborne, MO – MO District 11.16.20.
- **Bumgardner, John C.** (St. John, Red Lake Falls and Redeemer, Plummer) to Pastor of St. John, St. Paul, Zion and Trinity, Neshkoro, WI – SW District 2.17.20.
- **Christensen, John M.** (Emeritus) transferred to WY District on 8.15.21.

- **Dandy, Jacob W.** (Zion, Crown) to Pastor of Zion, Terra Bella, CA – CNH District 1.6.20.
- **Eaves, Thomas E.** (St. John's, Barnesville) to Pastor of St. Peter's, Hampshire, IL – NI District 11.25.19.
- **Frank, Steven J.** (St. John, Madison) to Pastor of Redeemer, Atwood, KS – KS District 8.25.19
- **Frederickson, Bruce G.** (Emeritus) transferred to MNS District on 7.28.21.
- **Freiberg, Marc L.F.** (Candidate) to Pastor of Immanuel, Racine, MN – MNS District 5.10.19.
- **Haake, Charles W.** (Emeritus) transferred to MNS District on 12.5.19.
- **Hesse, Mark W.** (Grace, Sebeka and Nimrod, Nimrod) to Pastor of St. Paul, Bowler and Zion, Eland, WI – NW District 4.13.20.
- **Hopfensperger, Bryan L.** (St. Paul, Eden Valley) to Pastor of Peace, Sandusky, MI – MI District 8.3.20.
- **Hoppe, Philip C.** (Peace, Finlayson and St. Paul, Bruno) to Pastor of Trinity, Colby, KS – KS District 12.27.21.
- **Kister, Thaine L.** (Trinity, Bellingham; Grace, Correll; and Trinity, Odessa) to Pastor of Christ the King, Los Lunas, NM and Hope, Socorro, NM – RM District 5.26.19.
- **Lund, Robert** (Candidate) transferred to MNS District on 12.13.19.
- **Mann, Kevin D.** (St. Paul, Henning) to Pastor of Peace, Fort Wayne, IN – IN District 9.28.20.
- **Morris, George W.** (St. John, Hinckley) to Pastor of St. Paul's, Watertown, MN – MNS District 5.4.20.
- **Nerud, Timothy L.** (Concordia, South Haven) to Pastor of St. John, Geneseo, IL – CI District 5.19.19.
- **Nielsen, Michael J.** (Trinity, Fisher and St. Paul, Euclid) to Pastor of Salem, Barron, WI – NW District 11.26.18.
- **Nies, Jared R.** (St. John, Corliss) to Pastor of St. Paul, Lapeer, MI – MI District 12.27.21.
- **Petrich, David J** (Mount Olive, Bovey and Grace English, Marble) to Pastor of St. James, Holland MN – MNS District 9.3.18.
- **Reinke, Joshua C.** (Our Savior, McGregor and St. John, Wright) to Pastor of Peace and Christ, Great Falls, MT – MT District 11.9.20
- **Richter, Kevin C.** (Peace in Christ, Hermantown) to Pastor of St. John's, Reinbeck and Immanuel, Cedar Falls, IA – IE District 12.7.20.
- **Rogness, Noah J.** (Candidate) transferred to EN District on 8.1.20.
- **Rutherford, Stephen W.** (Emmanuel, Backus) to Pastor of St. John, Louisville, IL – CI District 7.30.18.
- **Schaekel, Timothy H.** (St. Paul's, Milaca) to Pastor of Zion, Sioux Falls, SD – SD District 4.30.18.
- **Schmidt, Larry O.** (Emeritus) transferred to ND District on 8.18.18.
- **Volkert, Robert W.** (Emeritus) transferred to EA District on 5.2.21.
- **Yogerst, Jared D.** (Candidate) transferred to MNS District on 7.31.19.

REMOVED/RESIGNED FROM ROSTER: Pastor

- **Hennings, Paul A.** (Love of Christ, St. Cloud) resigned from the LCMS Roster 10.14.19.
- **Schultz, John W.** (St. Paul, Granite Falls) resigned from the LCMS Roster 1.27.19.

RETIREMENTS: Pastors

- **Angland, Dennis W.** (St. James, Parkers Prairie & Ebenezer, Alexandria) to Emeritus 6.30.19.
- **Berner, Carl R.** (Bethlehem, Herman and St. Paul, Campbell) to Emeritus 11.15.21.
- **Buchhop, Mark J.** (Immanuel, Radium) to Emeritus 6.1.18.
- **Christensen, John M.** (Trinity, Fergus Falls) to Emeritus 8.1.21.
- **Franzmeier, David B.** (St. John, Pierz) to Emeritus 11.30.20.
- **Hendrickson, Raymond V.** (Zion, Sebeka) to Emeritus 5.15.20.
- **Kirchner, Donald G.** (Trinity, Lake George) to Emeritus 5.31.21.
- **Krebs, Roger L.** (Zion, Parkers Prairie) to Emeritus 7.12.20.
- **Kutter, Frederick M.** (Immanuel, Albany) to Emeritus 7.26.20.
- **Lehenbauer, Walter** (Hope, Munger) to Emeritus 12.31.20.
- **Milo, Frank V.** (Gloria Dei, Pequot Lakes) to Emeritus 5.14.18.
- **Palach, Craig M.** (Faith, Fergus Falls and Immanuel, Friberg) to Emeritus 6.30.20.
- **Petersen, Thomas** (Shepherd of the Lake, Garrison) to Emeritus 6.1.21.
- **Sagissor, George W.** (Faith, St. Cloud and Trinity, Clear Lake) to Emeritus 9.1.20.
- **Schoessow, David G.** (Christ, Superior) to Emeritus 12.7.20.
- **Stohs, Delton G.** (St. Paul, Vergas) to Emeritus 2.28.22.
- **Zeige, William C.** (First, Grand Rapids) to Emeritus 5.31.20.

CALLED TO GLORY: Pastors

- **Aho, Orville E.** (Emeritus) 2.7.21.
- **Behling, Robert E.** (Trinity, Twin Valley) 9.13.21.
- **Brill, Walter L.** (Emeritus) 3.12.21.
- **Brostrom, Dennis P.** (Emeritus) 10.30.21.
- **Hasbargen, Roy M.** (Emeritus) 9.27.21.
- **Heikkila, Gunnard W.** (Emeritus) 8.23.20.
- **Larrabee, Eugene E.** (Emeritus) 8.13.18.
- **Magill, Timothy W.** (St. John, Villard and Trinity, Grove Lake) 12.26.20.
- **Muehlberg, Scott A.** (Gesthsemane, Snellman and St. John, Height of Land) 2.3.20.
- **Schultz, William M.** (Emeritus) 10.14.19.
- **Stockman, William K.** (Emeritus) 7.29.20.
- **Tibbetts, Ronald E.** (Emeritus) 4.9.20.
- **Walther, Jeffrey H.** (St. Matthews, Esko) 10.25.20.

COMMISSIONED MINISTERS

ACCESSIONS AND TRANSFERS FROM OTHER DISTRICTS: Commissioned Ministers

- **Blocker, Holly B.** (Teacher Candidate) transferred from NW District on 3.26.18.

- **Houser, Jillene A.** (Deaconess Candidate) transferred from NE District on 6.1.21.
- **King, Judith** (Teacher Candidate) transferred from MNS and was Installed as Teacher at Prince of Peace Lutheran School on 8.23.20 by B. Timm.
- **Kuphal, Emmalee M.** (DCE – Fountain of Life, Tucson, AZ) transferred from PSW District and was Installed as DCE of Trinity, Sabin on 9.9.18 by B. Hartwig.
- **Lamkin, Kelly A.** (Teacher - Candidate) transferred from MNS District and was Installed as Principal of Crown Christian School, Crown on 1.23.22 by T. Lamkin.
- **Larsen, Stacy A.** (Teacher - Candidate) transferred from MNS District on 11.23.21.
- **Neilitz, Anne M.** (Teacher - St. Paul's, Prior Lake, MN) transferred from MNS District and was Installed as Principal of Prince of Peace, St. Cloud on 8.26.18 by P. Dare.
- **Rudolph, Erin L.** (Teacher – Faribault Lutheran School, Faribault, MN) transferred from MNS District and was Installed as Teacher at Crown Christian School, Crown on 1.23.22 by T. Lamkin.
- **Schmidt, Elizabeth** (Teacher - Candidate) transferred from MNS on 7.15.20.
- **Souza, Connie R.** (Teacher – Emeritus) transferred from TX District on 1.7.19.
- **Souza, William F.** (Teacher – Emeritus) transferred from TX District on 1.7.19.
- **Von Hagel, Patricia** (Teacher – Emeritus) transferred from NW District on 5.15.19.
- **Walsh, Margaret R.** (Deaconess - Candidate) transferred from FG District on 8.5.21.
- **Wheeler, Taylor** (DCE – Trinity, Pueblo, CO) transferred from RM District and was Installed as DCE of Peace in Christ, Hermantown on 9.12.21 by T. Ludwig.
- **Winter, Peggy J.** (Teacher – Emeritus) transferred from MNS District on 3.12.18.

ACCESSIONS FROM OUR UNIVERSITIES/COLLEGES: Commissioned Ministers

- **Bailey, Jonathon W.** (DCE Candidate) was Commissioned and Installed as DCE of Zion, Brainerd on 8.25.19 by S. Benson.
- **Fritz, Martha L.** (Teacher Candidate) was Commissioned and Installed as Teacher at Zion, Alexandria on 8.17.18 by D. Hinz.
- **Newton, Sarah** (Deaconess Candidate) was Commissioned at Mt. Olive, Rockford, IL on 6.2.18 by K. Krause and Installed as Deaconess of St. John's, Park Rapids on 6.24.18 by D. Fondow.
- **Rousu, Amber L.** (Colloquy Teacher Candidate) was Commissioned and Installed as Teacher at Zion, Alexandria on 8.26.18 by D. Hinz.
- **Seehafer, Mary D.** (Teacher Candidate) was Commissioned and Installed as Teacher at Zion, Alexandria on 9.12.21 by P. Dare.

CHANGES WITHIN DISTRICT: Commissioned Ministers

- **Mindach, Rex A.** (Teacher – Zion, Alexandria) to Candidate on 11.17.20.
- **Nies, Sarah A.** (Teacher - Candidate) was Installed as Teacher at St. Paul's, Perham on 8.26.18 by A. Ratcliffe.

- **Noennig, Mark** (Teacher – Our Redeemer, Moorhead) to Candidate on 1.16.21.
- **Schutte, Rachel M.** (Principal – Crown Christian School, Crown) to Candidate on 6.30.20.
- **Ziebarth, Kathie** (Deaconess – Reinstated) to Candidate 2.14.2020

TRANSFERS TO OTHER DISTRICTS: Commissioned Ministers

- **Christensen, Diane V.** (Teacher - Candidate) transferred to WY District on 12.15.21.
- **Gebhardt, Kathryn L.** (Teacher - Candidate) to Concordia University Chicago – NI District 7.3.19.
- **Hesse, Merlene J.** (Teacher - Candidate) transferred to NW District on 4.13.20.
- **Meyer, Mark J.** (Teacher – Our Savior’s, Crookston) to Faribault Lutheran School, Faribault, MN – MNS District 7.5.21.
- **Short, Martha L.** (Teacher – Zion, Alexandria) to Little Lamb Preschool, North Bend, NE – NEB District 8.1.21.
- **Stuenkel, Ruth A.** (Teacher – Emeritus) transferred to MO District on 12.15.21.
- **Woltmann, Ruth M.** (DCE – Peace in Christ, Hermantown) to Family of Christ, Ham Lake, MN – MNS District 12.21.20.

REMOVED/RESIGNED FROM ROSTER: Commissioned Ministers

- **Collins, Mary L.** (Teacher - Candidate) Removed from the LCMS Roster on 4.15.20.
- **Keyes, Peter J.** (DCO – Emeritus) Resigned from the LCMS Roster 1.6.22.
- **Lutz, Robert** (Teacher - Candidate) Resigned from the LCMS Roster 12.5.19.
- **Moen, Richard R.** (DCE - Candidate) Resigned from the LCMS Roster 2.10.22.
- **Muench, Robin, K.** (Teacher - Candidate) Resigned from the LCMS Roster 3.2.21.
- **Peffer, Lynn E.** (Teacher - Candidate) Removed from the LCMS Roster 4.15.20.
- **Radil, Katherine E.** (Teacher - Candidate) Resigned from the LCMS Roster 3.8.19.

RETIREMENTS: Commissioned Ministers

- **Affeldt, Denise E.** (Teacher - Candidate) to Emeritus 4.7.21.
- **Bauck, Diane** (Teacher – St. Paul’s, Perham) to Emeritus 11.2.18.
- **Cooper, Craig L.** (DCO – Trinity, Sauk Rapids) to Emeritus 10.31.18.
- **Erlandson, Kenneth W.** (DCE – Lutheran Island Camp, Henning) to Emeritus 5.31.21.
- **Hertling, Barbara J.** (DCE – MN North District) to Emeritus 8.1.20.
- **Keyes, Peter J.** (DCO – Zion, Little Falls) to Emeritus 12.31.21.

CALLED TO GLORY: Commissioned Ministers

- **Golnitz, Robert M.** (Emeritus) 10.25.18.

CONGREGATIONS

ACCESSIONS

- **Claire City, SD, Zion** – transferred from ND District 3.14.22
- **Giese, Immanuel** – joined the LCMS Roster on 9.23.19.
- **Sandstone, Trinity** – joined the LCMS Roster on 9.23.19.

REMOVED FROM ROSTER/CLOSINGS: Congregations

- **Appleton (Shible Twp.), Immanuel** – Disbanded and Closed 6.30.21.
- **Fergus Falls, St. Paul** – resigned from the LCMS Roster on 4.15.19.

SCHOOLS/PRESCHOOLS

SCHOOL OPENINGS

- Elk River, Good Shepherd Lutheran High School

SCHOOL CLOSINGS

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Of the Minnesota North District – LCMS

“The Board of Directors is responsible for the implementation and execution of the resolutions of the District Convention. Any resolutions not carried out by the District or the officers responsible for its execution shall be reported to the next Convention for reaffirmation or rescission” (District Bylaw 2.74). Soon after a District Convention, the Secretary assigns the adopted resolutions to the various administrative entities and staff of the District. Depending on the action called for in each resolution, some become overtures to the next Synod Convention; others are dealt with by the Board of Directors; and still others are referred to one of the Divisions (Mission and Congregational Outreach, or Parish Life and Nurture), or another committee. In this way the Board endeavors to carry out the will of the Minnesota North District as expressed by the Convention. During the interim between Conventions, the Board of Directors functions on behalf of the District (District Bylaws 3.30-3.50).

There are 198 congregations affiliated with the Minnesota North District: 196 member congregations, and 2 independent. These are divided into three regional Conferences (Park Region, Arrowhead, and Lake-Land), and each Conference, in turn, consists of six Circuits. Each Conference is represented on the Board of Directors by a Vice President and two Lay Members. The District President, Secretary, and Treasurer are elected from the District-at-Large and complete the 12 voting-member Board. Those who served on the Board during the past three years are as follows:

District-at-Large:	The Rev. Dr. Donald Fondow, President Rev. Marty Mably, Secretary Mr. Michael Uran, Treasurer
Park Region Conference:	The Rev. Dr. Karl A. Weber, First Vice President Mr. Marvin Kading and Mr. Timothy Browning
Lakeland Conference:	The Rev. Kirk Lee, Second Vice President Mr. Delano Meyer, who fulfilled his three-year term and declined to continue serving for an additional year necessitated by the delay of the District Convention, Mr. Ray Moldenhauer and Mr. Gary Euren appointed to fill the position vacated by Mr. Meyer
Arrowhead Conference:	The Rev. Brady Finner, Third Vice President Mr. Rick Gilbertson, who fulfilled his three-year term and declined to continue serving for an additional year necessitated by the delay of the District Convention, Mr. Rob Rydberg and Mr. William Hansen who was appointed to fill the position vacated by Mr. Gilbertson until the 2022 District Convention.
Advisory Members:	The Rev. Jeffrey Lee, Mission and Ministry Facilitator – Mission and Congregational Outreach and LCEF Area Vice President. The Rev. Monte Meyer, Mission and Ministry Facilitator – Parish Life and Nurture. Mr. George Miller, Office Manager and LCEF Area Vice President, and Gift Planning Facilitator until his retirement in spring 2020.

Normally, the Board meets at the District Office in Baxter, beginning late afternoon on Sunday and concluding on Monday afternoon. Since the last Convention, the Board met: 2 times in 2018; 4 times each in 2019, 2020 and 2021 (usually February, May, September, and December); and twice so far in 2022, with a second meeting planned just prior to the District Convention in April. Due to COVID restrictions and precautions, the May 2020 meeting was shortened to one day and held via Zoom. We have been able to function well with what is, essentially, quarterly meetings due to the use of Board Email Votes (6 since the last Convention).

The Board conducts a variety of types of business. Soon after each Convention, there are a number of personnel and committees to appoint: Mission and Ministry Facilitators; an Executive and a

Finance Committee of the Board; Division personnel; and various District Committees. Such appointments are usually for three years, commencing on December 1 of the year of the Convention. When needed, the Board also extends Calls to Professional Church Workers on behalf of the District.

The Board oversees the work of the two Divisions and receives reports from them, and any other committees and task forces, at each of its meetings. The Division of Mission and Congregational Outreach involves such areas as new church planting, mission funded congregations, Native American Ministry, Deaf Ministry, stewardship, and evangelism outreach. The Division of Parish Life and Nurture includes such areas as worship, education, youth ministry, human concern, disaster response, and Campus Ministry. Following each Convention, the Board reviews the resolutions adopted and assigns them to the two Divisions as appropriate.

The Board spends a considerable amount of time in the area of finances. It sets the annual District Budget and then reviews financial reports from the Treasurer at each meeting, assuring that a balanced Budget is both projected and then maintained throughout the year. Regular reports are received regarding Lutheran Church Extension Fund, and all requests for loans receive the action of the Board. Regular reports are also received regarding planned giving to The Synod, District, congregations, or other church entities. An annual audit of District operations is performed, and the Board oversees the performance of the District Endowment Funds. These Endowment Funds are a special supplement to the District's income and to the ministry we carry out together.

The Minnesota North District owns various properties which are held for several purposes: the District Office, Baxter; Lutheran Island Camp, Henning; Breezy Point Chapel, near Pequot Lakes – for seasonal worship; property at Two Harbors – for mission start; and an advance site in Brainerd.

When new congregations wish to join The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, their Constitution and Bylaws are reviewed by the Committee on Congregational Constitutions and District Membership “to ascertain that they are in harmony with Holy Scripture, the Confessions, and the teachings and practices of the synod...” [Synod Handbook, 2.2.1.(b)]. Where such harmony exists, the Constitution and Bylaws are approved by the Board, and their application for membership is reviewed and approved also. In addition, whenever a congregation revises their Constitution and Bylaws, or writes a new one, these are also submitted to the Committee and then the Board for approval. The Board also assists the District President in planning the District Convention and coordinates the attendance of Circuit Delegates to the Synod Convention.

For myself, and on behalf of the members of the Board of Directors, we thank you for the opportunity to serve our Lord Jesus Christ and the congregations and members of the Minnesota North District during the past triennium, plus one year. We are grateful to God for His love and mercy toward us and for His Holy Spirit who uses all of us to build His Church. Where we have made mistakes, we ask for your forgiveness. Where you have ideas and suggestions, we ask for your counsel. We pray that God will continue to lay His hand of blessing on all which we have done in His name, to His honor and glory and for the welfare of His Church.

In His service,
Rev. Marty Mably, M. Div., Secretary,
Minnesota North District Board of Directors

Report of the Division of Missions and Congregational Outreach (MaCO)

I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: 2 preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. 3 For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, 4 and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. 5 As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry. (2 Timothy 4:1-5)

“A time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching ...” I seem to consider this verse often in recent years. It appears the whole world has gone mad and checked out of reality. I never thought I would see in my lifetime; same sex marriages being sanctioned by the State. I never thought there would be confusion over gender and acceptable pronouns.

But God inspired Paul to write: “I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus ... preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke and exhort with complete patience and teaching.” Our charge is to preach the WORD! We are not called to please groups of people, but we are called to be truthful, faithful witnesses to the glory of GOD! With PATIENCE? By Teaching.

Every area of our Minnesota North District has a lost population. There are people surrounding our churches that do not know the truth of God’s Word. We can patiently witness that Word to them by teaching them through the words we use and our actions.

Our District Convention was postponed one year because of the restrictions imposed upon us because of Covid 19 virus. Over the past 4 years, about ½ of that time we were navigating those restrictions. The Governor of Minnesota has presented executive orders during these last couple of years to flatten the curve of infections. Sadly, the virus took the lives of family and friends. I know some of these restrictions placed on us were not greeted with total acceptance. Individual congregations tried to navigate these rules as they saw fit locally. In our congregations there were divisions about these restrictions. At times, disagreements over these restrictions became heated and divisive. As Christians, our attitudes should be marked with charity and patience. As this pandemic seems to be winding down, I pray that God would heal the hurts we may have caused each other. I pray that we follow God’s Commandment to put the best construction on everything for the sake of our neighbor.

The Pandemic opened the opportunity to minister in new and different ways. Our congregations became familiar with terms like “live streaming” and posting videos on-line to be viewed by those restricted in homes. We have had the homebound with us before the pandemic. We worked on improving our on-line presence moving forward for those households that are not able to be in church on Sunday mornings. Parking lot worship services where attendance grew over time. I am thankful our pastors who Preach the Word in season and out of season. By that, I mean I am thankful that you seem to figure out ways to do the work of an Evangelist even in these unusual times.

Financial Priorities

The Minnesota North District forwards 42% of the money we receive from congregations as they fulfill their commitments, to the Synod. The money we receive from congregations that exceed the commitments; we have shared with the Synod on a 50/50 basis. About 65 cents of every dollar that stays in the Minnesota North District is used to support various Mission opportunities.

New Work

As this past convention cycle began, we were looking at different areas around the District to plant a new congregation. The most promising seemed to be in the West Duluth Area and somewhere in the North Minneapolis area where the Minnesota North and South District borders meet. Since the pandemic, all church planting activities were put on hold. During this

past 4 years I became certified as a Church Planter Organizer through the Center for U.S. Missions.

On-Going Work

Support funds have been provided to SonRise Lutheran Church in Avon, MN. We have been helping them make mortgage payments as they are trying to become more independent. Rev. Manthe has been serving the congregation while also serving the community as Mayor and a postal worker.

Anyuak ministry had been meeting at Trinity Lutheran Church in Sauk Rapids. The congregation was served by Rev. John Bakou. During the pandemic, the Anyuak ministry did not meet and Rev. Bakou left this ministry to find gainful employment. There is still a small group interested in reestablishing this ministry at Trinity and we look forward to finding ways to partner with them in reaching this population.

Native American Ministry

Since Rev. Mark Peske had accepted a call serve in another parish in the Minnesota North District, we have been in search of finding a replacement along with Lutheran Indian Ministries. Over the past few years, there have been several leadership changes with Lutheran Indian Ministries and the current director is not LCMS and they will no longer be an RSO of the Synod. Just a few weeks ago, I invited the pastors of our District that are serving near Casinos. There are 18 Casinos that are located in our District. These Casinos are associated with the Native American Population. We are looking for ways to help resource the local congregations to reach this population. It would be ideal to have a Native American Missionary serving this population but financially and logistically it does not seem to be a viable option at this time.

Hearing Impaired Ministry

Rev. William Knaack continues to serve in deaf ministry for our Minnesota North District. He is also serving as a pastor in a dual parish in our District. Rev. Knaack presented at one of our Pastor's Conferences and we are thankful to have this faithful servant in our midst.

World Mission

The Minnesota North District partners with 34 other Districts of Synod to provide funding for our work on a national and international level. As a District, we have actively helped support the continuing education of Rev. Kollie and the congregation and school he serves in Cotton Tree Liberia. Through Project 24 we have been able to raise the funds to build one rescue center at Lenkishon in Kenya. We have committed to be a part of the FORO of supporters in Puerto Rico. We got involved with the FORO through one of Minnesota North's former pastors that was called to serve as a missionary in Mayaguez, Puerto Rico. Since then, the Island has been devastated by hurricanes and earthquakes. But through it all, the mission in Puerto Rico has grown. We have a site in Mayaguez and Ponce which also provided support to the population around them during those tragic events. When Covid shut down the activity on the island, our missionaries were creative to find other ways to get the message of hope and salvation out to the people of the island. Now they are looking at establishing another mission site on the island between Ponce and San Juan.

Parish Nurses

LCMS Health Ministry helps congregations care for one another by attaining, maintaining and or regaining the best possible whole person health and wellness of body, mind and spirit. The parish nurse is a registered nurse who is committed to the concept of health ministry. During the pandemic our in-person meetings were postponed. Our parish nurses provided a resource to the local parish to assist the congregation take precautionary steps to help control the spread of the Covid virus.

Stewardship

We have provided Stewardship material to the congregations of the Minnesota North District by purchasing and making these resources available for downloading on our District

Website. Each year there is a Stewardship Conference that takes place for leaders from each District. This past year, Rev. Heath Curtis and Rev. Dr. Nathan Meador began hosting online gatherings to discuss Stewardship topics.

LCEF Ministry Solutions

The Lutheran Church Extension Fund offers programs to congregations through their Ministry Solutions team to help congregations identify, clarify and employ unique mission plans for that individual congregation. They offer the resources and assistance to help with Capital Campaigns, Stewardship programs and Real Estate solutions when you want to best utilize the property and facilities of the local congregation or help discover the advantages of repurposing or relocating to another location.

Re:Vitality

Synod in convention passed a resolution to help congregations become stronger and Re:Vitality was developed. Since its inception it has gone through modifications. The program no longer needs a facilitator to lead the congregation but rather they provide resources to help each congregation evaluate its health based on identifiable variables of a healthy congregation and then make recommendations to use modules that are self-directed in the congregation to help congregations become healthier and more focused on its mission in the community.

EveryOne His Witness

Rev. Mark Wood has developed a uniquely Lutheran witness guide that can be used in the congregation. I was able to lead a number of workshops on Saturday morning through the District and several congregations and groups also used the material themselves. The program promotes the premise that all of us are supposed to be ready to give a reason for the hope that is within us. Each of us witness to our faith in Jesus Christ. It is the Holy Spirit working through the Word that calls, gathers and enlightens the whole Christian Church on earth and keeps it in the one true faith. I highly recommend each congregation utilize this resource and develop a plan to encourage one another in their daily witness.

Student Aid

The Minnesota North District budgets money to be used to help support students at our Colleges, Universities and Seminaries as they are preparing for Church Work. Applications are done through the educational institutions and the deadline is May 15. During the summer, the committee which is made up of a pastor from each region of the circuit come together to make the awards. The Committee is currently made up of Rev. Steve Meltzer, Rev. Matthew Kohl, and Rev. Kevin Zellers, Jr.

Pre-Seminary Interview Committee

Applicants to the Seminary are required to undergo an interview in the District to help assess the candidates preparedness to study for the ministry. The committee consists of Mrs. Patricia Koehler, Rev. Tom Petersen, Rev. Frank Milo, Rev. Stephen Benson, and Dr. David Hietala.

MaCO Members

I thank God the service of the members of our MaCO board during these last four years. I want to thank Rev. John Beck, Rev. Tom Brinkley, Rev. David Edge, DCO Craig Cooper and DCO Peter Keyes who have served but have moved on to other areas of service. You have all provided valuable insight in our work together. The Current MaCO Board is made up of Rev. Kirk Douglas, Mr. Delano Meyer, Rev. Brett Hartwig, Rev. Dr. Tim Rehwaldt, Rev. Travis Lauterbach, Rev. Jake Gillard, and Rev. Matt Canion.

Parish Life & Nurture Report Minnesota North District Convention

As with every other thing in life recently, the pandemic played a significant role in the work of Parish Life & Nurture. But Christ is triumphant and we press on to serve the Minnesota North District. The work of PLaN continued, and even prospered, during the past 4 years. Here are some of the highlights.

Campus Ministry

Campus ministry witnessed watershed changes in the past four years. Currently, Rev. Josh Reber of Faith in St. Cloud is holding an on-campus Bible study at St. Cloud State. Rev. Robert Franck and his daughters are also holding a Bible study for college students attending UMD. Rev. Eli Voigt of Redeemer Bagley offers Bible class for college students attending Bemidji State University.

The work of campus ministry in the Minnesota North District needs to expand its scope. The vast majority of students attending our universities are either unchurched or de-churched. We can't wait for, nor expect them to come to our church just because it is near the campus. The University Mission Field is engaging students on campus, bringing the Gospel where they live and study. We have grants and training available for congregations who wish to establish an on-site campus ministry presence.

Education

As of this writing, the Minnesota North District has 9 Lutheran Day Schools and 21 Pre-School/Early Childhood Centers serving close to 1,000 children.

Our newest schools are Concordia in South Haven, a Classical Lutheran School lead by Rev. David Buchs, and Good Shepherd Lutheran High School in Elk River, currently meeting at Lord of Glory Lutheran Church.

Our Pre-Schools and Day Schools are exploding in growth and opportunity as parents seek educational alternatives for their children. For our schools, the pandemic has been a challenge, but also a blessing in outreach in their communities. Our Lutheran schools are full of joy, forgiveness and grace. They are an asset to their churches and communities. They are a beacon of hope to a non-believing world. Over 50% attending our schools are not affiliated with their congregations and many of them are not connected to any church whatsoever. Our Lutheran schools are powerful mission outposts to their communities. That's why our District's C.R.O.S.S. Appeal (Congregations Reach Out to Support Schools) needs our continued financial support. When we help our educators, we help our mission reach into those communities.

In order to assist our Lutheran schools, PLaN has established and strengthened our scholarship opportunities for non-rostered educators who are interested in attending the Colloquy program at our Concordia Universities.

Worship

As with everything else, the pandemic challenged our congregations' abilities to do in person worship. The Minnesota North District was blessed to offer a Church Technology Conference on June 8th of 2019. This conference offered help and education for those interested in upgrading their congregation's website, social media presence, worship music and video/streaming capabilities. It was a great success, and one which we are planning to continue later in 2022.

In August of 2020, we held an Organists Workshop at Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Barnum. It was led by Dr. Richard Resch (em. St. Paul, MN). We also consulted with several smaller

congregations having difficulties finding church musicians for worship. As church musicians become more difficult to find, we will be offering training and solutions to assist our MN North congregations.

Nurture/Family Life

Following the resolution at the 2018 District Convention, PLaN set out an ambitious goal of developing family devotional material which would help congregations bring Bible reading and prayer into their homes. The effort is called “Bring it Home,” and it has made a huge impact in the MN North District, as well as the rest of the Synod. Partnering with Concordia Publishing House, PLaN sponsored a series of devotionals.

- 1) Bring it Home - The Great Stories of the Bible
- 2) Bring it Home and Highlight It!
- 3) Bring it Home - The Life of Christ
- 4) Bring it home - What Does this Mean? - coming Fall 2022

All of these devotionals are available in booklet form at the Convention along with special promotional pricing on the CPH books used in the series.

At the peak of the pandemic shut down, pastors and parish professionals of the MN North District put together a series of on-line video devotions called, “Bring it Home - Together We Pray,” which brought a lot of hope during of time of uncertainty.

Starting in October 2019, we asked all of the MN North congregations to pray for the unchurched the 1st Sunday of the month. This effort was called, “Someone You Know.” Through video shorts and bulletin inserts, we hoped to help the church be more at ease with sharing the faith with others. You can still use these resources by going to [“someoneyouknow.church”](http://someoneyouknow.church).

Youth Ministry

Since the 2018 Convention, we continue to meet with our parish professionals (DCEs, DCOs, Deaconess, Lay Ministers, etc) to plan events for our youth. We were set to have a MN North District Youth Gathering in 2020 at St Cloud, but the pandemic changed our plans. We hope to have a mini-gathering sometime before the National Youth Gathering. DCEs Jonathon Bailey (Zion, Brainerd) and Chris Brown (St. Paul’s, Perham) are our District Coordinators. PLaN has also budgeted \$500 scholarships for LCMS Youth Leadership opportunities every year.

We hope this gives you a glimpse into the work of Parish Life and Nurture. We pledge to do all we can to help, support and encourage the leaders and congregations of the MN North District!

The members of the PLaN Committee include:

- Rev. Monte Meyer, Mission and Ministry Facilitator for PLaN
- Rev. Paul Dare - Senior Pastor at Zion, Alexandria
- Caleb Kunze - Lay Minister at Love of Christ, St. Cloud
- Stacy Lung- Interim Director of Lutheran Island Camp
- Emily Sagissor - DCE at Our Redeemer Lutheran, Moorhead

Minnesota North District, LCMS				
Pre-School, Grade Schools, and High Schools				
Name	City	Year Established	Grades	2021-2022 Enrollment
Zion Lutheran School	Alexandria	1890	PS-8	229
TLC/Growing Tree Preschool	Bemidji	2005	PS	16
Our Redeemer Lutheran Preschool	Cloquet	1990	PS	25
Our Redeemer Little Lambs	Cohasset	2004	PS	39
Our Saviors Lutheran School	Crookston	1983	PS-6	60
Guiding Hands Preschool	Elk River	1998	PS	22
Little Eskomos Lutheran Preschool	Esko	2010	PS	21
Trinity Lutheran School	Fergus Falls	1983	PS	25
Peace in Christ Christian Preschool	Hermantown	2013	PS	30
Children of Grace	Hibbing	2003	PS	81
St. Paul Little Lambs Preschool	Hinckley	1999	PS	0*
Trinity Preschool	Long Prairie	2008	PS	38
Our Redeemer Christian Children's Center	Moorhead	1985	PS	104
Zion Lutheran Preschool	Mora	1993	PS	30
Kids In Christ Preschool	Morris	2004	PS	15
Trinity Lutheran Preschool	New York Mills	1988	PS	23
St. John ABC Preschool	Park Rapids	1987	PS	30
St. Paul's Lutheran School	Perham	1910	PS-6	102
Growing In Grace Preschool	Pine City	2004	PS	17
Prince of Peace Lutheran School	St. Cloud	2000	K-8	132
Prince of Peace Preschool	St. Cloud	2000	PS	79
Crown Christian School	St. Francis	1883	PS-8	142
St. John Lutheran School	Thief River Falls	2003	PS-8	37
Jesus' Little Lambs Preschool	Vergas	2000	PS	7
Immanuel Lutheran School	Walker	1998	PS-8	46
Redeemer Lutheran Preschool	Willmar	2003	PS	53
Good Shepherd High School	Elk River	2021	HS	15

** Not currently open due to difficulty finding a replacement teacher; planning to re-open in the fall.*

Report of District Archivist

The Archives of the Minnesota North District are located in the District Office in Brainerd. The Archives contain some history of the congregations of the District. The information in the files is what is sent in by pastors and congregations and schools of significant events that have taken place in the congregation. Events include building programs and additions, historical celebrations, and community events that include important contributions by the congregation. Pictorial directories that contain history of the congregation and past pastors and church workers are good information to include in the Archives. These can be sent to the District Office with a note asking that the information be directed to the Archives.

When a congregation is closed for one reason or another, articles and information on the closing can also be sent to the District. Official congregation materials, including minutes of congregation meetings, records of membership including baptisms, confirmations, weddings, and deaths can be kept in a neighboring congregation for a period of time, but eventually should be shipped to the Synod archives in St. Louis for permanent care.

When a school is closed, all records, health and academic, must be saved forever in a safe, sealed storage file – no exceptions.

This past year the Archivist, under the guidance of the District President, has continued the task begun by former Archivist Rev. Gunard Heikkila and Rev. Walter Brill in reducing the amount of information in the files that has no relation to the ongoing history of the congregation and District.

In this new triennium, Rev. Mark Maunula will serve as the District Archivist.

District Archivist: Rev John Beck

Minnesota North District Ministerial Health Commission Report to the 2022 District Convention

The Ministerial Health Commission's purpose is to encourage holistic health for the professional church workers of the District. The Commission meets 3-4 times per year.

In recent years, the wellness of our church workers has been strained as the workers, like everyone else, have struggled to deal with the pandemic. The Commission has attempted to be attentive to the ways that worker health and wellness has been affected physically, emotionally, financially, and spiritually. As the pandemic situation persists, we remain attentive to these struggles.

The 2020 State Pastor's Conference was intended to have as its theme "Soul Care: Theirs and Ours." This conference was canceled on account of the onset of the pandemic. A similar theme was given to the 2020 Fall Pastor's Conference held in Perham. Rev. Dr. Rick Marrs from Concordia Seminary in St. Louis spoke remotely to the Conference about compassion fatigue (along with his book on Christian Counseling). Jim Otremba also spoke to the conference about self-care and the Healthy Church Workers web site.

In 2020, each pastor within the District was provided with a copy of the book "The Care of Souls" written by Rev. Harold Senkbeil. A study guide was also provided, and the Circuits of the District have been encouraged to study the book together.

President Fondow has regularly spoken with the Commission about District and Synod matters relevant to church worker health and wellness. These presentations have spurred conversations within the Commission about a variety of topics related to church worker health and wellness.

Rev. Paul Cloeter is now serving the district as the Church Worker Care Coordinator. We are thankful that Rev. Cloeter has filled this important role within our District. The Church Worker Care Coordinator provides support and consultation for the church workers of the MN North District. Rev. Cloeter has made a point of visiting the Circuits within the District to get to know the workers in those Circuits and to inform them that he is available if he can be of service. His work is confidential. Rev. Cloeter can be reached at paul.cloeter@mnnlcms.org.

Rev. Dan Abrahams continues to serve as our District Health Advocate. In this role, Rev. Abrahams is engaged in dialogue about worker health and welfare on the synod level. Many of the meetings Rev. Abrahams has participated in have been held over Zoom.

The P.A.L.S. (Post-Seminary Applied Learning and Support) program continues to be offered in our District, and many of our new pastors and their wives have participated in this program designed to help them transition from seminary life to parish ministry. The meetings, held in Brainerd, are led by our District Facilitators, Rev. Guy and Emily Roberts.

Since the last District Convention, Rev. Les Uhrinak and Mrs. Joanne Brockopp have left the Ministerial Health Commission. We thank them for their time on the Commission.

The current membership of the Ministerial Health Commission consists of Rev. Dan Abrahams (District Health Advocate), Rev. Paul Cloeter (Church Worker Care Coordinator), Mrs. Barbara Hertling (emeritus DCE), Rev. John Knierim (Commission Secretary), Rev. Christopher Lieske (Commission Chairman), Mrs. Bonnie Vrudny (nurse), and ex-officio member Rev. Dr. Donald Fondow (District President).

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONGREGATIONAL CONSTITUTIONS AND DISTRICT MEMBERSHIP - Rev. Ronald R. Carnicom, Chairman

The current members of this committee include Mr. David Vik of Park Rapids, MN, and Mr. Timothy Duin, of Longville, MN. Rev. Ronald R. Carnicom of Hackensack, MN, is the committee chairman.

The 2012 Minnesota North District Handbook defines the responsibilities of this committee in bylaw 6.06:

- 1) "This Committee shall, in accordance with District Bylaw 1.14, examine the constitutions of all the congregations applying for Synodical membership in our District. It shall recommend for membership those congregations whose constitutions and bylaws are in harmony with Holy Scripture, the Confessions, and the teachings and practices of the Synod [Synod Bylaw 2.2]."
- 2) "It shall receive for examination and recommendation of approval or revision new, revised, or translated constitutions of congregations which are already members of Synod in our District."

The committee meets as necessary.

During the past triennium, the new or revised constitution and bylaws of the following congregations were approved by the MNN District Board of Directors.

NEW CONGREGATIONS

Trinity Lutheran Church (Sandstone)	Sandstone	9-23-19
Immanuel Lutheran Church (Giese)	Giese	9-23-19

NEW CONSTITUTIONS AND BYLAWS

Trinity Lutheran Church (Millerville Township)	Evansville, MN	6-4-18
St. Paul Lutheran Church	Montevideo, MN	6-4-18
Zion Lutheran Church	Brainerd, MN	9-24-18
Zion Lutheran Church	Mora, MN	2-11-18
First Evangelical Lutheran Church	Grand Rapids, MN	5-20-19
Peace Lutheran Church	Finlayson, MN	5-20-19
Lord of Glory Lutheran Church	Elk River, MN	5-20-19
Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church	Sandstone, MN	9-23-19
Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church	Giese, MN	9-23-19
St. Paul Lutheran Church	Perham, MN	9-23-19
Trinity Lutheran Church	Odessa, MN	12-9-19
Trinity Lutheran Church	New York Mills, MN	12-9-19
St. Paul Lutheran Church	Henning, MN	12-9-19
Trinity Lutheran Church	Long Prairie, MN	5-4-20
St Paul Lutheran Church	Granite Falls, MN	5-4-20
Zion Lutheran Church (North Germany)	Sebek, MN	9-30-20
Trinity Lutheran Church	Sabin, MN	9-30-20

REVISED CONSTITUTIONS AND BYLAWS

Mission of the Cross Lutheran Church	Crosslake, MN	9-24-18
Our Redeemer Lutheran Church	Cohasset, MN	12-3-18
St Stephens Lutheran Church	Braham, MN	12-7-20
St Johns Lutheran Church	Rush City, MN	2-15-21
St Paul Lutheran Church	Perham, MN	9-27-21

OTHER CONSTITUTIONS AND BYLAWS

Minnesota North District Constitution Guidelines	Brainerd, MN	9-23-19
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Lutheran Island Camp

Report to the Minnesota North District

2022 Convention

The last triennium has been a period of change for Lutheran Island Camp and Christ Serve Ranch. God has continued to bless us in so many ways and for that we give Him thanks.

God's Blessings – The People Who Serve

Leading and overseeing these efforts are a dedicated board of directors made up of the following people.

Current Board:

Susan Borglum, President (Montevideo)	Craig Nelson, Vice President (Grand Rapids)
Bev Timm-Lannon, Secretary (Henning)	David Robbins, Treasurer (Deer Creek)
Rev. Scott Brown (Alexandria)	Brent Fassett (Baxter)
Len Palek (Zimmerman)	Rev. Bret Hartwig (Moorhead)
Rev. Justin Hesterman (Eagle Bend)	Rev. Andrew Ratcliffe (Perham)
Rev. Stafford Thompson (Cloquet)	Dawn Stach (Bertha)
Rev. Kirk Lee, Minnesota North District Advisory (Parkers Prairie)	
Alan Brogaard, Advisory (Alexandria)	

Emeritus Board Members Since the 2015 Convention:

Richard Beuch	Melodie Hobbie
Willy Wilson	Mark Haberer
Rev. Steve Bensen	Eugene Meyer
Art Bolland	Rev. James Walburg

We also experienced the loss of Board president, Rev. Jeffery Walther as he made his journey home to Jesus after becoming ill with COVID-19 in January of 2021.

The Lord has also blessed us with a year-round and summer staff of committed servants.

Year Round Staff:

Bode, Andy (Maintenance Director)
Gutknecht, Diane (Business Coordinator)
Johnson, Julia (Program Coordinator)
Keierleber, Tammy (Guest Services Director)
Lung, Stacy (Executive Director)

Our Most Current Summer Staff - 2021

Benson, Lydia	Matter, Hope-Katherine
Dare, Abigail	Wendt, Jaden
Ellis, Mackenzie	Hill, Mason
Holmlund, Lauren	Cherington, Emily
Kuhnau, Andrew	Maas, Harrison
Pedrow, Jenna	Matter, Henry
Tebben, Tayler	Collava, Mackenzie
Ranada, Walker	Riedel, Cheyenne
Johnson, Thomas	Neubauer, Daniel

The program theme for 2018 was **By Faith** and was based on Hebrews 11:1 "Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see." **By Faith** during 2018 we once again opened our doors to provide ministry to children and family. It was our 66th year of doing so. **By Faith** we engaged with schools, both public and parochial and saw a large increase in the number of children (over 300) who participated in our Outdoor Education programs at Christ Serve Ranch and Christ Serve Academy. **By Faith** we invited participants from around the

region to attend a Creation Symposium in October. Over 170 did and had their faith strengthened by a strong, Biblical program on God's creation.

The 2019 theme was **Forgiven**. Throughout this year we celebrated the fact that we are Forgiven people. Jesus announced that when He said "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." With great joy and enthusiasm, we shared that message with over 800 campers. We would not have guessed as we concluded the 2019 that this so much would change before we would once again be able to open our doors to the youth campers that represent so much of the mission of Lutheran Island Camp.

In 2020, Lutheran Island Camp was faced with the challenge of navigating the COVID-19 global pandemic like everyone. While efforts were made to continue to nourish people for joyful, Christ-centered life and service, the traditional summer camp programs were cancelled along with many of the off-season retreats. We were able to welcome families so that they could enjoy creation and time with each other in their own cabin spaces. Several staffing changes also took place during the 2020 season marking the beginning of a time of transition.

Summer camp returned in 2021 with the theme **God of Wonder**. While COVID continued to disrupt the normal routines, we once again welcomed youth campers for summer programming. An incredible summer staff under the leadership of a new program coordinator, Julia Johnson, shared the love of Jesus with around 500 campers while they swam, sang, played games, and worshiped together. A new maintenance director, Andy Bode, had the opportunity to work with Marv getting to know the Island and Ranch. An ice cream social marked the end of a significant chapter of contributions to the Island by Marv Swyter and Ken Erlandson as they retired in the fall. It was a joyful time of thanksgiving for their years of service.

Redeemed, Rebuilt, Restored is the theme that is guiding us in our journey through the year 2022. "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation" 2 Corinthians 5:17. Please join us in continuing to write the story of Lutheran Island Camp as God blesses His people through the work, programs, services, and facilities in this **70th** year of outdoor ministry in the Minnesota North District. The board of directors and staff appreciate the wonderful partnership that exists between the Minnesota North District and its auxiliary organizations and Lutheran Island Camp. They pray that it will continue well into the future.

Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF)

Rev. Jeffrey Lee
Minnesota North District



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 has been volatile, and looking back at the past 12 months, 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.

In April 2020, retail sales were down 14.7% as officials closed nonessential businesses, but by May, sales recovered, increasing by 18.3% as shops and restaurants slowly reopened safely. While there have been several

months in late 2020 and early 2021 with small declines, none have been as dramatic, and by June 2021, sales were up 0.6%.

The Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) has remained committed to a low interest rate environment and has held the benchmark rate at its current level of 0.1% until inflation reaches 2% over an extended period of time. The pandemic also restarted the FOMC's quantitative easing program, which grew their balance sheet to its current level of \$8.1T as of June 2021. Speculation has begun regarding the timing of their tapering of the security purchases. The FOMC has remained patient while inflation has been on the rise. Time will tell if or to what degree the current inflation is transitory.

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 is a nonprofit religious organization; therefore, LCEF investments are not FDIC-insured bank deposit accounts. This is not an offer to sell investments, nor a solicitation to buy. LCEF will offer and sell its securities only in states where authorized. The offer is made solely by LCEF's Offering Circular. Investors should carefully read the Offering Circular, which more fully describes associated risks. View current rates at lcef.org. Lutheran Church Extension Fund-Missouri Synod (NMLS #3444). Illinois Residential Mortgage Licensee (MB.0006057). Loans made or arranged pursuant to a California Law License (6037619). For more information on LCEF's lending license go to lcef.org/state-disclosures/. The National Office is located at: 10733 Sunset Office Drive, Suite 300, St. Louis, MO 63127-1020. 800-843-5233. 1221G102

To the 2022 Minnesota North District Convention:

I am honored to be the District Gift Planning Counselor. I retired as a business attorney in 2001 and have been an LCMS Gift Planning Counselor since then. I have been with the District on a part time basis for over 14 years.

My position is a means by which the District provides to its church members information and the opportunity by which they may establish deferred gifts to benefit their churches and other LCMS ministries as the donors determine. Deferred gifts include estate gifts through wills and trust and also charitable gift annuities and trusts offered by the LCMS Foundation by which the donors receive income for their lives and, upon their passing, the remainder is distributed to the church and/or ministries of their choice.

I assist members by providing analytical and descriptive information, the necessary forms and by guiding and assisting them through the process of establishing deferred gifts. I offer presentations and literature to congregations and church groups to inform members of the opportunities offered by deferred gifts.

As a Gift Planning Counselor, I am associated with the LCMS Foundation which has designated me as an Associate Gift Planning Counselor of the Foundation. As such, I am trained, equipped and authorized by the Foundation to provide scenarios regarding the financial implications of the gift annuity or trust as well as the documentation necessary to process the gifts. As a Foundation Associate Gift Planning Counselor, I receive ongoing training and support. I also provide gift planning support to Concordia Seminary, St. Louis for which the Seminary compensates the District to offset some of the cost of my position.

The gifts generated over the years have benefitted many churches and ministries and I encourage all pastors and members to be aware of the financial and ministry opportunities offered through deferred giving. Many times, these are end of life gifts but also should also be considered at times of major financial life changes like retirement or sales of major assets which may entail substantial tax implications.

I invite you to contact me if I can be of assistance.

In His Service,

David Priebe
Gift Planning Counselor

Minnesota North District
The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod
January 15, 2022

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BALANCE SHEET
ASSETS

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I. GENERAL CURRENT ASSETS

Bremer Bank		\$	383,441.88
LCEF-Steward Account (SOIF)			260,721.14
LCEF-Steward Account (Operations)			113,877.68
Lutheran Federal Credit Union Checking			11,252.52
Lutheran Federal Credit Union Savings			206,038.15
STC Student Fellowship			-
MN Pastoral Conference			586.02
MN State Pastors Conference funds			5,298.03
Special Interest Peters Fund LCEF			15,453.77
Bremer Bank Church Worker Wives			4,074.40
LCEF Steward-(Site Management)			200,503.32
LCMS Foundation Reserve			201,524.06
Accounts Receivable -LCEF	(4,870.81)		
LIC	-		
Background Checks	(41.50)		
Son Rise	-		
Other	6,493.88		
			1,581.57
Congregational Contributions Receivable			
Gift Annuity Receivable	Reported at Market Value		
Book value \$85,507.53			57,119.69
Investments - Operating Reserves LCEF			351,206.88
Endowments - Student Aid	111,157.75		
Continuing Education	5,314.76		
MNN District	97,610.79		
Good Samaritan	7,999.86		
American Indian Outreach	8,333.79		
Parochial School	50,731.58		
LCMS Foundation Campus Fund	\$ 202,469.21		
American Indian Gesch Endow	105,532.49		
Our Savior's Endowment Fund	295,888.61		
Total Endowments/LCEF			885,038.84
Prepaid Expense			29,402.42
Deferred Charges/Synodical Pledge			-
			2,727,120.37

II. PROPERTY ASSETS

District Office-Baxter			161,376.23
Bode Property			169,468.55
St. Cloud-Campus House			
LIC			85,000.00
Breezy Point			123,630.52
Other Property			(31,503.65)
Two Harbors			260,000.00
Equipment			4,632.55
			772,604.20
		\$	3,499,724.57

LIABILITIES

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I. GENERAL CURRENT LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable	11,666.02
Lutheran Hour	-
Agency Fund Payable	113.06
District Stewardship Conference	9,905.06
Synodical Pledge Payable	

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Temporarily Restricted Funds as of 1.15.2021	1,489,886.62	
2020 Temporarily Restricted Income	381,448.64	
Temporarily Restricted Funds Released from Restrictions (See attached Schedule "A-2")	<u>(305,584.52)</u>	1,565,750.74

FUND BALANCE/Operating Reserve/Board Designated (See attached Schedule 'A-1')	837,843.49
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Permanently Restricted - Endowment Funds adjusted to market value	280,559.24
Our Savior's Endowment Fund	380,507.31

LCEF - American Indian Outreach Endowment	<u>105,532.49</u>
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Operating Surplus(Deficit)	<u>(129,943.79)</u>
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Total \$ 3,061,933.62

II. PROPERTIES

Net Invested in Property	<u>\$ 437,790.95</u>
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Total Liabilities \$ 3,499,724.57

Minnesota North District
The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod
Jan. 16, 2021 To January 15, 2022

Schedule 'B'

	TOTAL BUDGET	12 of 12 BUDGET	YTD 2021 ACTUAL	YTD 2020 ACTUAL
CURRENT INCOME				
Congregational Pledges	\$ 1,337,183	\$ 1,337,183	\$ 1,436,716	\$ 1,343,929
Other/Unpledged remittances				
	<u>1,337,183</u>	<u>\$ 1,225,751</u>	<u>1,436,716</u>	<u>1,343,929</u>
OTHER INCOME				
Interest on Investments	200	\$ 200	141	163
Grant from PPP				146,400
LCEF	60,519	\$ 60,519	59,513	27,110
	<u>60,719</u>	<u>60,719</u>	<u>59,654</u>	<u>173,673</u>
TOTAL CURRENT INCOME	\$ 1,397,902	\$ 1,397,902	\$ 1,496,370	\$ 1,517,602
CURRENT EXPENDITURES				
World & National Missions	187,044	\$ 187,044	132,726	205,144
Congregational Services	128,228	\$ 128,228	111,820	113,517
Preparing Church Workers	42,000	\$ 42,000	23,361	39,600
Mission & Ministry Support Svcs	223,002	\$ 223,002	290,058	695,684
Ecclesiastical & Program Admin	284,716	\$ 284,716	265,085	265,488
LCEF	60,519	\$ 60,519	59,513	27,110
	<u>925,509</u>	<u>\$ 925,509</u>	<u>882,562</u>	<u>1,346,543</u>
TOTAL DISTRICT EXPENSE	\$ 925,509	\$ 925,509	\$ 882,562	\$ 1,346,543
SYNODICAL REMITTANCE 42%	560,777	\$ 560,777	610,543	564,446
TOTAL CURRENT EXPENSE	\$ 1,486,286	\$ 1,486,286.00	\$ 1,493,105	\$ 1,910,989
Current Deficit/Surplus	(88,384)	\$ (88,384)	3,264	(393,387)

Schedule 'B-1'

Summary of Expenditures
Jan. 16, 2021 to January 15, 2022

CURRENT EXPENDITURES	2021 BUDGET	12 of 12 BUDGET	YTD 2021 ACTUAL	YTD 2020 ACTUAL
World & National Missions				
Regular Missions	55,125	55,125	45,162	34,290
New Missions	8,000	8,000	-	
Indian Ministry	-	-		
Campus Ministry	41,000	41,000	16,867	76,628
Deaf Ministry	8,000	8,000	2,965	1,454
Mission Development	6,200	6,200	696	4,836
Evangelism	2,000	2,000	219	115
Human Care	1,000	1,000		-
Luth Witness/Public Relations	5,200	5,200	4,850	4,875
M&M Facilitator Sal/Hse	45,206	45,206	47,620	62,793
M&M Facilitator Auto Allow	-	-		
M&M Facilitator Benefits	15,313	15,313	14,347	20,152
	\$ 187,044	\$ 187,044	\$ 132,726	\$ 205,143
Congregational Services				
Congregational Services	9,000	9,000	2,500	3,610
M&M Facilitator Sal/Hse	77,986	77,986	80,076	78,624
M&M Facilitator Auto Allow	-	-	-	-
M&M Facilitator Benefits	29,492	29,492	27,634	27,818
Parish Education	1,600	1,600	818	701
Family Life	1,000	1,000	791	340
Worship	-	-		
Youth Services	3,000	3,000	-	592
Stewardship	1,000	1,000		1,385
District Events	5,150	5,150		448
	\$ 128,228	\$ 128,228	\$ 111,820	\$ 113,518
Preparing Church Workers				
Student Aid	42,000	42,000	23,361	39,600
	\$ 42,000	\$ 42,000	\$ 23,361	\$ 39,600
Mission & Ministry Support Services				
Synod/District Convention	-	-		
Financial & General	169,002	169,002	160,333	143,568
Office Building	54,000	54,000	53,669	36,477
Disposal of Assets			72,167	515,639
Other Properties	-	-	3,889	-
	\$ 223,002	\$ 223,002	\$ 290,058	\$ 695,684
Ecclesiastical & Program Administration				
President Office	101,475	101,475	95,678	91,925
President Sal/Hse	100,298	100,298	100,297	98,390
President Car Allow	-	-		
President Benefits	29,562	29,562	31,262	30,462
Ministerial Health	7,250	7,250	6,855	6,745
Workshops & Conferences	14,700	14,700	9,167	12,666
Board & Committees	23,031	23,031	20,062	24,186
Special Committees	600	600	-	286
Team Ministry Congregational	7,800	7,800	1,764	828
	\$ 284,716	\$ 284,716	\$ 265,085	\$ 265,488
LCEF				
Salaries/Benefits	60,519	60,519	59,513	27,110
Year end Results	-	-		
	\$ 60,519	\$ 60,519	\$ 59,513	\$ 27,110
LCEF Reimbursement				
TOTAL DISTRICT EXPENSE	\$ 925,509	\$ 925,509	\$ 882,562	\$ 1,346,543
Synodical Remittance	560,777	560,777	610,543	564,446
TOTAL CURRENT EXPENSES	\$ 1,486,286	\$ 1,486,286	\$ 1,493,106	\$ 1,910,989

MINNESOTA NORTH DISTRICT
The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

Schedule 'A-1'

FUND BALANCE & BOARD DESIGNATED FUNDS				
	Begin Balance	Received	Disbursed	End Balance
Unrest/Undesignated Net Assets	637,843.49			637,843.49
Operating Reserve	200,000.00			200,000.00
Fund Balance/Board Designated	\$ 837,843.49	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 837,843.49

Schedule 'A-2'

TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED FUNDS Jan 16, 2021 to January 15, 2022				
	Beginning Balance	Received	Disbursed	Balance After Interest Alloc.
ACT - Krueger Endow	20,733.93	1,781.29		22,515.22
American Indian - Interest	35,397.64	2,622.23	(594.66)	37,425.21
Unrestricted Funds/Gifts	187,550.51	8,612.41	(100.00)	196,062.92
Building Depreciation Reserve	58,499.06	6,723.76		65,222.82
Campus Ministry (Proceeds from Sale)	197,500.55	152,547.73	(147,579.07)	202,469.21
Campus Ministry	3,133.08	75.70		3,208.78
Continuing Education	8,732.26	1,858.30	(1,000.00)	9,590.56
CROSS	5,745.52	14,119.27	(12,600.00)	7,264.79
Deaf Ministry	5,919.99	5,751.59	(5,500.00)	6,171.58
District Convention	26,955.01	251.85		27,206.86
District Missions	85,902.45	26,690.41	(6,400.00)	106,192.86
Equipment Depreciation	36,640.72	342.35		36,983.07
Esala Student Aid	4,456.75	1,392.32	(4,639.46)	1,209.61
Gift Annuities	34,607.76			34,607.76
Gift Planner	(1,796.68)	39,048.73	(39,223.59)	(1,971.54)
Gifty Education	3,613.47	415.21	(2,439.20)	1,589.48
Good Samaritan Endow	4,043.14	160.00		4,203.14
LCEF Equipment Purchase Tr	19,171.66	179.13		19,350.79
LCEF Grant for Various Ministries	183,378.46	60,427.09	(16,138.30)	227,667.25
LCEF Unrestricted funds	43,651.09			43,651.09
LCMS Elementary Schools (FMOFC)	23,638.62	3,990.14	(16,000.00)	11,628.76
Liberia Cotton Tree	2,260.69	2,180.60	(2,000.00)	2,441.29
Lutheran Brotherhood/Foundation	2,130.52	19.91		2,150.43
Lutheran School Treasury	4,803.07	44.88		4,847.95
MN N District Endow	19,995.97	2,245.01	(1,756.98)	20,484.00
Minn Kota Funds	743.96			743.96
New Ethnic Missions	5,578.13	52.12		5,630.25
MNN District Disaster Emergency Fund	7,039.46	6,525.57		13,565.03
MNN State Pastors Conference	5,933.94	0.06		5,934.00
Parochial School Endow	33,362.63	1,014.63	(16,188.28)	18,188.98
PCW & Family Wellness Retreat	1,880.31	17.57		1,897.88
Project 24	-	955.00	(865.00)	90.00
Income Our Saviors STC		5,855.71	(5,270.15)	585.56
Rev. James Kollie Education Fund (& Jamesetta)	10,263.50	18,411.70	(15,258.69)	13,416.51
Site Management	1,472.74	222.36	(52.80)	1,642.30
SOC COVID 19 Grant	25,930.17	227.33	(1,600.00)	24,557.50
SOIF Pledges - TR	262,843.46	676.79	(1,068.00)	262,452.25
Sowers Fund	26,802.52	6,251.28	(3,525.00)	29,528.80
STC Student Fellowship Funds	13,393.24	4,775.24	(5,541.31)	12,627.17
Student Aid	43,134.34	4,292.69		47,427.03
Synodical Convention	18,396.61	171.89		18,568.50
Victims of Prof Church	6,401.36	59.81		6,461.17
Youth Servant Events	5,888.08	55.01		5,943.09
Main Street Living	-	244.03	(244.03)	-
Church Worker Wives	3,912.90	159.94		4,072.84
totals	1,489,642.59	381,448.64	(305,584.52)	1,565,506.71
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DISTRICT NEWS

Minnesota North District congregational financial statement for the period ending Jan. 15, 2019

Congregation, City	Comm Memb	Annual Pledge(\$)	Y-T-D Pledge(\$)	Y-T-D Remittance(\$)	Over (Under) Pledge(\$)	Remit Per Commun.(\$)	%	Congregation, City	Comm Memb	Annual Pledge(\$)	Y-T-D Pledge(\$)	Y-T-D Remittance(\$)	Over (Under) Pledge(\$)	Remit Per Commun.(\$)	%
Circuit 1 — Crookston								Circuit 6 — Brainerd							
Our Savior, Crookston	398	3,300	3,300	3,040.50	(259.50)	7.64	92.14	St. John, Aitkin	468	13,600	13,600	17,149	3,549	36.64	126.10
First, E. Grand Forks	80	500	500	800	300	10	160	Zion, Brainerd	458	23,355	23,355	24,861.63	1,506.63	54.28	106.45
First English, Eldred	34	3,000	3,000	4,820	1,820	141.76	160.67	Zion, Crosby	72	87	87	—	(87)	—	—
St. Paul, Euclid	52	1,000	1,000	1,000	—	19.23	100	Immanuel, Iron Hub	93	100	100	—	(100)	—	0
Trinity, Fisher	116	20,000	20,000	18,526.95	(1,473.05)	159.72	92.63	Our Savior, McGregor	164	1,800	1,800	1,800	—	10.98	100
Redeemer, Plummer	28	1,200	1,200	1,200	—	42.86	100	Gloria Dei, Pequot Lakes	218	10,000	10,000	9,166.63	(833.37)	42.05	91.67
Immanuel, Radium/Warren	33	1,000	1,000	1,475	475	44.70	147.50	St. John, Wright	21	700	700	1,195	495	56.90	170.71
St. John, Red Lake Falls	120	7,020	7,020	7,020	—	58.50	100	Prince Of Peace, Baxter	132	7,650	7,650	8,230	580	62.35	107.58
St. John, Thief River Falls	138	1,000	1,000	5,025	4,025	36.41	502.50	Shphrd Of The Lake, Garrison	125	4,000	4,000	4,000	—	32	100
Zion, Warren	195	500	500	500	—	2.56	—	Emmanuel, Backus	152	13,800	13,800	14,218.74	418.74	93.54	103.03
Zion, Ada	208	5,500	5,500	5,500	—	26.44	100	St. John, Motley	129	2,400	2,400	2,600	200	20.16	108.33
First English, Fosston	Closed	—	—	—	—	—	—	Trinity, Staples	140	3,150	3,150	3,150	—	22.50	100
St. John, Ada	170	5,500	5,500	5,500	—	32.35	100	Mssn of the Cross, Crosslake	66	2,600	2,600	2,600	—	39.39	100
Bethlehem, Mahanomen	35	500	500	600	100	17.14	120	Living Savior, Lake Shore	74	4,600	4,600	5,005	405	67.64	108.80
Immanuel, McIntosh	72	1,500	1,500	774	(726)	10.75	51.60	Totals	2,312	87,842	87,842	93,976	6,134	40.65	106.98
Trinity, Twin Valley	158	6,000	6,000	4,500	(1,500)	28.48	75	Circuit 7 — Iron Range							
First English, Ada	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Redeemer, Aurora	46	1,500	1,500	1,625	125	35.33	108.33
Totals	1,837	57,520	57,520	60,281.45	2,761.45	32.82	104.80	Good Shepherd, Babbitt	105	5,500	5,500	5,460	(40)	52	99.27
Circuit 2 — Bemidji								Mount Olive, Bovey	162	900	900	825	(75)	5.09	91.67
Redeemer, Bagley	114	1,000	1,000	1,000	—	8.77	100	Grace, Chisholm	120	1,000	1,000	1,000	—	8.33	100
Bethlehem, Baudette	50	560	560	560	—	11.20	100	Redeemer, Deer River	70	500	500	525	25	7.50	105
Trinity, Bemidji	376	28,500	28,500	29,083.33	583.33	77.35	102.05	First, Grand Rapids	470	15,000	15,000	16,174.69	1,174.69	34.41	107.83
Holy Trinity, Blackduck	61	700	700	700	—	11.48	100	Grace, Hibbing	402	3,300	3,300	3,300	—	8.21	100
Immanuel, Cass Lake	55	1,200	1,200	1,200	—	21.82	100	Trinity, Hill City	80	500	500	500	—	6.25	100
St. Paul, Int'l Falls	215	7,800	7,800	7,800	—	36.28	100	Grace, Marble	37	500	500	978.50	478.50	26.45	195.70
Trinity, Lake George	108	—	—	—	—	—	—	Centennial, Squaw Lake	23	400	400	533.33	133.33	23.19	133.33
Bethlehem, Warroad	33	60	60	200	140	6.06	333.33	Trinity, Virginia	302	6,480	6,480	5,933.56	(526.44)	19.71	91.88
Totals	1,012	39,820	39,820	40,543.33	723.33	40.06	101.82	First, Ely	92	6,500	6,500	6,500	—	70.65	100
Circuit 3 — Park Rapids								Gloria Dei, Virginia	113	10,400	10,400	10,400	—	92.04	100
St. John, Akeley	121	3,900	3,900	3,900	—	32.23	100	Our Redeemer, Cohasset	308	39,180	39,180	42,380	3,200	137.60	108.17
First English, Dorset	228	4,000	4,000	4,000	—	17.54	100	Totals — Circuit 7	2,330	91,660	91,660	96,155.08	4,495.08	41.27	104.90
St. John, Park Rapids	634	75,000	75,000	75,000	—	118.30	100	Circuit 8 — Lake Superior							
Immanuel, Walker	161	2,500	2,500	2,500	—	15.53	100	Our Redeemer, Cloquet	205	3,000	3,000	3,255	255	15.88	108.50
Redeemer, Menahga	105	500	500	500	—	4.76	100	Mount Olive, Duluth	241	16,000	16,000	15,268.42	(731.58)	63.35	95.43
Gethsemane, Snellman	123	2,000	2,000	1,000	(1,000)	8.13	50	Redeemer, Duluth	57	3,250	3,250	1,083.33	(2,166.67)	19.01	33.33
Christ, Wolf Lake	74	2,100	2,100	2,100	—	28.38	100	Hope, Munger	109	5,100	5,100	5,100	—	46.79	100
Totals	1,446	90,000	90,000	89,000	(1,000)	61.55	98.89	Faith, Silver Bay	82	2,000	2,000	2,000	—	24.39	100
Circuit 4 — Detroit Lakes								Shphrd of the Lake, 2 Harbors	47	2,400	2,400	2,400	—	51.06	100
St. John, Corliss	314	7,000	7,000	7,583.29	583.29	24.15	108.33	St. John, Wrenshall	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Immanuel, Dent	74	4,000	4,000	4,050	50	54.73	101.25	St. Matthew — Esko	585	28,000	28,000	28,504	504	48.72	101.80
Zion, Detroit Lakes	485	12,000	12,000	12,000	—	24.74	100	Christ, Superior	357	12,000	12,000	12,000	—	33.61	100
St. John, Dora Township	26	400	400	400	—	15.38	100	Faith, Maple	60	500	500	—	(500)	—	0
St. Paul, Evergreen	325	1,200	1,200	1,540	340	4.74	128.33	Peace In Christ, Hermantown	721	46,260	46,260	46,260	—	64.16	100
Bethlehem, Frazee	679	25,000	25,000	4,166.67	(20,833.33)	6.14	16.67	Life In Christ, Grand Marais	16	4,000	4,000	4,034.74	34.74	252.17	100.87
St. Paul, Vergas	262	3,500	3,500	2,847.43	(652.57)	10.87	81.36	Totals — Circuit 8	2,480	122,510	122,510	119,905.49	(2,604.51)	48.35	97.87
St. Paul, Perham	630	7,000	7,000	7,587	587	12.04	108.39	Circuit 9 — Kettle River							
St. John, Vergas	232	4,000	4,000	4,000	—	17.24	100	Emmanuel, Barnum	119	4,500	4,500	4,500	—	37.82	100
St. John, Frazee	155	1,600	1,600	1,600	—	10.32	100	St. Paul, Bruno	72	2,400	2,400	2,800	400	38.89	116.67
Beautiful Savior, Callaway	175	3,500	3,500	1,000	(2,500)	5.71	28.57	Peace, Finlayson	262	11,000	11,000	11,000	—	41.98	100
Totals	3,357	69,200	69,200	46,774.39	(22,425.61)	13.93	67.59	St. Paul, Hinkley	280	3,500	3,500	2,843.75	(656.25)	10.16	81.25
Circuit 5 — Wadena								St. John, Kroschel	248	5,000	5,000	4,330.37	(669.63)	17.46	86.61
Immanuel, Barlett Twp.	67	2,500	2,500	2,770	270	41.34	110.80	Grace, McGrath	9	—	—	—	—	—	—
St. Paul, Bertha *	2	3,000	3,000	2,410	(590)	1,205	80.33	St. Peter, Moose Lake	55	1,500	1,500	1,500	—	27.27	100
Trinity, Deer Creek	283	6,500	6,500	6,000	(500)	21.20	92.31	Trinity, Isle	213	8,000	8,000	8,983.19	983.19	42.17	112.29
St. Paul, Henning	337	10,000	10,000	11,123	1,123	33.01	111.23	Zion, Mora	326	15,000	15,000	15,719	719	48.22	104.79
Trinity, Hewitt	103	480	480	480	—	4.66	100	St. Paul, Ogilvie	176	3,000	3,000	4,490	1,490	25.51	149.67
Nimrod, Nimrod	84	500	500	500	—	5.95	100	Zion, Pine City	310	5,700	5,700	5,225	(475)	16.85	91.67
Zion, N. Germany/Sebeka	41	770	770	770	—	18.78	100	Totals — Circuit 9	2,070	59,600	59,600	61,391.31	1,791.31	29.66	103.01
St. John, Ottertail	366	18,000	18,000	19,910	1,910	54.40	110.61	Circuit 10 — Little Falls							
St. Paul, Richville	24	2,000	2,000	2,000	—	83.33	100	St. John, Dixville	27	—	—	—	—	—	—
St. John, Wadena	605	10,000	10,000	10,065	65	16.64	100.65	St. Paul, Foley	242	2,400	2,400	2,200	(200)	9.09	91.67
Trinity, New York Mills	762	18,000	18,000	30,000	12,000	39.37	166.67	St. John, Pppl Crk/Sk Rpds	131	4,500	4,500	5,559	1,059	42.44	123.53
Grace, Sebeka	170	4,000	4,000	4,000	—	23.53	100	Bethany, Ramey*	200	—	—	200	200	1	—
Life In Christ, Battle Lake	Closed	—	—	—	—	—	—	St. Paul, Royaltan	118	200	200	—	(200)	—	0
Totals	2,844	75,750	75,750	90,028	14,278	31.66	118.85	Trinity, Sauk Rapids	881	23,000	23,000	23,000	—	26.11	100

Congregation, City	Comm Memb	Annual Pledge(\$)	Y-T-D Pledge(\$)	Y-T-D Remittance(\$)	Over (Under) Pledge(\$)	Remit Per Commun.(\$)	%
Messiah, Sartell	169	8,100	8,100	7,425	(675)	43.93	91.67
Zion, Little Falls	195	15,300	15,300	15,791	491	80.98	103.21
St. Peter, Randall	73	350	350	100	(250)	1.37	28.57
Shepherd Of The Pines, Rice	376	28,728	28,728	25,235.99	(3,492.01)	67.12	87.84
Good Shepherd, Sauk Rapids	40	3,000	3,000	3,000	—	75	100
Totals	2,452	85,578	85,578	82,510.99	(3,067.01)	33.65	96.42

Circuit 11 — Rum River

St. Stephen, Braham	319	10,000	10,000	10,000	—	31.35	100
Zion, Crown	307	3,000	3,000	3,000	—	9.77	100
St. Paul, Milaca	265	7,500	7,500	7,500	—	28.30	100
St. John, North Branch	140	8,000	8,000	10,691	2,691	76.36	133.64
Zion, Princeton	127	1,800	1,800	1,800	—	14.17	100
St. John, Rush City	166	5,000	5,000	5,460	460	32.89	109.20
Joy, Cambridge	180	16,000	16,000	21,391.03	5,391.03	118.84	133.69
Ld. of the Lakes, Chisago City	257	24,400	24,400	22,363	(2,037)	87.02	91.65
Emmanuel, Elk River	136	18,000	18,000	25,333.60	7,333.60	186.28	140.74
Lord Of Glory, Elk River	370	15,000	15,000	15,061.55	61.55	40.71	100.41
Faith Comm., Zimmerman	140	4,000	4,000	4,500	500	32.14	112.50
Living Branch, North Branch	75	12,000	12,000	6,500	(5,500)	86.67	54.17
Grace, Becker	116	1,800	1,800	1,800	—	15.52	100
Alive, Monticello	125	7,500	7,500	7,500	—	60	100
Totals	2,723	134,000	134,000	142,900.18	8,900.18	52.48	106.64

Circuit 12 — St. Cloud

Trinity, Clear Lake	105	3,600	3,600	3,600	—	34.29	100
Faith, St. Cloud	120	1,800	1,800	1,800	—	15	100
Concordia, Fair Haven	193	1,500	1,500	1,500	—	7.77	100
Immanuel, Farming Twp.	157	4,000	4,000	5,000	1,000	31.85	125
Holy Cross, St. Cloud	987	16,000	16,000	13,336.40	(2,663.60)	13.51	83.35
Redeemer, St. Cloud	335	20,000	20,000	20,000.04	0.04	59.70	100
St. Paul, Eden Valley	225	4,500	4,500	4,018	(482)	17.86	89.29
St. John, Kimball	285	5,000	5,000	5,250	250	18.42	105
Love Of Christ, St. Cloud	668	—	—	20	20	0.03	—
SonRise Lutheran, Avon	63	1,200	1,200	1,200	—	19.05	100
Totals	3,138	57,600	57,600	55,724.44	(1,875.56)	17.76	96.74

Circuit 13 — Alexandria

Zion, Alexandria	903	25,560	25,560	27,112.27	1,552.27	30.02	106.07
Trinity, Carlos	104	2,500	2,500	2,500	—	24.04	100
St. John, Garfield	126	5,750	5,750	5,837	87	46.33	101.51
Trinity, Grove Lake	96	4,500	4,500	4,530	30	47.19	100.67
Ebenezer, Leaf Valley	162	2,500	2,500	2,500	—	15.43	100
Trinity, Millerville	62	3,600	3,600	3,600	—	58.06	100
Mount Calvary, Miliona	88	4,000	4,000	3,480.36	(519.64)	39.55	87.01
St. Paul, Mltn Twp/Prkrs Pr	51	2,500	2,500	860	(1,640)	16.86	34.40
Zion, North Effington	44	1,800	1,800	1,800	—	40.91	100
Redeemer, Osakis	4	1,000	1,000	1,000	—	250	100
Immanuel, Parkers Prairie	639	22,535	22,535	22,452.25	(82.75)	35.14	99.63
St. James, South Effington	73	2,000	2,000	2,000	—	27.40	100
St. John, Villard	157	12,500	12,500	12,500	—	79.62	100
Good Shepherd, Alexandria	554	22,000	22,000	18,568.34	(3,431.66)	33.52	84.40
Totals	3,063	112,745	112,745	108,740.22	(4,004.78)	35.50	96.45

Circuit 14 — Fergus Falls

St. John, Barnesville	225	5,000	5,000	5,185.04	185.04	23.04	103.70
Grace, Breckenridge	194	11,000	11,000	13,125	2,125	67.65	119.32
St. Paul, East Friberg Twp.	123	1,500	1,500	725	(775)	5.89	48.33
St. John, Elizabeth Fergus Falls	84	50	50	50	—	0.60	100
Faith, Fergus Falls	154	2,500	2,500	3,680	1,180	23.90	147.20
Trinity, Fergus Falls	408	24,000	24,000	24,000	—	58.82	100
Immanuel, Friberg Twp.	84	3,500	3,500	3,500.25	0.25	41.67	100.01
Our Redeemer, Moorhead	585	28,000	28,000	28,375	375	48.50	101.34
Trinity, Sabin	307	5,000	5,000	5,000	—	16.29	100
Totals	2,164	80,550	80,550	83,640.29	3,090.29	38.65	103.84

Circuit 15 — Long Prairie

St. Matthew, Clarissa	110	1,500	1,500	1,905	405	17.32	127
Immanuel, Eagle Bend *	210	8,000	8,000	13,329.70	5,329.70	63.47	166.62
St. John, Grey Eagle	58	1,400	1,400	1,400	—	24.14	100
Trinity, Long Prairie	709	33,600	33,600	21,234.91	(12,365.09)	29.95	63.20
Zion, Sauk Centre	275	6,600	6,600	6,600	—	24	100
St. Paul, Melrose	211	6,500	6,500	6,500	—	30.81	100
St. Peter, Swanville	313	3,000	3,000	3,000	—	9.58	100
Totals	1,886	60,600	60,600	53,969.61	(6,630.39)	28.62	89.06

Congregation, City	Comm Memb	Annual Pledge(\$)	Y-T-D Pledge(\$)	Y-T-D Remittance(\$)	Over (Under) Pledge(\$)	Remit Per Commun.(\$)	%
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Circuit 16 — Wheaton

Zion, Browns Valley	214	1,200	1,200	2,536	1,336	11.85	211.33
St. Paul, Campbell	70	500	500	744.93	244.93	10.64	148.99
Christ, Elbow Lake	123	3,600	3,600	1,971	(1,629)	16.02	54.75
Bethlehem, Herman	45	3,500	3,500	3,500	—	77.78	100
Immanuel, Monson Township	62	5,000	5,000	5,000	—	80.65	100
St. John, Wheaton	387	18,000	18,000	15,540.51	(2,459.49)	40.16	86.34
Zion, Hoffman	146	4,200	4,200	5,260	1,060	36.03	125.24
Totals	1,047	36,000	36,000	34,552.44	(1,447.56)	33	95.98

Circuit 17 — Appleton

Trinity, Appleton	212	8,000	8,000	8,000	—	37.74	100
St. Mark, Benson	533	13,780	13,780	13,779.96	(0.04)	25.85	100
Grace, Correll	60	3,500	3,500	6,234	2,734	103.90	178.11
Trinity, Fairfield	107	3,000	3,000	3,000	—	28.04	100
Immanuel, Holloway	71	250	250	582.50	332.50	8.20	233
Zion, Morris	188	18,500	18,500	18,500.04	0.04	98.40	100
Trinity, Odessa	54	4,000	4,000	4,343	343	80.43	108.58
Trinity, Ortonville	415	15,000	15,000	15,035	35	36.23	100.23
Immanuel, Shible Twp.	29	2,000	2,000	3,411	1,411	117.62	170.55
Trinity, Walter Twp/Bellingham	101	6,000	6,000	7,767.10	1,767.10	76.90	129.45
Totals	1,770	\$74,030	\$74,030	\$80,652.60	\$6,622.60	\$45.57	108.95

Circuit 18 — Montevideo

Nicolai, Canby	100	2,500	2,500	2,326	(174)	23.26	93.04
St. Paul, Granite Falls	383	13,000	13,000	13,000.01	0.01	33.94	100
Trinity, Havelock/Montevideo	88	2,500	2,500	2,981.50	481.50	33.88	119.26
St. John, Madison	272	10,000	10,000	10,326.30	326.30	37.96	103.26
St. Paul, Montevideo	300	6,150	6,150	7,553.85	1,403.85	25.18	122.83
St. Luke, Posen Twp/Wd Lk	160	2,500	2,500	4,185.50	1,685.50	26.16	167.42
St. John, Sprt Twp/Mntvd	131	7,500	7,500	11,280.05	3,780.05	86.11	150.40
Zion, Tyro Twp./Boyd	125	2,500	2,500	2,500	—	20	100
Redeemer, Willmar	687	80,000	80,000	57,283.38	(22,716.62)	83.38	71.60
Living Word, New London	149	6,000	6,000	6,000	—	40.27	100
Totals	2,395	132,650	132,650	117,436.59	(15,213.41)	49.03	88.53

Other Gifts

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Grand Total 40,318 1,470,594 1,470,594 1,457,945 (12,649) 36.16 99.14

Funds received in the district office after Jan. 15 have not been recorded to 2018 remittance amounts.
*2017 Funds received after the 15th posted in 2018.

The district budget was approved by Minnesota North Board of Directors on Feb. 12, 2018 according to the congregational pledges listed.

The Comm. Members number is the most current provided either to the circuit counselor or the most current Statistics report provided to the district.

Minnesota North District congregational financial statement

for the period ending Jan. 15, 2020

Congregation, City	Comm Memb	Annual Pledge(\$)	Y-T-D Pledge(\$)	Y-T-D Remittance(\$)	Over (Under) Pledge(\$)	Remit Per Commun.(\$)	%
Circuit 1 — Crookston							
Our Savior, Crookston	394	3,600	3,600	2,564.90	(1,035.10)	6.51	71.25
First, East Grand Forks	70	500	500	600	100	8.57	120
First English, Eldred	32	3,000	3,000	2,961	(39)	92.53	98.70
St. Paul, Euclid	52	1,000	1,000	1,000	—	19.23	100
Trinity, Fisher	116	18,500	18,500	13,641.63	(4,858.37)	117.60	73.74
Redeemer, Plummer	28	1,200	1,200	1,200	—	42.86	100
Immanuel, Radium/Warren	33	1,000	1,000	1,330	330	40.30	133
St. John, Red Lake Falls	120	7,020	7,020	5,000	(2,020)	41.67	71.23
St. John, Thief River Falls	143	1,000	1,000	1,100	100	7.69	110
Zion, Warren	195	500	500	500	—	2.56	—
Zion, Ada	211	6,000	6,000	6,000	—	28.44	100
St. John, Ada	170	5,500	5,500	5,500	—	32.35	100
Bethlehem, Mahanomen	35	500	500	500	—	14.29	100
Immanuel, McIntosh	72	1,500	1,500	563	(937)	7.82	37.53
Trinity, Twin Valley	158	5,000	5,000	5,000	—	31.65	100
First English, Ada	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals	1,829	55,820	55,820	47,460.53	(8,359.47)	25.95	85.02

Circuit 2 — Bemidj							
Redeemer, Bagley	108	1,000	1,000	1,000	—	9.26	100
Bethlehem, Baudette	50	560	560	560	—	11.20	100
Trinity, Bemidj	378	28,500	28,500	28,500	—	75.40	100
Holy Trinity, Blackduck	60	700	700	700	—	11.67	100
Immanuel, Cass Lake	45	1,200	1,200	1,200	—	26.67	100
St. Paul, International Falls	212	7,800	7,800	8,450	650	39.86	108.33
Trinity, Lake George	108	—	—	—	—	—	—
Bethlehem, Warroad	33	300	300	200	(100)	6.06	66.67
Totals	994	40,060	40,060	40,610	550	40.86	101.37

Circuit 3 — Park Rapids							
St. John, Akeley	110	3,300	3,300	4,000	700	36.36	121.21
First English, Dorset	231	2,000	2,000	2,666.67	666.67	11.54	133.33
St. John, Park Rapids	624	75,000	75,000	75,000	—	120.19	100
Immanuel, Walker	154	2,500	2,500	2,500	—	16.23	100
Redeemer, Menahga	85	500	500	500	—	5.88	100
Gethsemane, Snellman	123	2,000	2,000	3,000	1,000	24.39	150
Christ, Wolf Lake	74	2,100	2,100	2,100	—	28.38	100
Totals	1,401	87,400	87,400	89,766.67	2,366.67	64.07	102.71

Circuit 4 — Detroit Lakes							
St. John, Corliss	322	7,000	7,000	6,999.96	(0.04)	21.74	100
Immanuel, Dent	74	4,000	4,000	4,050	50	54.73	101.25
Zion, Detroit Lakes	450	14,300	14,300	14,300.07	0.07	31.78	100
St. John, Dora Township	28	400	400	400	—	14.29	100
St. Paul, Evergreen	325	1,200	1,200	1,200	—	3.69	100
Bethlehem, Frazee	654	6,600	6,600	5,825.88	(774.12)	8.91	88.27
St. Paul, Vergas	266	4,300	4,300	3,941.67	(358.33)	14.82	91.67
St. Paul, Perham	651	7,000	7,000	10,435	3,435	16.03	149.07
St. John, Vergas	229	4,000	4,000	3,000	(1,000)	13.10	75
St. John, Frazee	155	1,600	1,600	1,600	—	10.32	100
Beautiful Savior, Callaway	175	3,500	3,500	2,000	(1,500)	11.43	57.14
Totals	3,329	53,900	53,900	53,752.58	(147.42)	16.15	99.73

Circuit 5 — Wadena							
Immanuel, Barlett Township	67	2,500	2,500	2,500	—	37.31	100
St. Paul, Bertha	80	3,000	3,000	2,525	(475)	31.56	84.17
Trinity, Deer Creek	259	6,500	6,500	6,000	(500)	23.17	92.31
St. Paul, Henning	339	10,000	10,000	11,346	1,346	33.47	113.46
Trinity, Hewitt	103	500	500	500	—	4.85	100
Nimrod, Nimrod	84	500	500	500	—	5.95	100
Zion, N. Germany/Sebekka	31	850	850	850	—	27.42	100
St. John, Ottertail	376	18,000	18,000	19,420	1,420	51.65	107.89
St. Paul, Richville	22	2,000	2,000	2,000	—	90.91	100
St. John, Wadena	608	10,000	10,000	5,702.50	(4,297.50)	9.38	57.03
Trinity, New York Mills	710	18,000	18,000	30,000	12,000	42.25	166.67
Grace, Sebekka	170	4,000	4,000	4,000	—	23.53	100
Totals	2,849	75,850	75,850	85,343.50	9,493.50	29.96	112.52

Congregation, City	Comm Memb	Annual Pledge(\$)	Y-T-D Pledge(\$)	Y-T-D Remittance(\$)	Over (Under) Pledge(\$)	Remit Per Commun.(\$)	%
Circuit 6 — Brainerd							
St John, Aitkin	468	14,000	14,000	15,966	1,966	34.12	114.04
Zion, Brainerd	476	26,550	26,550	25,532.33	(1,017.67)	53.64	96.17
Zion, Crosby	44	48	48	—	(48)	—	—
Immanuel, Iron Hub	93	100	100	—	(100)	—	0
Our Savior, McGregor	164	1,800	1,800	1,800	—	10.98	100
Gloria Dei, Pequot Lakes	225	10,000	10,000	9,999.96	(0.04)	44.44	100
St John, Wright	26	1,000	1,000	923	(77)	35.50	92.30
Prince Of Peace, Baxter	132	8,032	8,032	8,031.96	(0.04)	60.85	100
Shep. Of The Lake, Garrison	126	4,000	4,000	4,000	—	31.75	100
Emmanuel, Backus	120	12,000	12,000	14,543.58	2,543.58	121.20	121.20
St. John, Motley	130	2,400	2,400	2,200	(200)	16.92	91.67
Trinity, Staples	144	3,150	3,150	3,150	—	21.88	100
Mssn. Of The Cross, Crosslake	70	2,600	2,600	2,654	54	37.91	102.08
Living Savior, Lake Shore	74	4,600	4,600	4,620	20	62.43	100.43
Totals	2,292	90,280	90,280	93,420.83	3,140.83	40.76	103.48

Circuit 7 — Iron Range							
Redeemer, Aurora	45	1,500	1,500	2,600	1,100	57.78	173.33
Good Shepherd, Babbitt	105	5,500	5,500	—	(5,500)	—	0
Mount Olive, Bovey	142	900	900	600	(300)	4.23	66.67
Grace, Chisholm	120	1,000	1,000	1,000	—	8.33	100
Redeemer, Deer River	70	500	500	500	—	7.14	100
First, Grand Rapids	472	15,000	15,000	16,508.78	1,508.78	34.98	110.06
Grace, Hibbing	282	3,300	3,300	3,400	100	12.06	103.03
Trinity, Hill City	30	500	500	—	(500)	—	0
Grace, Marble	37	500	500	500	—	13.51	100
Centennial, Squaw Lake	23	400	400	400	—	17.39	100
Trinity, Virginia	302	7,000	7,000	7,406.24	406.24	24.52	105.80
First, Ely	78	6,500	6,500	6,500	—	83.33	100
Gloria Dei, Virginia	113	10,400	10,400	10,400	—	92.04	100
Our Redeemer, Cohasset	320	38,400	38,400	37,825	(575)	118.20	98.50
Totals	2,139	91,400	91,400	87,640.02	(3,759.98)	40.97	95.89

Circuit 8 — Lake Superior							
Our Redeemer, Cloquet	204	3,000	3,000	2,756	(244)	13.51	91.87
Mount Olive, Duluth*	229	15,040	15,040	14,269.04	(770.96)	62.31	94.87
Redeemer, Duluth	57	3,250	3,250	—	(3,250)	—	0
Hope, Munger	107	5,100	5,100	5,160	60	48.22	101.18
Faith, Silver Bay	81	2,000	2,000	2,275	275	28.09	113.75
Shep. Of The Lake, 2 Harbors	47	2,400	2,400	2,400	—	51.06	100
St. Matthew, Esko	624	29,000	29,000	31,083	2,083	49.81	107.18
Christ, Superior	357	12,000	12,000	18,075.20	6,075.20	50.63	150.63
Faith, Maple	60	500	500	—	(500)	—	0
Peace In Christ, Hermantown	721	46,260	46,260	46,848	588	64.98	101.27
Life In Christ, Grand Marais	17	4,034	4,034	—	(4,034)	—	0
Totals	2,504	122,584	122,584	122,866.24	282.24	49.07	100.23

Circuit 9 — Kettle River							
Emmanuel, Barnum	118	4,500	4,500	4,018	(482)	34.05	89.29
St. Paul, Bruno	74	2,800	2,800	2,800	—	37.84	100
Peace, Finlayson	259	11,000	11,000	11,000	—	42.47	100
St. Paul, Hinckley	305	3,500	3,500	2,625	(875)	8.61	75
St. John, Kroschel	247	5,000	5,000	4,921.75	(78.25)	19.93	98.44
Grace, McGrath	9	—	—	—	—	—	—
St. Peter, Moose Lake	54	1,500	1,500	1,000	(500)	18.52	66.67
Trinity, Isle	240	10,000	10,000	11,097.25	1,097.25	46.24	110.97
Zion, Mora	326	15,000	15,000	16,852.46	1,852.46	51.69	112.35
St. Paul, Ogilvie	173	—	—	2,000	2,000	11.56	—
Zion, Pine City	310	6,000	6,000	1,500	(4,500)	4.84	25
Totals	2,115	59,300	59,300	57,814.46	(1,485.54)	27.34	97.49

Circuit 10 — Little Falls							
St. John, Dixville	27	—	—	—	—	—	—
St. Paul, Foley	242	2,400	2,400	600	(1,800)	2.48	25
St. John, Pppl Crk/Sk Rpds	131	4,500	4,500	5,462	962	41.69	121.38
Bethany, Ramey*	200	—	—	—	—	—	—
St. Paul, Roylton	118	200	200	200	—	1.69	100
Trinity, Sauk Rapids	892	20,000	20,000	20,000	—	22.42	100
Messiah, Sartell	190	7,500	7,500	8,315	815	43.76	110.87

Congregation, City	Comm Memb	Annual Pledge(\$)	Y-T-D Pledge(\$)	Y-T-D Remittance(\$)	Over (Under) Pledge(\$)	Remit Per Commun.(\$)	%
Zion, Little Falls	183	12,733	12,733	14,535.51	1,802.51	79.43	114.16
St. Peter, Randall	78	300	300	200	(100)	2.56	66.67
Shep. Of The Pines, Rice	378	24,500	24,500	23,244.25	(1,255.75)	61.49	94.87
Good Shep., Sauk Rapids	44	3,000	3,000	3,000	—	68.18	100
Totals	2,483	75,133	75,133	75,556.76	423.76	30.43	100.56

Circuit 11 — Rum River

St. Stephen, Braham	262	10,000	10,000	10,000	—	38.17	100
Zion, Crown	286	3,000	3,000	3,201	201	11.19	106.70
St. Paul, Milaca	165	7,500	7,500	7,500	—	45.45	100
St. John, North Branch	74	8,000	8,000	11,739	3,739	158.64	146.74
Zion, Princeton	127	2,000	2,000	2,000	—	15.75	100
St. John, Rush City	123	5,000	5,000	5,040	40	40.98	100.80
Joy, Cambridge	181	16,000	16,000	21,950.98	5,950.98	121.28	137.19
Ld. of the Lakes, Chisago City	248	24,709	24,709	26,741	2,032	107.83	108.22
Emmanuel, Elk River	130	20,500	20,500	27,224.71	6,724.71	209.42	132.80
Lord Of Glory, Elk River	381	15,000	15,000	16,093.54	1,093.54	42.24	107.29
Faith Comm., Zimmerman	132	5,500	5,500	5,500	—	41.67	100
Living Branch, North Branch	113	6,000	6,000	5,500	(500)	48.67	91.67
Grace, Becker	116	1,800	1,800	1,800	—	15.52	100
Alive, Monticello	122	7,000	7,000	7,000	—	57.38	100
Totals	2,460	132,009	132,009	151,290.23	19,281.23	61.50	114.61

Circuit 12 — St. Cloud

Trinity, Clear Lake	111	3,100	3,100	3,600	500	32.43	116.13
Faith, St. Cloud	120	1,800	1,800	1,800	—	15	100
Concordia, Fair Haven	188	—	—	500	500	2.66	—
Immanuel, Farming Twp.	137	4,000	4,000	5,000	1,000	36.50	125
Holy Cross, St. Cloud	987	16,000	16,000	14,670.04	(1,329.96)	14.86	91.69
Redeemer, St. Cloud	334	20,000	20,000	20,000	—	59.88	100
St. Paul, Eden Valley	236	3,500	3,500	3,255	(245)	13.79	93
St. John, Kimball	276	5,250	5,250	5,250	—	19.02	100
Love Of Christ, St. Cloud	738	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sonrise Lutheran, Avon	53	1,200	1,200	1,200	—	22.64	100
Totals	3,180	54,850	54,850	55,275.04	425.04	17.38	100.77

Circuit 13 — Alexandria

Zion, Alexandria	901	26,757	26,757	30,306.55	3,549.55	33.64	113.27
Trinity, Carlos	107	3,000	3,000	3,000	—	28.04	100
St. John, Garfield	129	6,000	6,000	6,123	123	47.47	102.05
Trinity, Grove Lake	96	4,500	4,500	4,356	(144)	45.38	96.80
Ebenezer, Leaf Valley	157	2,500	2,500	2,500	—	15.92	100
Trinity, Millerville	62	3,600	3,600	3,600	—	58.06	100
Mount Calvary, Miltons	88	2,000	2,000	2,200	200	25	110
St. Paul, Mtn Twp/Prks Pr	51	2,500	2,500	725	(1,775)	14.22	29
Zion, North Effington	47	1,800	1,800	1,800	—	38.30	100
Redeemer, Osakis	32	1,000	1,000	1,000	—	31.25	100
Immanuel, Parkers Prairie	647	23,500	23,500	23,514.04	14.04	36.34	100.06
St. James, South Effington	74	2,000	2,000	2,000	—	27.03	100
St. John, Villard	157	10,500	10,500	10,500	—	66.88	100
Good Shepherd, Alexandria	475	21,000	21,000	7,500	(13,500)	15.79	35.71
Totals	3,023	110,657	110,657	99,124.59	(11,532.41)	32.79	89.58

Circuit 14 — Fergus Falls

St. John, Barnesville	225	4,000	4,000	1,498.20	(2,501.80)	6.66	37.46
Grace Breckenridge	195	12,000	12,000	12,753	753	65.40	106.28
St. Paul, East Friberg Twp.	123	—	—	—	—	—	—
St. John, Elizabeth/Frgs Falls	87	50	50	50	—	0.57	100
Faith, Fergus Falls	145	2,500	2,500	2,871	371	19.80	114.84
Trinity, Fergus Falls	408	24,000	24,000	24,000	—	58.82	100
Immanuel, Friberg Twp.	64	3,500	3,500	3,500	—	54.69	100
Our Redeemer, Moorhead	570	29,000	29,000	29,180.30	180.30	51.19	100.62
Trinity, Sabin	345	5,000	5,000	5,000	—	14.49	100
Totals	2,162	80,050	80,050	78,852.50	(1,197.50)	36.47	98.50

Circuit 15 — Long Prairie

St. Matthew, Clarissa	110	1,500	1,500	1,920	420	17.45	128
Immanuel, Eagle Bend*	210	8,000	8,000	9,153.85	1,153.85	43.59	114.42
St. John, Grey Eagle	58	1,200	1,200	1,170	(30)	20.17	97.50
Trinity, Long Prairie	709	20,000	20,000	23,067	3,067	32.53	115.34
Zion, Sauk Centre	280	6,600	6,600	4,116	(2,484)	14.70	62.36
St. Paul, Melrose	211	6,500	6,500	6,500	—	30.81	100
St. Peter, Swanville	313	3,000	3,000	3,000	—	9.58	100
Emmanuel, Long Prairie	—	—	—	1,000	1,000	—	—
Totals	1,891	46,800	46,800	49,926.85	3,126.85	26.40	106.68

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Circuit 16 — Wheaton

Zion, Browns Valley	214	1,200	1,200	1,803.25	603.25	8.43	150.27
St. Paul, Campbell	70	500	500	636	136	9.09	127.20
Christ, Elbow Lake	118	3,000	3,000	3,779.25	779.25	32.03	125.98
Bethlehem, Herman	45	3,000	3,000	3,000	—	66.67	100
Immanuel, Monson Twnshp	61	5,000	5,000	5,000	—	81.97	100
St. John, Wheaton	380	12,000	12,000	12,229.36	229.36	32.18	101.91
Zion, Hoffman	145	6,000	6,000	6,180	180	42.62	103
Totals	1,033	30,700	30,700	32,627.86	1,927.86	31.59	106.28

Circuit 17 — Appleton

Trinity, Appleton	206	8,000	8,000	8,615	615	41.82	107.69
St. Mark, Benson	530	11,000	11,000	11,000	—	20.75	100
Grace, Correll	58	3,500	3,500	3,849.75	349.75	66.38	109.99
Trinity, Fairfield	104	3,000	3,000	3,000	—	28.85	100
Immanuel, Holloway	41	250	250	1,312.50	1,062.50	32.01	525
Zion, Morris	183	20,000	20,000	20,604	604	112.59	103.02
Trinity, Odessa	46	4,000	4,000	4,389.04	389.04	95.41	109.73
Trinity, Ortonville	419	15,000	15,000	15,050	50	35.92	100.33
Immanuel, Shible Twp.	20	1,500	1,500	2,591	1,091	129.55	172.73
Trinity, Walter Twp/Bellingham	101	6,000	6,000	7,692.31	1,692.31	76.16	128.21
Totals	1,708	72,250	72,250	78,103.60	5,853.60	45.73	108.10

Circuit 18 — Montevideo

Nicolai, Canby	101	3,000	3,000	2,214	(786)	21.92	73.80
St. Paul, Granite Falls	386	13,000	13,000	13,000	—	33.68	100
Trinity, Havelock/Montevideo	58	2,500	2,500	3,266.58	766.58	56.32	130.66
St. John, Madison	263	10,000	10,000	9,999.90	(0.10)	38.02	100
St. Paul, Montevideo	248	6,400	6,400	7,724.93	1,324.93	31.15	120.70
St. Luke, Posen Twp/Wd Lk	160	2,500	2,500	2,715.50	215.50	16.97	108.62
St. John, Sprt Twp/Mntvd	114	7,500	7,500	11,714.54	4,214.54	102.76	156.19
Zion, Tyro Twp./Boyd	115	2,500	2,500	3,000	500	26.09	120
Redeemer, Willmar	647	36,000	36,000	36,872	872	56.99	102.42
Living Word, New London	166	7,000	7,000	6,000	(1,000)	36.14	85.71
Totals	2,258	90,400	90,400	96,507.45	6,107.45	42.74	106.76

Grand Total 39,650 1,369,443 1,369,443 1,395,939.71 26,496.71 35.21 101.93

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for the period ending Jan. 15, 2021

Congregation, City	Comm Memb	Annual Pledge(\$)	Y-T-D Pledge(\$)	Y-T-D Remittance(\$)	Over (Under) Pledge(\$)	Remit Per Commun.(\$)	%
Circuit 1 — Crookston							
Our Savior, Crookston	394	3,000	3,000	3,861.35	861.35	9.80	128.71
First, E. Grand Forks	70	500	500	400	(100)	5.71	80
First English, Eldred	32	3,000	3,000	2,625	(375)	82.03	87.50
St. Paul, Euclid	46	1,000	1,000	1,000	—	21.74	100
Trinity, Fisher	116	12,500	12,500	15,513.75	3,013.75	133.74	124.11
Redeemer, Plummer	28	100	100	1,200	1,100	42.86	1200
Immanuel, Radium/ Warren	33	1,200	1,200	1,505	305	45.61	125.42
St. John, Red Lake Falls	120	5,000	5,000	5,000	—	41.67	100
St. John, Thief River Falls	146	1,000	1,000	640	(360)	4.38	64
Zion, Warren	195	500	500	500	—	2.56	—
Zion, Ada	211	6,000	6,000	4,237.50	(1,762.50)	20.08	70.63
St. John, Ada	170	5,500	5,500	4,000	(1,500)	23.53	72.73
Bethlehem, Mahnomen	35	500	500	500	—	14.29	100
Immanuel, McIntosh	73	1,500	1,500	906	(594)	12.41	60.40
Trinity, Twin Valley	162	3,500	3,500	4,999.92	1,499.92	30.86	142.85
First English, Ada	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals	1,831	44,800	44,800	46,888.52	2,088.52	25.61	104.66
Circuit 2 — Bemidji							
Redeemer, Bagley	108	1,000	1,000	1,000	—	9.26	100
Bethlehem, Baudette	50	560	560	560	—	11.20	100
Trinity, Bemidji	369	28,500	28,500	32,550	4,050	88.21	114.21
Holy Trinity, Blackduck	60	700	700	700	—	11.67	100
Immanuel, Cass Lake	35	1,200	1,200	1,200	—	34.29	100
St. Paul, International Falls	216	7,800	7,800	7,800	—	36.11	100
Trinity, Lake George	108	—	—	—	—	—	—
Bethlehem, Warroad	33	300	300	300	—	9.09	100
Totals	979	40,060	40,060	44,110	4,050	45.06	110.11
Circuit 3 — Park Rapids							
St. John, Akeley	110	3,600	3,600	4,150	550	37.73	115.28
First English, Dorset	231	2,000	2,000	3,000	1,000	12.99	150
St. John, Park Rapids	641	75,000	75,000	75,000	—	117	100
Immanuel, Walker	144	2,500	2,500	2,500	—	17.36	100
Redeemer, Menahga	85	500	500	500	—	5.88	100
Gethsemane, Snellman	123	2,000	2,000	1,000	(1,000)	8.13	50
Christ, Wolf Lake	74	2,100	2,100	2,100	—	28.38	100
Totals	1,408	87,700	87,700	88,250	550	62.68	100.63
Circuit 4 — Detroit Lakes							
St. John, Corliss	322	7,000	7,000	6,416.63	(583.37)	19.93	91.67
Immanuel, Dent	74	4,000	4,000	4,950	950	66.89	123.75
Zion, Detroit Lakes	455	15,510	15,510	16,110	600	35.41	103.87
St. John, Dora Township	28	400	400	400	—	14.29	100
St. Paul, Evergreen	325	1,500	1,500	1,500	—	4.62	100
Bethlehem, Frazee	699	7,000	7,000	5,493.07	(1,506.93)	7.86	78.47
St. Paul, Vergas*	201	4,800	4,800	3,200	(1,600)	15.92	66.67
St. Paul, Perham	682	7,000	7,000	7,800	800	11.44	111.43
St. John, Vergas	266	4,000	4,000	4,000	—	15.04	100
St. John, Frazee	155	1,600	1,600	800	(800)	5.16	50
Beautiful Savior, Callaway	175	3,000	3,000	2,700	(300)	15.43	90
Totals — Circuit 4	3,382	55,810	55,810	53,369.70	(2,440.30)	15.78	95.63
Circuit 5 — Wadena							
Immanuel, Barlett Twp.	69	2,500	2,500	2,703.25	203.25	39.18	108.13
St. Paul, Bertha	82	3,000	3,000	3,505	505	42.74	116.83
Trinity, Deer Creek	259	6,000	6,000	6,000	—	23.17	100
St. Paul, Henning	336	10,000	10,000	10,510	510	31.28	105.10
Trinity, Hewitt	105	500	500	1,350	850	12.86	270
Nimrod, Nimrod	84	500	500	100	(400)	1.19	20
Zion, N. Germany/Sebek	37	850	850	—	(850)	—	0
St. John, Ottertail	376	18,000	18,000	18,475	475	49.14	102.64
St. Paul, Richville	22	2,000	2,000	2,000	—	90.91	100
St. John, Wadena	610	7,600	7,600	9,085.40	1,485.40	14.89	119.54
Trinity, New York Mills	622	18,000	18,000	19,731.79	1,731.79	31.72	109.62
Grace, Sebek	170	4,000	4,000	4,000	—	23.53	100
Totals	2,772	72,950	72,950	77,460.44	4,510.44	27.94	106.18
Circuit 6 — Brainerd							
St. John, Aitkin	468	13,000	13,000	16,206	3,206	34.63	124.66
Zion, Brainerd	492	21,490	21,490	24,934.67	3,444.67	50.68	116.03
Zion, Crosby	44	—	—	—	—	—	—
Immanuel, Iron Hub	93	—	—	—	—	—	—
Our Savior, McGregor	167	600	600	600	—	3.59	100
Circuit 7 — Iron Range							
Redeemer, Aurora	45	2,400	2,400	2,400	—	53.33	100
Good Shepherd, Babbitt	105	5,500	5,500	5,600	100	53.33	101.82
Mount Olive, Bovey	142	1,200	1,200	800	(400)	5.63	66.67
Grace, Chisholm	120	1,000	1,000	1,000	—	8.33	100
Redeemer, Deer River	70	500	500	—	(500)	—	0
First, Grand Rapids	472	15,000	15,000	15,251.12	251.12	32.31	101.67
Grace, Hibbing	282	3,300	3,300	3,300	—	11.70	100
Trinity, Hill City	30	300	300	—	(300)	—	0
Grace, Marble	37	500	500	590	90	15.95	118
Centennial, Squaw Lake	23	400	400	400	—	17.39	100
Trinity, Virginia	304	7,000	7,000	7,013	13	23.07	100.19
First, Ely	74	6,500	6,500	6,500	—	87.84	100
Gloria Dei, Virginia	112	11,400	11,400	11,400	—	101.79	100
Our Redeemer, Cohasset	320	31,500	31,500	31,500	—	98.44	100
Totals	2,136	86,500	86,500	85,754.12	(745.88)	40.15	99.14
Circuit 8 — Lake Superior							
Our Redeemer, Cloquet	163	5,160	5,160	2,200	(2,960)	13.50	42.64
Mount Olive, Duluth	221	14,000	14,000	12,292.68	(1,707.32)	55.62	87.80
Redeemer, Duluth	54	3,250	3,250	—	(3,250)	—	0
Hope, Munger	107	5,100	5,100	5,160	60	48.22	101.18
Faith, Silver Bay	82	2,000	2,000	2,000	—	24.39	100
Shep. Of The Lake, 2 Harbors	47	2,400	2,400	2,400	—	51.06	100
St. Matthew, Esko	659	27,000	27,000	24,917	(2,083)	37.81	92.29
Christ, Superior	333	12,000	12,000	17,800	5,800	53.45	148.33
Faith, Maple	60	500	500	—	(500)	—	0
Peace In Christ, Hermantown	721	49,836	49,836	49,836	—	69.12	100
Life In Christ, Grand Marais	17	4,034	4,034	6,010.09	1,976.09	353.53	148.99
Totals	2,464	125,280	125,280	122,615.77	(2,664.23)	49.76	97.87
Circuit 9 — Kettle River							
Emmanuel, Barnum	118	4,500	4,500	4,932	432	41.80	109.60
St. Paul, Bruno	74	2,800	2,800	2,800	—	37.84	100
Peace, Finlayson	259	11,000	11,000	11,000	—	42.47	100
St. Paul, Hinckley	259	2,500	2,500	1,750	(750)	6.76	70
St. John, Kroschel	247	2,500	2,500	2,490	(10)	10.08	99.60
Grace, McGrath	9	—	—	—	—	—	—
St. Peter, Moose Lake	49	1,000	1,000	—	(1,000)	—	0
Trinity, Isle	240	10,000	10,000	7,200	(2,800)	30	72
Zion, Mora	326	15,000	15,000	18,000.50	3,000.50	55.22	120
St. Paul, Ogilvie	175	—	—	2,500	2,500	14.29	—
Zion, Pine City	310	6,000	6,000	6,000	—	19.35	100
Immanuel, Giese	—	—	—	1,100	1,100	—	—
Trinity, Sandstone	—	600	600	600	—	—	100
Totals	2,066	55,900	55,900	58,372.50	2,472.50	28.25	104.42
Circuit 10 — Little Falls							
St. John, Dixville	27	—	—	—	—	—	—
St. Paul, Foley	242	2,400	2,400	600	(1,800)	2.48	25
St. John, Pppl Crk/Sk Rps	131	4,500	4,500	5,887	1,387	44.94	130.82
St. Paul, Royaltown	118	200	200	—	(200)	—	0
Trinity, Sauk Rapids	887	20,000	20,000	20,000	—	22.55	100
Messiah, Sartell*	190	7,500	7,500	7,775	275	40.92	103.67
Zion, Little Falls	183	16,617	16,617	17,243.90	626.90	94.23	103.77
St. Peter, Randall	78	300	300	125	(175)	1.60	41.67
Shepherd Of The Pines, Rice	219	22,550	22,550	22,288.69	(261.31)	101.77	98.84
Good Shepherd, Sauk Rapids	41	3,000	3,000	—	(3,000)	—	0
Totals	2,116	77,067	77,067	73,919.59	(3,147.41)	34.93	95.92
Circuit 11 — Rum River							
Stephen, Braham	262	10,000	10,000	10,000	—	38.17	100
Zion, Crown	279	3,000	3,000	3,544	544	12.70	118.13
St. Paul, Milaca	105	7,500	7,500	7,500	—	71.43	100

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St. John, North Branch	74	8,000	8,000	9,867	1,867	133.34	123.34
Zion, Princeton	130	2,200	2,200	2,200	—	16.92	100
St. John, Rush City	123	7,500	7,500	7,500	—	60.98	100
Joy, Cambridge*	186	16,000	16,000	16,000	—	86.02	100
Ld Of The Lakes, Chisago Cy	252	23,575	23,575	23,575	—	93.55	100
Emmanuel, Elk River	136	22,310	22,310	24,563.37	2,253.37	180.61	110.10
Lord Of Glory, Elk River	382	24,000	24,000	24,000	—	62.83	100
Faith Community, Zimmerman	132	6,000	6,000	7,762.50	1,762.50	58.81	129.38
Living Branch, North Branch	113	—	—	—	—	—	—
Grace, Becker	116	1,800	1,800	1,800	—	15.52	100
Alive, Monticello	94	7,000	7,000	6,999.99	(0.01)	74.47	100
Totals	2,384	138,885	138,885	145,311.86	6,426.86	60.95	104.63
Circuit 12 — St. Cloud							
Trinity, Clear Lake	121	3,100	3,100	3,100	—	25.62	100
Faith, St Cloud	123	1,800	1,800	1,800	—	14.63	100
Concordia, Fair Haven	200	500	500	1,500	1,000	7.50	300
Immanuel, Farming Twp.	137	4,000	4,000	5,000	1,000	36.50	125
Holy Cross, St Cloud	642	16,000	16,000	14,666.36	(1,333.64)	22.84	91.66
Redeemer, St Cloud	294	20,000	20,000	20,000.01	0.01	68.03	100
St. Paul, Eden Valley	242	3,500	3,500	4,750	1,250	19.63	135.71
St. John, Kimball	276	5,250	5,250	5,250	—	19.02	100
Love Of Christ, St Cloud	783	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sonrise, Avon	53	1,200	1,200	1,200	—	22.64	100
Totals	2,871	55,350	55,350	57,266.37	1,916.37	19.95	103.46
Circuit 13 — Alexandria							
Zion, Alexandria	901	26,757	26,757	26,757.40	0.40	29.70	100
Trinity, Carlos	106	4,000	4,000	4,000	—	37.74	100
St. John, Garfield	128	6,000	6,000	5,851	(149)	45.71	97.52
Trinity, Grove Lake	96	4,500	4,500	3,878	(622)	40.40	86.18
Ebenezer, Leaf Valley	157	2,500	2,500	2,500	—	15.92	100
Trinity, Millerville	62	2,450	2,450	3,800	1,350	61.29	155.10
Mount Calvary, Miltna	88	2,000	2,000	3,600	1,600	40.91	180
St. Paul, Mltn Twp/Prkrs Pr	51	2,500	2,500	750	(1,750)	14.71	30
Zion, North Effington	47	1,800	1,800	1,800	—	38.30	100
Redeemer, Osakis	32	1,000	1,000	1,000	—	31.25	100
Immanuel, Parkers Prairie	639	24,000	24,000	26,690.12	2,690.12	41.77	111.21
St. James, South Effington	77	2,000	2,000	2,000	—	25.97	100
St. John, Villard	110	5,250	5,250	6,243.96	993.96	56.76	118.93
Good Shepherd, Alexandria	475	21,675	21,675	17,312.02	(4,362.98)	36.45	79.87
Totals	2,969	106,432	106,432	106,182.50	(249.50)	35.76	99.77
Circuit 14 — Fergus Falls							
St John, Barnesville	225	4,000	4,000	—	(4,000)	—	0
Grace, Breckenridge*	195	11,000	11,000	—	(11,000)	—	0
St John, Elizabeth Fergus Falls	85	50	50	50	—	0.59	100
Faith, Fergus Falls	84	1,500	1,500	3,315	1,815	39.46	221
Trinity, Fergus Falls	339	24,000	24,000	24,000	—	70.80	100
Immanuel, Friberg Twp.	64	2,500	2,500	2,400	(100)	37.50	96
Our Redeemer, Moorhead	570	29,500	29,500	29,661.50	161.50	52.04	100.55
Trinity, Sabin	345	5,000	5,000	4,585	(415)	13.29	91.70
Totals	1,907	77,550	77,550	64,011.50	(13,538.50)	33.57	82.54

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Circuit 15 — Long Prairie							
St. Matthew, Clarissa	110	1,500	1,500	2,655	1,155	24.14	177
Immanuel, Eagle Bend	210	8,000	8,000	1,577	(6,423)	7.51	19.71
St. John, Grey Eagle	58	1,500	1,500	1,600	100	27.59	106.67
Trinity, Long Prairie	428	22,000	22,000	21,174.79	(825.21)	49.47	96.25
Zion, Sauk Centre	280	1,500	1,500	3,910	2,410	13.96	260.67
St. Paul, Melrose	211	6,500	6,500	6,500	—	30.81	100
St. Peter, Swanville	331	3,000	3,000	3,000	—	9.06	100
Totals	1,628	44,000	44,000	40,416.79	(3,583.21)	24.83	91.86
Circuit 16 — Wheaton							
Zion, Browns Valley	214	1,200	1,200	1,957.50	757.50	9.15	163.13
St. Paul, Campbell	70	500	500	138.10	(361.90)	1.97	27.62
Christ, Elbow Lake	118	4,000	4,000	4,000	—	33.90	100
Bethlehem, Herman	42	3,000	3,000	3,287	287	78.26	109.57
Immanuel, Monson Township	61	5,000	5,000	6,500	1,500	106.56	130
St. John, Wheaton	371	5,000	5,000	5,000	—	13.48	100
Zion, Hoffman	145	6,000	6,000	6,000	—	41.38	100
Totals	1,021	24,700	24,700	26,882.60	2,182.60	26.33	108.84
Circuit 17 — Appleton							
Trinity, Appleton	206	8,000	8,000	8,000	—	38.83	100
St. Mark, Benson*	531	5,000	5,000	7,500	2,500	14.12	150
Grace, Correll	58	3,500	3,500	7,041.50	3,541.50	121.41	201.19
Trinity, Fairfield	104	3,000	3,000	3,000	—	28.85	100
Immanuel, Holloway	41	250	250	1,320	1,070	32.20	528
Zion, Morris	177	21,000	21,000	21,000	—	118.64	100
Trinity, Odessa	29	3,000	3,000	3,648	648	125.79	121.60
Trinity, Ortonville	411	15,000	15,000	15,000	—	36.50	100
Immanuel, Shible Twp.	20	—	—	1,489	1,489	74.45	—
Trinity, Walter Twp/Bellingham	101	6,000	6,000	7,609	1,609	75.34	126.82
Totals	1,678	64,750	64,750	75,607.50	10,857.50	45.06	116.77
Circuit 18 — Montevideo							
Nicolai, Canby	101	2,500	2,500	1,875	(625)	18.56	75
St. Paul, Granite Falls	375	13,000	13,000	13,000	—	34.67	100
Trinity, Havelock/Montevideo	57	2,500	2,500	2,059	(441)	36.12	82.36
St. John, Madison	262	7,500	7,500	7,500	—	28.63	100
St. Pau, Montevideo	246	6,600	6,600	7,591.87	991.87	30.86	115.03
St. Luke, Posen Twp/Wd Lk	139	2,500	2,500	1,267	(1,233)	9.12	50.68
St. John, Sprt Twp/Mntvd	114	6,000	6,000	9,853.90	3,853.90	86.44	164.23
Zion, Tyro Twp./Boyd	115	3,000	3,000	3,000	—	26.09	100
Redeemer, Willmar*	624	36,000	36,000	33,900	(2,100)	54.33	94.17
Living Word, New London	169	6,000	6,000	5,415	(585)	32.04	90.25
Totals	2,202	85,600	85,600	85,461.77	(138.23)	38.81	99.84

Grand Total **38,134** **1,327,358** **1,327,358** **1,343,929.82** **16,571.82** **35.24** **101.25**

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Circuit 1 – Crookston								St. John, Wright	26	800	800	674	(126)	25.92	84%
Our Savior, Crookston	395	2,100	2,100	2,838	738	7.18	135%	Prince Of Peace, Baxter	154	8,434	8,434	8,434	—	54.77	100%
First, East Grand Forks	70	500	500	400	(100)	5.71	80%	Shep. Of The Lake, Garrison	118	4,000	4,000	6,750	2,750	57.20	169%
First English, Eldred	26	2,500	2,500	2,450	(50)	94.23	98%	Emmanuel, Backus	135	12,000	12,000	14,738.43	2,738.43	109.17	123%
St. Paul, Euclid	43	1,000	1,000	1,000	—	23.26	100%	St. John, Motley	130	2,400	2,400	2,400	—	18.46	100%
Trinity, Fisher	116	12,500	12,500	14,846.62	2,346.62	127.99	119%	Trinity, Staples	141	4,000	4,000	3,858.30	(141.70)	27.36	96%
Redeemer, Plummer	28	—	—	1,200	1,200	42.86	n/a	Mssn. Of The Cross, Crosslake	69	2,700	2,700	2,700	—	39.13	100%
Immanuel, Radium/ Warren	27	1,200	1,200	1,505	305	55.74	125%	Living Savior, Lake Shore	83	4,800	4,800	4,800	—	57.83	100%
St. John, Red Lake Falls	121	5,000	5,000	5,000	—	41.32	100%	Totals	2,321	82,234	82,234	103,370.06	21,136.06	44.54	126%
St. John, Thief River Falls	144	1,000	1,000	440	(560)	3.06	44%	Circuit 7 – Iron Range							
Zion, Warren	195	500	500	500	—	2.56	100%	Redeemer, Aurora	51	2,400	2,400	3,000	600	58.82	125%
Zion, Ada	153	6,000	6,000	6,000	—	39.22	100%	Good Shepherd, Babbitt	104	5,500	5,500	5,520	20	53.08	100%
St. John, Ada	172	6,000	6,000	6,000	—	34.88	100%	Mount Olive, Bovey	151	1,200	1,200	1,200	—	7.95	100%
Bethlehem, Mahnomen	35	500	500	500	—	14.29	100%	Grace, Chisholm	120	1,000	1,000	2,000	1,000	16.67	200%
Immanuel, McIntosh	73	1,500	1,500	864	(636)	11.84	58%	Redeemer, Deer River	60	500	500	500	—	8.33	100%
Trinity, Twin Valley	158	3,000	3,500	5,000	1,500	31.65	143%	First, Grand Rapids	407	15,000	15,000	16,935.80	1,935.80	41.61	113%
Totals	1,756	43,300	43,300	48,543.62	4,643.62	27.64	112%	Grace, Hibbing	282	3,300	3,300	3,300	—	11.70	100%
Circuit 2 – Bemidji								Trinity, Hill City	30	—	—	—	—	—	Na
Redeemer, Bagley	107	1,000	1,000	1,000	—	9.35	100%	Grace, Marble	36	500	500	500	—	13.89	100%
Bethlehem, Baudette	50	560	560	560	—	11.20	100%	Centennial, Squaw Lake	24	400	400	400	—	16.67	100%
Trinity, Bemidji	368	24,000	24,000	24,375	375	66.24	102%	Trinity, Virginia	307	12,000	12,000	7,543	(4,457)	24.57	63%
Holy Trinity, Blackduck	60	1,000	1,000	1,000	—	16.67	100%	First, Ely	69	6,500	6,500	6,500	—	94.20	100%
Immanuel, Cass Lake	30	1,200	1,200	1,200	—	40	100%	Gloria Dei, Virginia	114	12,000	12,000	12,000	—	105.26	100%
St. Paul, International Falls	212	7,800	7,800	7,850	50	37.03	101%	Our Redeemer, Cohasset	320	31,500	31,500	31,500	—	98.44	100%
Trinity, Lake George	113	—	—	—	—	—	na	Totals	2,075	91,800	91,800	90,898.80	(901.20)	43.81	99%
Bethlehem, Warroad	37	400	400	400	—	10.81	100%	Circuit 8 – Lake Superior							
Totals	977	35,960	35,960	36,385	425	37.24	101%	Our Redeemer, Cloquet	163	2,000	2,000	1,100	(900)	6.75	55%
Circuit 3 – Park Rapids								Mount Olive, Duluth	215	12,000	12,000	12,464.32	464.32	57.97	104%
St. John, Akeley	110	3,600	3,600	4,800	1,200	43.64	133%	Redeemer, Duluth	54	—	—	—	—	—	na
First English, Dorset	242	3,000	3,000	3,000	—	12.40	100%	Hope, Munger	102	5,160	5,160	5,160	—	50.59	100%
St. John, Park Rapids	636	75,000	75,000	81,250	6,250	127.75	108%	Faith, Silver Bay	85	500	500	1,000	500	11.76	200%
Immanuel, Walker	158	2,500	2,500	2,500	—	15.82	100%	Shep. Of The Lake, 2 Harbors	35	2,400	2,400	2,500	100	71.43	104%
Redeemer, Menahga	85	500	500	500	—	5.88	100%	St. Matthew, Esko	667	27,000	27,000	27,000	—	40.48	100%
Gethsemane, Snellman	123	2,000	2,000	2,000	—	16.26	100%	Christ, Superior	324	12,000	12,000	15,713.50	3,713.50	48.50	131%
Christ, Wolf Lake	58	2,100	2,100	2,100	—	36.21	100%	Faith, Maple	56	500	500	500	—	8.93	100%
Totals	1,412	88,700	88,700	96,150	8,450	68.09	108%	Peace In Christ, Hermantown	721	56,748	56,748	56,748	—	78.71	100%
Circuit 4 – Detroit Lakes								Life In Christ, Grand Marais	23	3,860	3,860	4,416.12	556.12	192.01	114%
St. John, Corliss	320	7,000	7,000	7,000	—	21.88	100%	Totals	2,445	122,168	122,168	126,601.94	4,433.94	51.78	104%
Immanuel, Dent	74	4,000	4,000	4,050	50	54.73	101%	Circuit 9 – Kettle River							
Zion, Detroit Lakes	458	16,005	16,005	17,005	1,000	37.13	106%	Emmanuel, Barnum	120	4,500	4,500	4,500	—	37.50	100%
St. John, Dora Township	28	400	400	400	—	14.29	100%	St. Paul, Bruno	74	3,200	3,200	3,200	—	43.24	100%
St. Paul, Evergreen	225	1,500	1,500	1,500	—	6.67	100%	Peace, Finlayson	259	11,000	11,000	8,250	(2,750)	31.85	75%
Bethlehem, Frazee	614	6,200	6,200	5,571.07	(628.93)	9.07	90%	St. Paul, Hinckley	225	2,500	2,500	2,625	125	11.67	105%
St. Paul, Vergas*	275	5,000	5,000	5,000	—	18.18	100%	St. John, Kroschel	291	4,000	4,000	5,838.25	1,838.25	20.06	146%
St. Paul, Perham	699	7,000	7,000	7,352	352	10.52	105%	Grace, McGrath	9	—	—	—	—	—	na
St. John, Vergas	213	4,000	4,000	5,000	1,000	23.47	125%	St Peter, Moose Lake	49	1,000	1,000	2,000	1,000	40.82	200%
St. John, Frazee	157	1,600	1,600	1,600	—	10.19	100%	Trinity, Isle	234	8,000	8,000	12,810.50	4,810.50	54.75	160%
Beautiful Savior, Callaway	175	3,500	3,500	2,000	(1,500)	11.43	57%	Zion, Mora	326	15,000	15,000	20,133	5,133	61.76	134%
Totals	3,238	56,205	56,205	56,478.07	(526.93)	17.44	100%	St. Paul, Ogilvie	167	3,000	3,000	3,000	—	17.96	100%
Circuit 5 – Wadena								Zion, Pine City	290	6,000	6,000	6,000	—	20.69	100%
Immanuel, Barlett Twp.	72	2,500	2,500	2,500	—	34.72	100%	Immanuel, Giese	59	1,200	1,200	1,200	—	20.34	100%
St. Paul, Bertha	84	1,000	1,000	875	(125)	10.42	88%	Trinity, Sandstone	12	600	600	600	—	50	100%
Trinity, Deer Creek	259	6,000	6,000	6,000	—	23.17	100%	Totals	2,115	60,000	60,000	70,156.75	11,656.75	33.17	117%
St. Paul, Henning	336	10,000	10,000	11,955	1,955	35.58	120%	Circuit 10 – Little Falls							
Trinity, Hewitt	105	500	500	500	—	4.76	100%	St. John, Dixville	27	—	—	—	—	—	na
Nimrod, Nimrod	84	500	500	—	(500)	—	0%	St. Paul, Foley	242	2,400	2,400	—	(2,400)	—	0%
Zion, N. Germany/Sebeka	37	850	850	1,000	150	27.03	118%	St. John, Pppl Crk/Sk Rpd	131	4,500	4,500	6,288	1,788	48	140%
St. John, Ottertail	370	18,000	18,000	18,655	655	50.42	104%	St. Paul, Royalton	118	200	200	200	—	1.69	100%
St. Paul, Richville	21	2,000	2,000	2,500	500	119.05	125%	Trinity, Sauk Rapids	861	20,000	20,000	21,387.32	1,387.32	24.84	107%
St. John, Wadena	606	7,600	7,600	8,813.15	1,213.15	14.54	116%	Messiah, Sartell*	190	10,000	10,000	15,220	5,220	80.11	152%
Trinity, New York Mills	622	18,000	18,000	19,800	1,800	31.83	110%	Zion, Little Falls	183	16,020	16,020	16,284	264	88.98	102%
Grace, Sebeka	170	4,000	4,000	4,000	—	23.53	100%	St. Peter, Randall	69	300	300	125	(175)	1.81	42%
Totals	2,766	70,950	70,950	76,598.15	5,648.15	27.69	108%	Shepherd Of The Pines, Rice	143	22,550	22,550	23,703.67	1,153.67	165.76	105%
Circuit 6 – Brainerd								Good Shepherd, Sauk Rapids	38	1,500	1,500	4,000	2,500	105.26	267%
St. John, Aitkin	455	13,000	13,000	15,400.85	2,400.85	33.85	118%	Totals	2,002	77,470	77,470	87,207.99	9,737.99	43.56	113%
Zion, Brainerd	483	21,500	21,500	35,064.48	13,564.48	72.60	163%	Circuit 11 – Rum River							
Zion, Crosby	44	—	—	—	—	—	na	St. Stephen, Braham	228	10,000	10,000	5,000	(5,000)	21.93	50%
Immanuel, Iron Hub	93	—	—	—	—	—	na	Zion, Crown	279	3,500	3,500	3,212	(288)	11.51	92%
Our Savior, McGregor	169	600	600	550	(50)	3.25	92%	St. Paul, Milaca	93	7,500	7,500	7,500	—	80.65	100%
Gloria Dei, Pequot Lakes	221	8,000	8,000	8,000	—	36.20	100%	St. John, North Branch	113	8,000	8,000	11,665	3,665	103.23	146%

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Zion, Princeton	130	2,200	2,200	2,100	(100)	16.15	95%
St. John, Rush City	121	7,500	7,500	7,600	100	62.81	101%
Joy, Cambridge*	187	16,000	16,000	21,398.67	5,398.67	114.43	134%
Ld Of The Lakes, Chisago City	259	23,900	23,900	27,399.92	3,499.92	105.79	115%
Emmanuel, Elk River	116	26,180	26,180	28,951.73	2,771.73	249.58	111%
Lord Of Glory, Elk River	382	24,000	24,000	24,000	—	62.83	100%
Faith Community, Zimmerman	86	6,000	6,000	6,000	—	69.77	100%
Living Branch, North Branch	74	1,200	1,200	1,200	—	16.22	100%
Grace, Becker	104	2,400	2,400	2,400	—	23.08	100%
Alive, Monticello	91	1,200	1,200	1,200	—	13.19	100%
Totals	2,263	139,580	139,580	149,627.32	11,247.32	66.12	107%
Circuit 12 – St. Cloud							
Trinity, Clear Lake	130	3,500	3,500	3,500	—	26.92	100%
Faith, St Cloud	123	1,800	1,800	2,000	200	16.26	111%
Concordia, Fair Haven	201	1,500	1,500	1,500	—	7.46	100%
Immanuel, Farming Twp.	137	4,000	4,000	5,000	1,000	36.50	125%
Holy Cross, St Cloud	525	16,000	16,000	16,003.68	3.68	30.48	100%
Redeemer, St Cloud	283	20,000	20,000	19,999.92	(0.08)	70.67	100%
St. Paul, Eden Valley	242	5,000	5,000	2,645	(2,355)	10.93	53%
St. John, Kimball	268	5,250	5,250	5,250	—	19.59	100%
Love Of Christ, St Cloud	772	1,000	1,000	1,000	—	1.30	100%
Sonrise, Avon	50	1,200	1,200	1,200	—	24	100%
Totals	2,731	59,250	59,250	58,098.60	(1,151.40)	21.27	98%
Circuit 13 – Alexandria							
Zion, Alexandria	928	28,496	28,496	32,377	3,881	34.89	114%
Trinity, Carlos	101	4,000	4,000	4,000	—	39.60	100%
St. John, Garfield	126	4,000	4,000	4,104.50	104.50	32.58	103%
Trinity, Grove Lake	95	4,200	4,200	5,918	1,718	62.29	141%
Ebenezer, Leaf Valley	159	2,500	2,500	1,250	(1,250)	7.86	50%
Trinity, Millerville	60	3,800	3,800	4,000	200	66.67	105%
Mount Calvary, Miltona	66	2,800	2,800	2,100	(700)	31.82	75%
St. Paul, Milton Twp./Pkrs Prre	38	1,500	1,500	1,255	(245)	33.03	84%
Zion, North Effington	47	1,800	1,800	1,800	—	38.30	100%
Redeemer, Osakis	31	4,000	4,000	1,000	(3,000)	32.26	25%
Immanuel, Parkers Prairie	632	25,000	25,000	31,698.01	6,698.01	50.16	127%
St. James, South Effington	77	2,000	2,000	2,000	—	25.97	100%
St. John, Villard	112	5,250	5,250	5,250	—	46.88	100%
Good Shepherd, Alexandria	569	17,020	17,020	16,621	(399)	29.21	98%
Totals	3,041	106,366	106,366	113,373.51	7,007.51	37.28	107%
Circuit 14 – Fergus Falls							
St. John, Barnesville	186	4,000	4,000	—	(4,000)	—	0%
Grace, Breckenridge*	180	12,000	12,000	12,109	109	67.27	101%
St. John, Elizabeth Fergus Falls	87	—	—	—	—	—	na
Faith, Fergus Falls	115	1,500	1,500	1,500	—	13.04	100%
Trinity, Fergus Falls	317	24,000	24,000	24,000	—	75.71	100%
Immanuel, Friberg Twp.	84	3,500	3,500	4,049	549	48.20	116%
Our Redeemer, Moorhead	537	30,000	30,000	30,346	346	56.51	101%
Trinity, Sabin	341	5,000	5,000	5,000	—	14.66	100%
Totals	1,847	80,000	80,000	77,004	(2,996)	41.69	96%
Circuit 15 – Long Prairie							
St. Matthew, Clarissa	110	1,500	1,500	3,505	2,005	31.86	234%
Immanuel, Eagle Bend	212	5,000	5,000	4,376.33	(623.67)	20.64	88%
St. John, Grey Eagle	58	1,500	1,500	1,992	492	34.34	133%
Trinity, Long Prairie	421	22,000	22,000	21,369	(631)	50.76	97%
Zion, Sauk Centre	281	1,500	1,500	2,242.04	742.04	7.98	149%
St. Paul, Melrose	149	6,500	6,500	5,962	(538)	40.01	92%
St. Peter, Swanville	338	3,000	3,000	3,000	—	8.88	100%
Totals	1,569	41,000	41,000	42,446.37	1,446.37	27.05	104%
Circuit 16 – Wheaton							
Zion, Browns Valley	198	1,200	1,200	1,202	2	6.07	100%
St. Paul, Campbell	70	500	500	—	(500)	—	0%
Christ, Elbow Lake	92	4,000	4,000	5,331	1,331	57.95	133%
Bethlehem, Herman	42	3,000	3,000	3,000	—	71.43	100%
Immanuel, Monson Township	59	5,000	5,000	5,000	—	84.75	100%
St. John, Wheaton	369	5,000	5,000	5,412	412	14.67	108%
Zion – Hoffman	72	6,000	6,000	7,215	1,215	100.21	120%
Totals	902	24,700	24,700	27,160	2,460	30.11	110%
Circuit 17 – Appleton							
Trinity, Appleton	198	5,000	5,000	6,725	1,725	33.96	135%
St. Mark, Benson*	520	5,000	5,000	7,500.04	2,500.04	14.42	150%
Grace, Correll	55	3,500	3,500	5,272	1,772	95.85	151%
Trinity, Fairfield	104	3,000	3,000	3,000	—	28.85	100%
Immanuel, Holloway	41	350	350	1,727	1,377	42.12	493%

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Zion, Morris	177	21,000	21,000	21,000	—	118.64	100%
Trinity, Odessa	28	3,000	3,000	4,186	1,186	149.50	140%
Trinity, Ortonville	410	15,000	15,000	16,300	1,300	39.76	109%
Trinity, Walter Twp/Bellingham	101	6,000	6,000	8,855.50	2,855.50	87.68	148%
Totals	1,634	61,850	61,850	74,565.54	12,715.54	45.63	121%
Circuit 18 – Montevideo							
Nicolai, Canby	104	2,500	2,500	1,143	(1,357)	10.99	46%
St. Paul, Granite Falls	372	12,000	12,000	12,000	—	32.26	100%
Trinity, Havelock/Montevideo	54	1,750	1,750	3,622	1,872	67.07	207%
St. John, Madison	246	7,500	7,500	9,197.15	1,697.15	37.39	123%
St. Paul, Montevideo	241	6,600	6,600	9,106.93	2,506.93	37.79	138%
St. Luke, Posen Twp/Wd Lk	144	2,500	2,500	3,320	820	23.06	133%
St. John, Sprt Twp/Mntvd	112	8,000	8,000	12,146	4,146	108.45	152%
Zion, Tyro Twp./Boyd	115	3,000	3,000	3,000	—	26.09	100%
Redeemer, Willmar*	616	36,000	36,000	40,915	4,915	66.42	114%
Living Word, New London	166	7,500	7,500	7,500	—	45.18	100%
Totals	2,170	87,350	87,350	101,950	14,600	46.98	117%
	37,264	1,328,883	1,328,883	1,436,616	110,033	38.55	108%

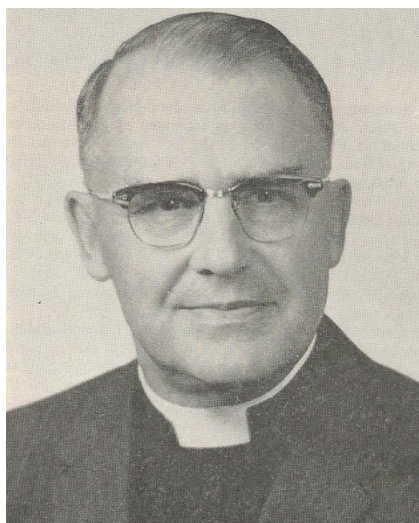
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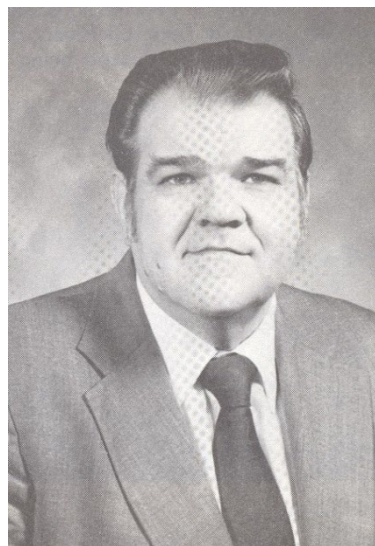
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District Presidents



Rev. A. C. Seltz
1963 - 1970



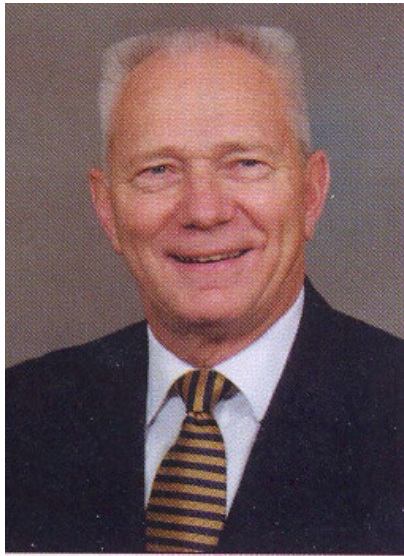
Rev. Dr. August A. Mennicke
1970 - 1986



Rev. Richard L. Guehna
1986 - 1996



Acting District President –
Rev. David Strohschein
1996 - 1997



Rev. Dr. David A. Bode
1997 - 2003



Rev. Dr. Donald J. Fondow
2003 - present

District Offices



1st District Office in Brainerd
(Located on W. Washington St., Brainerd)



District Office
(Located on the corner of Hwy
371 & Excelsior Rd., Baxter, MN)

Current District Office
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Record of Elected District Officials

1963 District Convention (Jan. 14-16, 1963 - The Leamington Hotel, Minneapolis, MN)

District President: Rev. Alfred C. Seltz, Thief River Falls
 First Vice President: Rev. Walter H. Bouman, Silver Bay
 Second Vice President: Rev. Traugott H. Rehwaldt, Granite Falls
 Third Vice President: Rev. Reinhold L. Bode, International Falls
 Secretary: Rev. Klemens K. Hill, Alexandria
 Treasurer: Mr. Arthur Hilpert, Bertha
 Teacher Member: Mr. Paul G. Brill, Sauk Rapids
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 Dpt. Head, Stewardship: Rev. Eyrich E. Hansen, Crookston
 Dpt. Head, Missions: Rev. Paul R. Biegner, Sebeka
 Dpt. Head, PR: Rev. Rudolph R. Schulz, Grand Rapids
 Dpt. Head, Welfare: Rev. Walter W. Beltz, St. Cloud
 (he declined – Rev. William Krueger, Aitkin, appointed to serve)

Board of Directors from Park Region Conference:

Rev. Reinhold G. Troeger, Detroit Lakes
 Mr. Ken Engelhardt, Ada
 Mr. Henry L. Nelson, Park Rapids
 Mr. Amos Ross, Fisher
 Mr. A. Steinhorst, Bagley

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 Mr. Hilmer F. Bartelt, Elk River
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 Mr. Gerald A. Peterson, Finlayson

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 Mr. Harold Bartz, Wood Lake
 Mr. John Drevlow, Long Prairie
 Mr. Arllis G. Schmitz, Wheaton

Advisory Members: Counselor E. H. Bohrer, Minneapolis

Treasurer William Barge, Minneapolis

1964 District Convention (Jan. 27-30, 1964 – Duluth Hotel, Duluth, MN)

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Mr. Gerald Peterson, Finlayson

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Mr. Harold Bartz, Alexandria
Mr. Norman Barge, Wood Lake
Mr. John Drevlow, Long Prairie
Mr. Arllis Schmitz, Wheaton

1966 District Convention (Jan. 24-27, 1966 - F-M Hotel, Moorhead, MN)
(Elections every 4 years)

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Second Vice President: Rev. Tr. H. Rehwaldt, Granite Falls
Third Vice President: Rev. R. L. Bode, International Falls
Executive Counselor: Rev. August T. Mennicke, Brainerd (Advisory)
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Dpt. Head, Education: Rev. Immanuel W. Bade, Sabin
Dpt. Head, Stewardship: Rev. Eyrich E. Hansen, Crookston
Dpt. Head, Missions: Rev. Paul R. Biegner, Thief River Falls
Dpt. Head, PR: Rev. Rudolph R. Schulz, Grand Rapids
Dpt. Head, Welfare: Rev. William Krueger, Aitkin

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Rev. Karl S. Ansorge, Willmar
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1968 District Convention (Feb. 19-22, 1968 - Royal Edward Hotel, Fort William, Ontario, Canada)

(elected in 1966)

District President: Rev. Alfred C. Seltz
First Vice President: Rev. Traugott H. Rehwaladt, Granite Falls
Second Vice President: Rev. Reinhold L. Bode, International Falls
Third Vice President: Rev. Paavo J. Frusti, Esko
Executive Counselor: Rev. August T. Mennicke, Brainerd (advisory)
Secretary: Rev. Klemens K. Hill, Alexandria
Treasurer: Mr. Arthur Hilpert, Bertha
Teacher Member: Mr. Paul G. Brill, Sauk Rapids
Dpt. Head, Education: Rev. Immanuel W. Bade, Sabin
Dpt. Head, Stewardship: Rev. Eyrich E. Hansen, Crookston
Dpt. Head, Missions: Rev. Paul R. Biegner, Thief River Falls
Dpt. Head, PR: Rev. Richard F. Goebel, Duluth
Dpt. Head, Welfare: Rev. William Krueger, Aitkin

Park Region Conference:

*Rev. Raymond P. Malotky, Park Rapids 7/67

Mr. Elmer Ginkel, Perham

*Mr. Reuben Vik, Park Rapids

Mr. Martin Langemo, Deer Creek

Mr. Edwin Ross, Fisher

* appointed since previous
District Convention

Arrowhead Conference:

Rev. W. W. Beltz, St. Cloud

Mr. Hilmer F. Bartelt, Elk River

Mr. Harry L. J. Boeder, Brainerd

Mr. Herman Heinecke, Duluth

Mr. Leonard E. Lofback, Aitkin

Lake-Land Conference:

Rev. Karl S. Ansorge, Willmar

Mr. Harold Bartz, Alexandria

Mr. Norman Barge, Wood Lake

Mr. John Drevlow, Long Prairie

Mr. Donald Mittenness, Benson

1970 District Convention (April 6-9, 1970 - Holiday Inn, Alexandria, MN)

District President: Rev. August Mennicke
First Vice President: Rev. Reinhold L. Bode, International Falls
Second Vice President: Rev. R. Hopmann
Third Vice President: Rev. Wilbur Franzmeier
Executive Counselor
Secretary: Rev. Edmund A. Bentrup
Treasurer: Mr. Arthur Hilpert, Bertha
Division of Mission Administration Co-Chrmn: Rev. Paul R. Biegner & Rev. Eyrich Hansen
Division of Parish Services – Rev. I. M. Bade & Rev. Ray Malotky, co-chairmen
12 member Board of Directors now consists of five pastors (President, three Vice Presidents, Secretary),
Treasurer, and six laymen – 2 from each Conference)

Park Region Conference:

Mr. Edwin Ross, Fisher

Mr. Elmer Ginkel, Perham

Arrowhead Conference:

Mr. Carl Krueger, North Branch

Mr. Virgil Wurr, Nett Lake
Lake-Land Conference:
Mr. Donald Kutz, Alexandria
Mr. Lowell Timm, Wood Lake

1972 District Convention (April 7-9, 1972 - Hotel Duluth, Duluth, MN)

District President: Rev. August T. Mennicke
First Vice President: Rev. Reinhold L. Bode, Pillager
Second Vice President: Rev. Wilbur Franzmeier, Sauk Rapids (appointed 11/70)
Third Vice President: Rev. Immanuel W. Bade, Sabin
Executive Counselor: Rev. James Uhrinak, Brainerd (9/27/70 installed)
Assistant Counselor: Rev. Oliver Schultz, Brainerd (9/1/72 – pt. time Zion, Brainerd)
Secretary: Rev. Edmund A. Bentrup
Treasurer: Mr. Elmer J. Ginkel, Perham
Division of Mission Administration Chrmn: Rev. Paul R. Biegner, Thief River Falls
Park Region Conference:

Mr. Edwin Ross, Fisher
Mr. Clarence Lakin, International Falls

Arrowhead Conference:
Mr. Carl Krueger, North Branch
Mr. Virgil Wurr, Nett Lake

Lake-Land Conference:
*Mr. Donald Kutz, Alexandria *5/22/72 replaced by Clarence Helmstetter,
Mr. Lowell Timm, Wood Lake Granite Falls

1974 District Convention (April 19-21, 1974 - Breezy Point, MN)

District President: Rev. August T. Mennicke
First Vice President: Rev. Wilbur C. Franzmeier, Sauk Rapids
Second Vice President: Rev. Immanuel W. Bade, Sabin
Third Vice President: Rev. Richard L. Guehna, Perham (Corliss)
Executive Counselor: Rev. James Uhrinak, Brainerd
Assistant Counselor: Rev. Oliver Schultz, Brainerd (9/1/72 – pt. time Zion, Brainerd)
Secretary: Rev. Edmund A. Bentrup, Grand Rapids
Treasurer: Mr. Elmer J. Ginkel, Brainerd
Division of Mission Administration Chrmn: Rev. Paul R. Biegner, Thief River Falls
Park Region Conference:

Mr. Edwin Ross, Fisher
Mr. Orville Eitel, Sebeka

Arrowhead Conference:
Mr. A. J. Oman, Hoyt Lakes
*Mr. Willard Maynard * 9/30/74 replaced by William Posey, Mora

Lake-Land Conference:
Mr. Harold Bartz, Alexandria
Mr. Lowell Timm, Wood Lake

1976 District Convention (February 27-29, 1976 - Fargo, ND)

District President: Rev. August T. Mennicke
First Vice President: Rev. Wilbur C. Franzmeier, Sauk Rapids
Second Vice President: Rev. Richard L. Guehna, Perham (Corliss)
Third Vice President: Rev. Arthur Beck, Swanville

Lake-Land Conference:

Mr. Clarence Helmstetter, Montevideo
Mr. Mike Crosby, Appleton

1982 District Convention (April 16-18, 1982 - Ramada Inn, Grand Forks, ND)

District President: Rev. August T. Mennicke
First Vice President: Rev. Richard Guehna, Perham (Corliss)
Second Vice President: Rev. John Schmidt, Thunder Bay
Third Vice President: Rev. LeRoy Urman, Granite Falls
Executive Counselor: Rev. James Uhrinak, Brainerd
Counselor in Education, Youth, Social Ministry - Rev. Oliver Schultz, Brainerd
Secretary: Rev. LeRoy Mueller, Duluth
Treasurer: Mr. Elmer J. Ginkel, Brainerd

Division of Mission Administration Chrmn: Rev. Paul R. Biegner, Willmar

Park Region Conference:

Mr. Lyle Kiel, Crookston
Mr. Russell Lepisto, New York Mills

Arrowhead Conference:

Mr. Robert Vukelich, Esko
Mr. Orrin Rinke, Sauk Rapids

Lake-Land Conference:

Mr. Clarence Helmstetter, Montevideo
Mr. Harold Bartz, Alexandria (declined – was a member of CSP Bd. Of Control)
Mr. Ray Moldenhauer, Long Prairie

1985 District Convention (April 12-14, 1985 - Holiday Inn, Bemidji, MN)

(Elections now every 3 years)

District President: Rev. August T. Mennicke (Elected LCMS 1st VP 1986)
First Vice President: Rev. Richard Guehna, Perham (Corliss)
Second Vice President: Rev. Paul Biegner, Willmar
Third Vice President: Rev. John Schmidt, Thunder Bay
Executive Counselor: Rev. James Uhrinak, Brainerd
Counselor in Education, Youth, Social Ministry - Rev. Oliver Schultz, Brainerd
Secretary: Rev. LeRoy Mueller, Duluth
Treasurer: Mr. Orval Prothe, Pequot Lakes

Division of Mission Administration Chrmn: Rev. Gerald Presuhn, Superior

Park Region Conference:

Mr. Russell Lepisto, New York Mills
Mr. Murlyn Pudas, Wadena

Arrowhead Conference:

Mr. A. Jack Oman, Hoyt Lakes
Mr. Orrin Rinke, Sauk Rapids

Lake-Land Conference:

Mr. Clarence Helmstetter, Montevideo
Mr. Ray Moldenhauer, Long Prairie

1988 District Convention (April 8-10, 1988 - Radisson Inn, Duluth, MN)

District President: Rev. Richard L. Guehna, Brainerd (11/30/86 Installed)
First Vice President: Rev. Paul Biegner, Willmar
Second Vice President: Rev. David Strohschein, St. Cloud

Third Vice President: Rev. Alfred Luehmann, Brainerd
 Executive Counselor in Missions, Stewardship, Evangelism (LCEF Vice President 1989-1990) - Rev. James Uhrinak, Brainerd (9/8/90 Called to Glory)
 Counselor in Education, Youth, Social Ministry, Communications/PR & Campus Ministry – Mr. Paul G. Brill, Brainerd (4/6/86 Installed)
 Secretary: Rev. LeRoy Mueller, Duluth
 Treasurer: Mr. Orval Prothe, Pequot Lakes (Mr. Orrin Rinke appointed prior to the 1991 District Convention)
 Division of Mission Administration Chrmn: Rev. Gerald Presuhn, Superior
 Park Region Conference:
 Mr. Dean Bell, Hendrum
 Mr. Earl Wagner, Fisher
 Arrowhead Conference:
 Mr. A. Jack Oman, Hoyt Lakes
 Mr. Victor Bittner, Duluth
 Lake-Land Conference:
 Mr. Mike Crosby, Appleton
 Mr. Ray Moldenhauer, Long Prairie (in 1989 was elected to LCMS CTCR)
 (Mr. Kenneth Meyer, Fargo – appointed 1989)

1991 District Convention (April 5-7, 1991 - St. Cloud Civic Center, St. Cloud, MN)

District President: Rev. Richard L. Guehna, Brainerd (11/30/85 Installed)
 First Vice President: Rev. David Strohschein, St. Cloud
 Second Vice President: Rev. Gerold Goetz, Long Prairie
 Third Vice President: Rev. Alfred Luehmann, Brainerd
 Executive Counselor in Missions, Stewardship, Evangelism - Rev. Paul Biegner, Brainerd (10/1/89 Installed)
 Counselor in Education, Youth, Social Ministry, Communications/PR & Campus Ministry – Mr. Paul G. Brill, Brainerd
 Secretary: Rev. LeRoy Mueller, Duluth
 Treasurer: Mr. Orrin Rinke, Sauk Rapids
 Division of Mission Administration Chrmn: Rev. Gerald Presuhn, Superior
 Park Region Conference:
 Mr. Dean Bell, Hendrum
 Mr. Earl Wagner, Fisher
 Arrowhead Conference:
 Mr. A. Jack Oman, Hoyt Lakes
 Mr. Victor Bittner, Duluth
 Lake-Land Conference:
 Mr. Mike Crosby, Appleton
 Mr. Kenneth Meyer, Fargo

1994 District Convention (April 8-10, 1994 - Conference Center, Willmar, MN)

District President: Rev. Richard L. Guehna, Brainerd (11/30/85 Installed)
 First Vice President: Rev. David Strohschein, St. Cloud
 Second Vice President: Rev. Gerold Goetz, Long Prairie
 Third Vice President: Rev. David Bode, Bemidji
 Counselor in Missions, Stewardship, Evangelism - Rev. Paul Biegner, Brainerd
 Counselor in Education, Youth, Social Ministry, Communications/PR & Campus Ministry – Mr. Paul G. Brill, Brainerd (Retired 7/31/94)
 Secretary: Rev. Walter Brill, Virginia

Treasurer: Mr. Orrin Rinke, Nisswa
Mission Division Chrmn: Rev. Robert Riggs, Chisago City
Park Region Conference:
Mr. Dean Bell, Hendrum
Mr. Gary Gangelhoff, Bemidji
Arrowhead Conference:
Mr. Victor Bittner, Duluth
Mr. Marcus Althoff, Pine City
Lake-Land Conference:
Mr. Albert Lemke, Long Prairie
Mr. Kenneth Meyer, Fargo

1997 District Convention (June 5-7, 1997 - Concordia College, St. Paul, MN)

Upon death of DP Rev. Richard Guehna on 9/11/96 – the following took office until Dist. Convention 6/5-7/97):

District President: Rev. David P. Strohschein, St. Cloud (Acting President)
First Vice President: Rev. David Bode, Bemidji
Second Vice President: Rev. Donald R. Schmiede, Moorhead
Third Vice President: Rev. Robert Gehrke, Mora
Staff Counselor in Missions, Stewardship, Evangelism, Education, Youth, Social Ministry, Campus Ministry - Rev. Paul Biegner, Brainerd
Secretary: Rev. Walter Brill, Virginia
Treasurer: Mr. Orrin Rinke, Nisswa
Mission Division Chrmn: Rev. Gerald Presuhn, Superior
Park Region Conference:
Mr. Dean Bell, Hendrum (colloquized to Ord. Min. – ineligible 12/8/96)
Mr. Douglas Belshan, Menahga (12/96)
Mr. Gary Gangelhoff, Bemidji
Arrowhead Conference:
Mr. Victor Bittner, Duluth
Mr. Marcus Althoff, Pine City
Lake-Land Conference:
Mr. Albert Lemke, Long Prairie
Mr. Kenneth Meyer, Fargo (moved – Mr. Virgil Gerber, Ortonville appointed)

Elected at 1997 Convention:

District President: Rev. David Bode, Bemidji
First Vice President: Rev. Alfred Luehmann, Brainerd
Second Vice President: Rev. John Grein, Swanville
Third Vice President: Rev. Robert Gehrke, Mora
Staff Counselor in Missions, Stewardship, Evangelism, Education, Youth, Social Ministry, Campus Ministry - Rev. Paul Biegner, Brainerd
Secretary: Rev. Walter Brill, Virginia
Treasurer: Mr. Orrin Rinke, Nisswa
Mission Division Chrmn: Rev. Gerald Presuhn, Superior
Park Region Conference:
Mr. Gary Gangelhoff, Bemidji
Mr. Jeffrey Hall, Aitkin
Arrowhead Conference:
Mr. Marcus Althoff, Hinckley
Mr. David Mowrey, Virginia
Lake-Land Conference:
Mr. Harold Kietzman, Morris

Mr. Albert Lemke, Long Prairie

2000 District Convention (April 27-29, 2000 - Arrowwood – A Radison Resort, Alexandria, MN)

District President: Rev. David Bode, Bemidji
First Vice President: Rev. David Strohschein, St. Cloud
Second Vice President: Rev. Kirk Lee, Parkers Prairie
Third Vice President: Rev. Dan Abrahams, Detroit Lakes
Mission & Ministry Facilitator, Rev. Paul R. Biegner (Retired 8/10/2000)
Mission & Ministry Facilitator, Rev. Richard J. Hans (3/22/98 Installation)
Secretary: Rev. Walter Brill, Virginia
Treasurer: Mr. Orrin Rinke, Nisswa
Rev. Gerald Presuhn, Chairman, Division of Mission and Congregational Outreach
Rev. Steven Breitbarth, Chairman, Division of Parish Life and Nurture
Park Region Conference:
 Mr. Richard Cloeter, Henning
 Mr. Jeffrey Hall, Aitkin
Arrowhead Conference:
 Mr. Leonard Smallwood, Sauk Rapids
 Mr. Marvin Hoops, Duluth
Lake-Land Conference:
 Mr. Harold Kietzman, Morris (Mr. Virgil Gerber, Ortonville completed term)
 Mr. Albert Lemke, Long Prairie

2003 District Convention (April 24-26, 2003 - Alerus Center, Grand Forks, North Dakota)

District President: Rev. Donald J. Fondow, Park Rapids
First Vice President: Rev. Dan Abrahams, Detroit Lakes
Second Vice President: Rev. Kirk Lee, Parkers Prairie
Third Vice President: Rev. Paul Cloeter, Sauk Rapids
Mission & Ministry Facilitator, Rev. Paul R. Biegner (retired 8/10/00) Rev. Donald J. Fondow (Installed 1/7/01)
Mission & Ministry Facilitator, Rev. Richard J. Hans
Secretary: Rev. Walter Brill, Virginia
Treasurer: Mr. Orrin Rinke, Nisswa
Rev. Gary Gangelhoff, Chairman, Division of Mission and Congregational Outreach
Rev. Steven Breitbarth, Chairman, Division of Parish Life and Nurture
Park Region Conference:
 Mr. Richard Cloeter, Henning
 Mr. LeRoy Sundbom, Clearbrook
Arrowhead Conference:
 Mr. Leonard Smallwood, Sauk Rapids
 Mr. Marvin Hoops, Duluth
Lake-Land Conference:
 Mr. Virgil Gerber, Ortonville
 Mr. David Kircher, Bertrum

2006 District Convention (May 8-10, 2006 - Madden's Resort on Gull Lake, Brainerd, MN)

District President: Rev. Donald J. Fondow, Park Rapids
First Vice President: Rev. Dan Abrahams, Detroit Lakes
Second Vice President: Rev. Kirk Lee, Parkers Prairie
Third Vice President: Rev. Paul Cloeter, Sauk Rapids

Mission & Ministry Facilitator, Rev. David Strohschein (Installed 11/3/03)
 Mission & Ministry Facilitator, Rev. Richard J. Hans
 Secretary: Rev. Walter Brill, Virginia
 Treasurer: Mr. Orrin Rinke, Nisswa
 Rev. Mark Halvorson, Chairman, Division of Mission and Congregational Outreach
 Rev. Steven Breitbarth, Chairman, Division of Parish Life and Nurture
 Park Region Conference:
 Mr. Richard Cloeter, Henning
 Mr. LeRoy Sundbom, Clearbrook
 Arrowhead Conference:
 Mr. Marvin Hoops, Duluth
 Mr. Leonard Smallwood, Sauk Rapids
 Lake-Land Conference:
 Mr. Virgil Gerber, Ortonville
 Mr. Ray Moldenhauer, Long Prairie

2009 District Convention (April 27-29, 2009 - Madden's Resort on Gull Lake, Brainerd, MN)

District President: Rev. Dr. Donald J. Fondow, Park Rapids
 First Vice President: Rev. Paul Cloeter, Sauk Rapids
 Second Vice President: Rev. Kirk Lee, Parkers Prairie
 Third Vice President: Rev. Dan Abrahams, Detroit Lakes
 Mission & Ministry Facilitator, Rev. David Strohschein
 Mission & Ministry Facilitator, Rev. Dr. Richard J. Hans
 Secretary: Rev. Walter Brill, Virginia
 Treasurer: Mr. Orrin Rinke, Nisswa
 Rev. Jon Haakana, Chairman, Division of Mission and Congregational Outreach
 Rev. Steven Breitbarth, Chairman, Division of Parish Life and Nurture
 Park Region Conference:
 Mr. Marvin Kading, St. Hilaire
 Mr. LeRoy Sundbom, Clearbrook
 Arrowhead Conference:
 Mr. David Mowrey, Virginia
 Mr. Gary Schroeder, Deer River
 Lake-Land Conference:
 Mr. Virgil Gerber, Ortonville
 Mr. Ray Moldenhauer, Long Prairie

2012 District Convention (April 16-18, 2012 - Arrowwood Resort & Conference Center, Alexandria, MN)

District President: Rev. Dr. Donald J. Fondow, Park Rapids
 First Vice President: Rev. Paul Cloeter, Sauk Rapids
 Second Vice President: Rev. Kirk Lee, Parkers Prairie
 Third Vice President: Rev. Dan Abrahams, Detroit Lakes
 Mission & Ministry Facilitator, Rev. David Strohschein
 Mission & Ministry Facilitator, Rev. Dr. Richard J. Hans (retired 11/1/12)
 Rev. Jeffrey Lee (Installed 5/4/14)
 Secretary: Rev. Walter Brill, Virginia
 Treasurer: Mr. Orrin Rinke, Nisswa (Retired 6/30/14)
 Mr. Michael Uran, Sartell (Appointed to fill term)
 Rev. Dave Strohschein, Chairman, Division of Mission and Congregational Outreach (2012-5/2014)

Rev. Jeffrey Lee, Chairman, Division of Mission and Congregational Outreach (5/2014 – present)

Rev. Terry Grzybowski, Chairman, Division of Parish Life and Nurture (2012 – 5/2014)

Rev. David Strohschein, Chairman, Division of Parish Life and Nurture (5/2014 – present)

Park Region Conference:

Mr. Timothy Browning, Baxter

Mr. Marvin Kading, St. Hilaire

Arrowhead Conference:

Mr. David Mowrey, Virginia

Mr. Gary Schroeder, Deer River

Lake-Land Conference:

Mr. Virgil Gerber, Ortonville (Deceased 1/22/15)

Mr. Ray Moldenhauer, Long Prairie

2015 District Convention (April 13-15, 2015 - Madden's Resort on Gull Lake, Brainerd, MN)

District President: Rev. Dr. Donald J. Fondow, Park Rapids

First Vice-President: Rev. Dr. Karl A. Weber, Ottertail

Second Vice President: Rev. Paul E. Cloeter, Sauk Rapids

Third Vice President: Rev. Kirk Lee, Parkers Prairie

Mission & Ministry Facilitator, Rev. Jeffrey A. Lee (MaCO)

Mission & Ministry Facilitator, Rev. David P. Strohschein (PLaN) (took Call/resigned 9/2/2015)

Rev. Jonathan Rusnak (Interim PLaN) (11/1/15-4/1/16 took Call)

Rev. Monte L. Meyer (Installed 12/3/2017)

Secretary: Rev. Walter Brill, Staples (retired 12/31/2015)

Rev. Martin Mably, Elk River (appointed 9/28/15 to complete term)

Treasurer: Mr. Mike Uran, Sartell

Rev. Jeff Lee, Chairman, Division of Mission and Congregational Outreach

Rev. Terry Grzybowski, Chairman, Division of Parish Life and Nurture

Board of Directors – Lay Members:

Park Region Conference –

Mr. Timothy Browning, Baxter

Mr. Marvin Kading, St. Hilaire

Arrowhead Conference –

Mr. David Mowrey, Virginia

Mr. Gary Schroeder, Deer River (Deceased Aug. 15, 2015)

Mr. William Hansen, St. Cloud (appointed 9/28/2015 to complete term)

Lake-Land Conference:

Mr. Delano Meyer, Chokio

Mr. Raymond Moldenhauer, Long Prairie

2018 District Convention (April 9-11, 2018 – Arrowwood Resort & Conference Center, Alexandria, MN)

District President: Rev. Dr. Donald J. Fondow, Park Rapids

First Vice-President: Rev. Dr. Karl A. Weber, Ottertail

Second Vice President: Rev. Kirk Lee, Parkers Prairie

Third Vice President: Rev. Brady Finner, Sartell

Mission & Ministry Facilitator, Rev. Jeffrey A. Lee (MaCO)

Mission & Ministry Facilitator, Rev. Monte L. Meyer

Secretary: Rev. Martin Mably, Elk River

Treasurer: Mr. Mike Uran, Sartell

Rev. Jeff Lee, Chairman, Division of Mission and Congregational Outreach

Rev. Monte Meyer, Chairman, Division of Parish Life and Nurture

Board of Directors – Lay Members:

Park Region Conference –

Mr. Timothy Browning, Baxter

Mr. Marvin Kading, St. Hilaire

Arrowhead Conference –

Mr. Rob Rydberg, Elk River

Mr. Rick Gilbertson, Sartell (resigned 5/1/2021 at end of 3-year term)

Mr. William Hansen, St. Cloud (appointed 5/2/2021 to complete extended term)

Lake-Land Conference:

Mr. Raymond Moldenhauer, Long Prairie

Mr. Delano Meyer, Chokio (resigned 5/3/2021 at end of 3-year term)

Mr. Gary Euren, Moorhead (appointed 9/26/2021 to complete extended term)

OVERTURES

1-01

Committee #1

SUBJECT: To Prepare for the Upcoming Clergy Shortages in the MN North

WHEREAS, there is a growing shortage of available clergy to serve the congregations of The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod and

WHEREAS, this shortage has come about because of these facts:

- Half of the current 6,000 pastors in Synod are over the age of 55
- Each year approximately 160 pastors retire
- During the past 5 years the candidates from both seminaries combined have ranged between 70-100; and

WHEREAS, the above stated facts will result in the Synods clergy roster being reduced in 12 years to about 3,000; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the MN North District staff & Board if Directors create a task force to study multi-site possibilities by which congregations can be served without closing sites and be it finally

RESOLVED, that this study be completed within 18 months of the 2022 convention and then shared with the pastors and congregations of the MN North District.

Submitted by: Zion Lutheran Church, Detroit Lakes, MN
Patrick Cronin, Leadership Council President
Sally Askelson, Leadership Council Secretary

And Submitted by: St. John Lutheran Church, Frazee, MN
Jon Holzhaven, Congregational Chairman
Carolyn Wenger, Congregational Secretary

1-02

Committee #1

Subject: To Study Shared Ministry among Congregations

WHEREAS, shifts in demographics and living in patterns in both rural and urban areas threaten the existence of many congregations; and

WHEREAS, distance, declining populations, and other factors heighten difficulties in conducting ministry in rural and small town situations; and

WHEREAS, these changes in demographics and economics are causing congregations to explore partnership arrangements to meet Word and Sacrament needs into the future; and

WHEREAS, the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod has over 500 dual and multi-congregation parish arrangements and the Minnesota North District has 34 dual and 2 triple parish arrangements served by a sole pastor (which constitutes over 15% of synodical congregations and 18% of Minnesota congregations; and

WHEREAS, more than 60% of reporting congregations in the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod have an average worship attendance of fewer than 100; and

WHEREAS, declining seminary enrollments have made it difficult for smaller congregations to receive pastors through Synod’s placement process; and

WHEREAS, dual and multi-congregation parish arrangements permit many smaller congregations to benefit from having a trained and ordained pastor, and

WHEREAS, there is a need for resources to assist congregations and districts in developing shared ministry partnerships, and

WHEREAS, congregational collaboration in ministry and service provides support for the pastoral office (Augsburg Confession V, XIV and Romans 10); therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the District in convention give thanks to God for the congregations currently engaged in shared ministry; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the congregations and circuits of our District be encouraged to explore greater opportunities for collaboration for the care of members and the mission to proclaim the Gospel to those who have not yet been brought to faith in our communities; and be it finally

RESOLVED, that congregations seek the best stewardship of resources so that the ministry is continued efficiently and effectively in our communities to the Glory of God and the edification of God’s people.

Submitted by: Division of Mission and Congregational Outreach (MaCO)
 Minnesota North District
 Rev. Jeffrey A. Lee, Mission and Ministry Facilitator

1-03 **Committee #1**

Subject: To Encourage Congregations to be Intentional in Outreach

WHEREAS, Jesus said that “you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” (Acts 1:7); and

WHEREAS, our understanding of that directive is for us to be active in mission and outreach with the Gospel of Jesus Christ; and

WHEREAS, Synod has produced “EveryOne His Witness” material to help us share our faith with our family, neighbors and friends; and

WHEREAS, How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? 15 And how can they preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!” (Romans 10:14-15); and

WHEREAS, God has gathered us together to help, encourage, admonish and support each other in living and witnessing the faith; therefore be it

1 **RESOLVED,** that we encourage each member of our congregations participate in the
2 “EveryOne His Witness” evangelism training; and be it further
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4 **RESOLVED,** that each congregation of the Minnesota North District make use of the
5 “EveryOne His Witness” program to train members to be witnesses of God’s
6 redeeming love in Christ Jesus; and be it finally
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8 **RESOLVED,** that each congregation of the Minnesota North District develop and implement an
9 intentional mission plan for outreach and witness in their community, including
10 ways of inviting people to their church to hear the Word as well as ways to bring
11 God’s Word out into the community. (For Example: service of Bible studies in
12 jails, prisons, nursing homes, group homes, assisted living centers, and other
13 venues as may be available in the local community.)
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16 Submitted by; Division of Mission and Congregational Outreach (MaCO)
17 Minnesota North District
18 Rev. Jeffrey A. Lee, Mission and Ministry Facilitator
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22 **1-04**

Committee #1

23 **Subject: To Encourage Planting New Churches and Ministries**
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25 **WHEREAS,** Jesus commanded His disciples “to go and make disciples of all nations”
26 (Matthew 28:19) and;
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28 **WHEREAS,** a 2021 Pew Research Center study indicated that the percentage of United
29 States Citizens claiming to be Christian has declined by 15% since 2007 and those who claim
30 no religious affiliation has increased to 29% of the United States Population; and
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32 **WHEREAS,** congregations, by virtue of being vested with the ministry of Word and
33 Sacrament, are to take the lead in both reaching out with the Good News as well as providing
34 the place to nurture God’s people in the faith; and
35

36 **WHEREAS,** a congregation that takes seriously these two responsibilities (serving God’s
37 people already in the congregation and sharing the Good News with others) will strive to have
38 these priorities reflected in both their congregational budget to support Missions; and
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40 **WHEREAS,** we thank the Lord of the harvest for those congregations who have grown in their
41 Mission support to District and Synod, increased their support and exceeded their commitments;
42 and
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44 **WHEREAS,** studies have shown that planting churches is one of the most effective ways to
45 reach people who are living without the Gospel promise; therefore be it
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47 **RESOLVED,** that we encourage congregations to evaluate and review their mission offerings
48 with the goal to increase that offering through first fruits giving by setting aside a percentage of
49 the gifts they receive to the District in support of our Mission work together; and be it further
50

51 **RESOLVED,** that we encourage all congregations, pastors, and circuits to seek out and
52 identify possible locations where a new ministry may be established which may also lead to the
53 planting of another congregation; and be it finally
54

RESOLVED, that we encourage the District staff, officers, divisions, committees, and Board of Directors to do all that is possible to assist congregations and circuits in accomplishing the goal of starting new mission opportunities.

Submitted by: Division of Mission and Congregational Outreach (MaCO)
Minnesota North District
Rev. Jeffrey A. Lee, Mission and Ministry Facilitator

1-05

Committee #1

Subject: To Continue Support for Project 24

WHEREAS, in 1973, the LCMS officially adopted the Statement of Scriptural and Confessional Principles which states; "We believe, teach, and confess that the primary mission of the Church is to make disciples of every nation by bearing witness to Jesus Christ through the preaching of the Gospel and the administration of the Sacraments and that other necessary activities of the Church, such as ministering to men's physical needs, are to serve the Church's primary mission and its goal that men will believe and confess Jesus Christ as the Lord and Savior; and

WHEREAS, Project 24 is a project of mercy of the LCMS partnership with the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Kenya to minister to the many needs of orphaned and at risk children living in Kenya; and

WHEREAS, the District Presidents of North Dakota and Minnesota North visited the project sites that have been completed and witnessed the effective catechesis among the children; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota North District in Convention, April 16-18, 2012 resolved to build three rescue centers in partnership with the North Dakota District; and

WHEREAS, one rescue center has been build and dedicated in Kenya at Lenkishon; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that we encourage the congregations of Minnesota North District to continue holding a Project 24 Sunday each year in order to raise funds for the purpose of building another rescue center in Kenya; and be it further

RESOLVED, that we solicit prayers from the members of our congregations for the residents and families of the children who are staying at the rescue centers and for the workers who minister to their physical and spiritual needs and for all who labor in expanding this much needed project in Kenya; and be it finally

RESOLVED, that the Minnesota North District rise to sing the Doxology in thanksgiving to God for moving the members of our congregations share in the blessings they have received from His hand to be forwarded and used to make the rescue center in Lenkishon a reality as it serves up to 80 youth with food and shelter as well as the opportunity to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with them.

Submitted by: Division of Mission and Congregational Outreach (MaCO)
Minnesota North District
Rev. Jeffrey A. Lee, Mission and Ministry Facilitator

1-06

Committee #1

Subject: To Encourage Support for Christ Care Kenya

WHEREAS, our heavenly Father clearly and repeatedly expresses His love and concern for children who are orphans (Deuteronomy 10:18; Psalm 10:14; 68:5; 146:9; Jeremiah 49:11, Hosea 14:3); and

WHEREAS, in His Word we are told that “religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans ... in their distress” (James 1:27); and

WHEREAS, Project 24 seeks to build rescue centers for children living in Kenya who have been orphaned or live in families at risk, thus giving them a place to live; and

WHEREAS, the cost to sponsor a child through Christ Care Kenya is \$90 per month or \$1080 a year to provide for each child’s day to day living needs; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that our congregations and Sunday schools, our Christian day schools, our various church organizations, be encouraged to adopt one or more orphans as their person project of mercy and witness; and be it finally

RESOLVED, that each congregation of the Minnesota North District make every effort to make their members aware of Christ Care Kenya, <https://www.lcms.org/make-a-gift/christs-care-for-children-kenya>, so that families and individuals may also participate in adopting and supporting the work of Christ Care Kenya; and be it finally

Submitted by: Division of Mission and Congregational Outreach (MaCO)
Minnesota North District
Rev. Jeffrey A. Lee, Mission and Ministry Facilitator

2-01

Committee #2

Subject: To Create a Plan for all Minnesota North District-LCMS CUS and Seminary Students to not need Federal Student Loans while attending these institutions

WHEREAS, it has been less than 8 years since the landmark Obergefell case, when the country officially legalized homosexuality; and

WHEREAS, since that time, an ever-growing number of voices are voicing their concerns about individuals and organizations who stand firm on the Biblical definition of marriage; and

WHEREAS, the United States federal government is looking to consider revoking tax exempt status for churches who do not confess the secular definition of marriage or gender; and

WHEREAS, many students who attend a Concordia University System (CUS) school, or one of the two Seminaries of our Missouri Synod need to take Federal Loans to attend classes; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Minnesota North District develop a plan in the next triennium for all children of the District who attend a CUS school, or a Seminary of The LCMS, to have the option to attend without accepting Federal Student loans; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Minnesota North District send a resolution to the Synodical Convention encouraging the Synod to remove the option of receiving federal student loans for all students of the Seminaries or CUS.

Submitted by: Grace Lutheran Church, Correll, MN
Richard Ehrenberg, Acting Congregational Chairman
Craig Wilkening, Congregational Secretary

2-02

Committee #2

SUBJECT: To Continue the CROSS (Congregations Reaching Out to Support Schools) Appeal

WHEREAS, since 2012, when the Minnesota North District, through Convention resolution, affirmed their support for our Lutheran Schools through the CROSS Appeal (Congregations Reaching Out to Support Schools); and

WHEREAS, the Lutheran elementary schools currently operating in the Minnesota North District has shared over \$144,000 in ongoing financial support from the CROSS appeal and has used the funds for a variety of purposes to support and improve their mission of education and Gospel outreach to their students; and

WHEREAS, the prayer and financial support provided by many of our congregations, organizations and individuals across the Minnesota North District have proven to be a wonderful blessing to our Lutheran elementary/middle schools as well as to those who have given the gifts; and

WHEREAS, the public's interest in private education has continued to rise in the past 2 years, leading to new and proposed school starts within the Minnesota North District; and

WHEREAS, the mission opportunities of our Lutheran Schools continues to increase, as over 50% of our current students enrolled are not affiliated with the school's congregation and many of them not connected to any church whatsoever; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the congregations of the Minnesota North District gathered in convention would continue to financially support the ongoing efforts of the CROSS appeal to assist our schools above and beyond their normal operating budgets for the next triennium; and be it further

RESOLVED, that each congregation would prayerfully consider how they might support the CROSS appeal in a variety of ways (such as making the CROSS appeal an item in their annual budget or designating a portion of each weekly offering for the CROSS appeal) as well as providing the information and the opportunity, to individual members to provide gifts (such as door offerings or reminders at certain times during the year regarding CROSS appeal); and be it finally

RESOLVED, that we graciously thank everyone in the Minnesota North District who have supported this effort.

Submitted by: Division of Parish Life and Nurture (PLaN)
Minnesota North District
Rev. Monte Meyer, Mission and Ministry Facilitator

2-03

Committee #2

Subject: Developing Local, On campus ministry presence at our Colleges and Universities

WHEREAS, Local colleges and universities remain an untapped mission opportunity in the Minnesota North District and

WHEREAS, the local congregation is best suited to establish an on-going, on-campus personal ministry presence at these colleges/universities. Therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that we encourage congregations adjacent to college/universities pray and look for opportunities to bring the Gospel to the campus community and

RESOLVED, that the Minnesota North District establish yearly, on-going training and monetary grants to help congregations establish a frequent on-campus presence to bring the message of the Gospel to the local college/university settings.

Submitted by: Division of Parish Life and Nurture (PLaN)
Minnesota North District – LCMS
Rev. Monte Meyer, Mission & Ministry Facilitator

2-04

Committee #2

Subject: Encourage Our Congregations to Pray for the Unchurched

WHEREAS, In Matthew 28:18-20 Jesus said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” And

WHEREAS, In Matthew 7:7-8, Jesus said “Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened.” And

WHEREAS, We all know people who either don’t know Jesus as their Savior or who have fallen away from the practice of the Faith, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That every Sunday, all the congregations in the Minnesota North District in their weekly service, pray for opportunities to share the Gospel to our neighbors, family and friends who don’t know Jesus as Savior or who have disconnected themselves from the faith.

Submitted by: Division of Parish Life and Nurture (PLaN)
Minnesota North District – LCMS
Rev. Monte Meyer, Mission & Ministry Facilitator

2-05

Committee #2

Subject: To Include LCMS Secondary Schools in the C.R.O.S.S. Appeal Funds

WHEREAS, The C.R.O.S.S. (Congregations Reaching Out to Support Schools) was established to encourage MNN District Congregations to financially support our Lutheran Elementary Schools and

WHEREAS, The MNN district now has a Lutheran High School located at Lord of Glory in Elk River, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that future CROSS appeal funds include all accredited Lutheran Elementary and Secondary Schools.

Submitted by: Division of Parish Life and Nurture (PLaN)
Minnesota North District – LCMS
Rev. Monte Meyer, Mission & Ministry Facilitator

3-01

Committee #3

SUBJECT: To Give Thanks for and Encourage Support of Lutheran Island Camp

WHEREAS, Lutheran Island Camp exists to support and advance the ministry of congregations of the Minnesota North District of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod;

WHEREAS, for 70 years camp staff and volunteers have faithfully provided Christ-centered programs that seek to nourish the whole person for Christian life and service;

WHEREAS, Lutheran Island Camp continues to be faithful in providing quality camp and retreat programs for children and families on behalf of and for the congregations of the Minnesota North District;

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors is implementing a Strategic Plan that calls for the expansion of programs and facilities in response to the stated needs of congregations, families, and individuals in the Minnesota North District;

WHEREAS, the Building New Bridges campaign is raising funds for the upkeep and expansion of camp facilities;

WHEREAS, this dynamic ministry depends on the ongoing, faithful support of donors who support the mission of Lutheran Island Camp and the affordable, accessible, quality camp and conference experiences it provides;

WHEREAS, Lutheran Island Camp is blessed by the leadership and vision of new staff members including Stacy Lung as the Camp Director, following many years of faithful and dedicated service by several individuals including Camp Director Ken Erlandson and Director of Maintenance Marv Swyter, and those whom the Lord called to glory, Director of Development Wayne Hilchen and Board Chair Rev Jeff Walther, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that congregations, pastors, organizations, families and individuals of the Minnesota North District give praise and thanks to God for His manifold blessings on this ministry including all those who have served camp in the past and those who are currently serving; and be it further

RESOLVED, that congregations view Lutheran Island Camp as an extension of their respective ministries and encourage families, groups, and campers to utilize the programs and services of Camp and Christ Serve Ranch; and be it finally

RESOLVED, that the Minnesota District of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, meeting in convention, and the congregations represented within this fellowship, commit to supporting this vital ministry with individual and corporate prayer, promotion of its programs and services, and encourage individual and congregational financial and volunteer support to ensure this ministry continues to thrive and advance the Great Commission.

Submitted by: Immanuel Lutheran Church, Parkers Prairie, Minnesota
James Duberowski, Congregational Chairman
Holly Downing, Congregational Secretary

3-02

Committee #3

SUBJECT: To provide structure and process to congregations submitting constitutional revision or amendment

WHEREAS, Congregations find need for updating their constitutions to meet the changing needs of their congregation; and

WHEREAS, These situations are often driven by the changing demographics of the especially small congregations; and

WHEREAS, The district has a constitution committee that reviews and advises congregations on constitutional changes based on synod and district guidelines; and

WHEREAS, Our congregation was informed that there was no constitution on file at the district office; and

WHEREAS, This process has no defined timeline and in the case of our congregation took it 18 months from the time of submittal until the board of directors approved the changes which were sorely needed to effectively handle the business of our congregation; therefore be it

RESOLVED, The MN North District Board of Directors instruct the constitution committee to provide feedback within six months of receipt of the draft of the constitution revisions to make the process more timely for the congregation; and finally be it

RESOLVED, That every ten years starting in 2021, the district review all the congregational constitutions on file and inform the congregations of the existence or non-existence of their constitution and the date it was last approved by the MN North District.

Submitted by: Zion Lutheran Church - North Germany Township, Sebeka, MN
Thomas Schulz, Congregational Chairman
Faye Mavis, Congregational Secretary

3-03

Committee #3

SUBJECT: To Streamline Changes in Approved Congregational Constitutions

WHEREAS, The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod and the Minnesota North District provide excellent models and guidance for congregations desiring to make extensive changes to their constitutions; and

WHEREAS, some congregations desire to make only minor changes to a currently approved constitution but are often expected to make extensive changes to the rest of that currently approved constitution to match the current model; and

WHEREAS, these added expectations not only put a burden on the District Constitutional Committee but on the congregations as well, resulting in significant delays; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that congregations needing to make major modifications to their constitution continue to use the models and guidance provided by the District Constitutional Committee; and be it finally

RESOLVED, that congregations needing to make only minor changes to a currently approved constitution be encouraged to make only those changes quickly and easily.

Submitted by: Trinity Lutheran Church, Twin Valley, MN
Loyal Sakrismo, Congregational Chairman
Heidi Klemek, Congregational Secretary

3-04

Committee #3

SUBJECT: To Compensate Circuit Visitors & Regional Vice Presidents

WHEREAS, Circuit Visitors & Regional Vice Presidents are an essential part of the district and Synod structure in caring for the needs of congregations and church workers, and

WHEREAS, Circuit Visitors and Regional Vice Presidents are the District Presidents direct connection with the congregations and church workers of the MN North District, and

1 **WHEREAS,** Circuit Visitors and Regional Vice Presidents take on these responsibilities
2 (which at times involves considerable time) in addition to their regular work load,
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5 **WHEREAS,** they receive no compensation for their labors, therefore be it
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7 **RESOLVED,** that the Board of Directors of the MN North District study this issue and pursue a
8 course of action which would provide some compensation for these faithful
9 servants.
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12 Submitted by: Zion Lutheran Church, Detroit Lakes, MN
13 Patrick Cronin, Leadership Council President
14 Sally Askelson, Leadership Council Secretary
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18 **3-05**

Committee #3

19 **SUBJECT: To Enable Circuit Visitation**
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21 **WHEREAS,** the Synod in Convention changed the title of circuit counselor to circuit visitor
22 (Resolution 7-02A) in 2013 because, as President Matthew Harrison stated,
23 "Luther based the entire structure of Lutheran church government on the word
24 'visitation.' It's about caring for one another. This is the entire structure of our
25 Lutheran Church. Our constitution is completely based upon visitation.", and
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27 **WHEREAS,** this title change is meant to encourage District Presidents and circuit visitors to
28 conduct a triennial visitation of the pastors and congregations in the District; and
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30 **WHEREAS,** this visitation is to encourage congregations of the glory and responsibility of the
31 royal priesthood of believers, to strengthen the spirit of unity among circuit
32 congregations, and to encourage pastors in their preaching, the exercise of
33 church discipline and proper supervision of Christian education and training in
34 the parish. These visits are also meant to encourage the pastor in his spiritual
35 and family life, and his professional life through continuing education; and
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37 **WHEREAS,** this visitation, while a great opportunity to strengthen our congregations and
38 pastors in our walk together, also comes at significant cost to the congregation
39 the Circuit Visitor serves as pastor, (e.g., in a circuit of 12 congregations it would
40 require 12 Sundays away from his home congregation over the course of three
41 years to hear the preaching, observe the worship, and perhaps observe Bible
42 Study conducted. This would require 12 paid vacancy pastors, plus mileage for
43 the Circuit Visitor and vacancy pastors); and
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45 **WHEREAS,** this cost (in terms of time and money) could be prohibitive especially for the
46 many smaller congregations of our District; and
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48 **WHEREAS,** the Minnesota North District Convention has long debated the need for two
49 Mission and Ministry facilitators to serve our District, therefore be it
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51 **RESOLVED,** that we retain our two District Mission and Ministry Facilitators until one of them
52 decides to retire or leaves for another field of service; and be it further
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54 **RESOLVED,** that at that time the District establish a budget for expenses incurred by the
55 Circuit Visitors, as well as guidelines to encourage and strengthen a visitation

1 program to every congregation and pastor over the triennium between District
2 Conventions; thereby replacing one Mission and Ministry facilitator with a Circuit
3 Visitation plan and budget, and be it further
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5 **RESOLVED,** that in the meantime the District encourages the pastors on District staff with the
6 Circuit Visitors to coordinate visits to every congregation and pastor of the
7 Minnesota North District over the next triennium with the specific tasks outlined in
8 the 2019 Synod Handbook under "Circuit Visitors" (p. 192-196) and to report to
9 the 2025 District Convention.

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11 Submitted by: St. Cloud Circuit Forum
12 Rev. Bruce Timm, Circuit Visitor
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16 **3-06**

Committee #3

17 **SUBJECT: Thanksgiving and Bestowal of Title "Emeritus" Upon the Rev. President Dr.**
18 **Donald Fondow**
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20 **WHEREAS,** God has ordained that all things should be done decently and in good order (1
21 Corinthians 14:40); and
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23 **WHEREAS,** the Minnesota North District has been blessed by the service and dedication of
24 the Rev. President Dr. Donald Fondow as the President of the District for 19
25 years; and
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27 **WHEREAS,** the 2022 Minnesota North District Convention is his last convention to chair as the
28 District President before his official retirement; and
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30 **WHEREAS,** the title Emeritus is to be conferred upon an individual, enabling them to retain
31 the honor of their previous title; therefore be it
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33 **RESOLVED,** that we bestow upon the Rev. Dr. Donald Fondow the title Emeritus with all its
34 rights and privileges; and be it further
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36 **RESOLVED,** that with thanksgiving we stand and applaud his service and dedication to the
37 Minnesota North District for his 19 years of service as President and his years of
38 services as a Mission and Ministry Facilitator; and be it further
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40 **RESOLVED,** that we sing the common doxology in thanksgiving to God for providing such
41 servants and leaders among us that the Light of the World, Jesus Christ, might
42 continue to shine brightly in our congregations, schools, circuits, District and
43 Synod.
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46 Submitted by: The Crookston Circuit
47 Rev. David E. Laue, Circuit Visitor
48 Rev. Steven Bohler, Secretary
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SUBJECT: To adhere and practice the professed Doctrine of Closed Communion

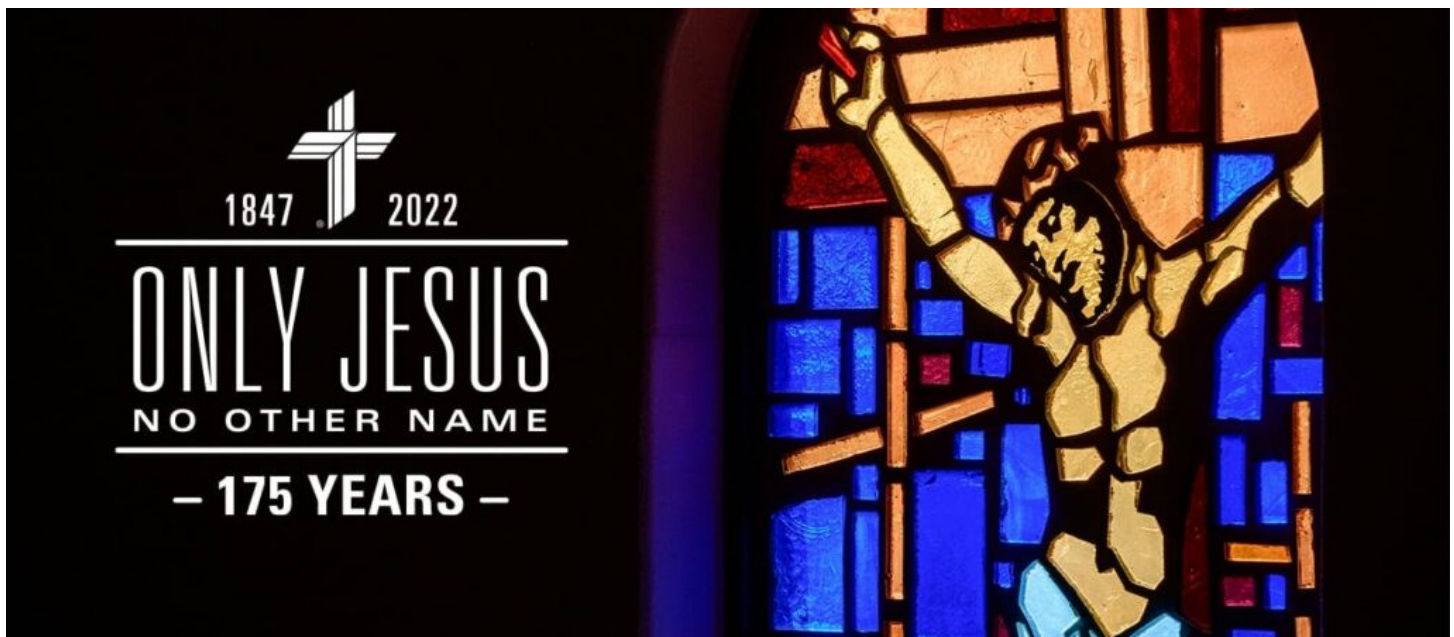
WHEREAS, oneness at the altar presupposes oneness in faith and doctrine (Acts 2:42), with the result that closed communion requires that the pastors and congregations of Synod commune individuals of only those synods which are now in altar and pulpit fellowship with us; and

WHEREAS, in the Holy Supper of our Lord, Jesus gives the communicant His own precious body and blood given for the forgiveness of sin for all on the cross, but which fail to discern the body and blood brings judgement (1 Cor. 11:27-29); and

WHEREAS, All members of the Synod subscribe and accept without reservation the authority of Holy Scriptures and the Lutheran Confessions contained in the Book of Concord; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that all pastors and members of The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod (LC-MS) recognize the Scriptural necessity of adhering publicly to both professed and functional closed communion practice.

Submitted by: First English Lutheran Church of Dorset, Park Rapids, MN
Gary Nasser, Congregational Vice-President
Al Norgaard, Congregational Secretary



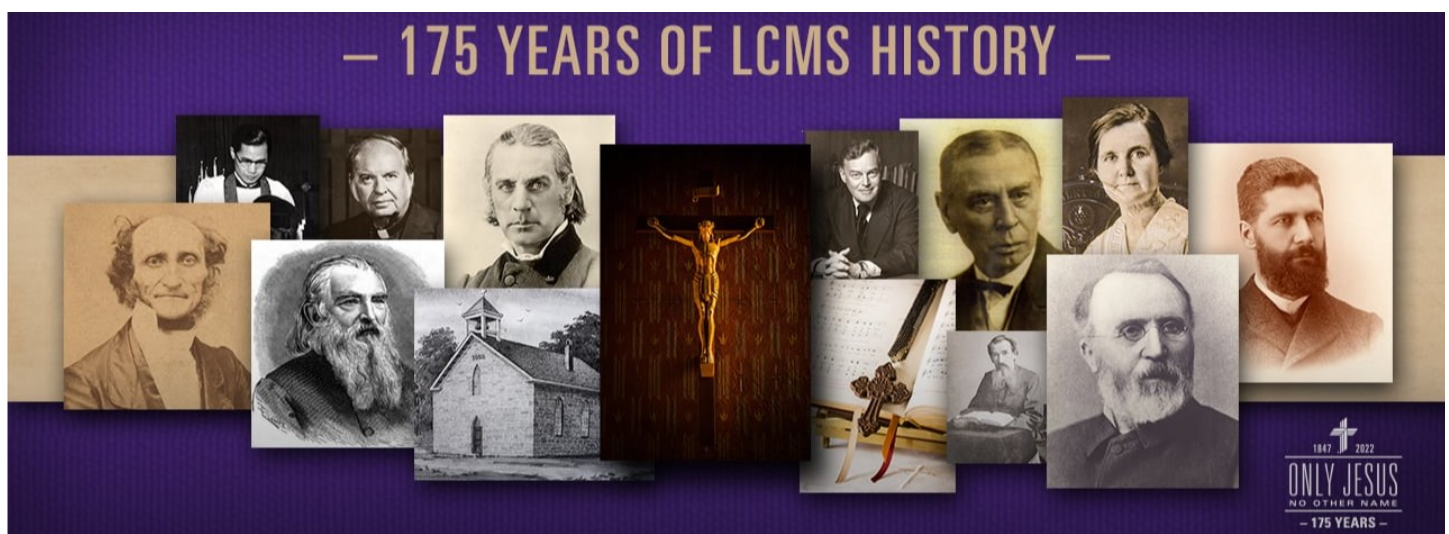
Only Jesus: No Other Name

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) believes, teaches and confesses faith in Jesus Christ as taught in the Scriptures and Lutheran Confessions. For 175 years, the Holy Spirit has kept us in the one true faith and still continues to gather sinners into the Holy Christian Church by grace through faith — all on account of Christ. As we give thanks for our Synod's founding on April 26, 1847, we rejoice in the 175th-anniversary theme, "Only Jesus: No Other Name," based on Acts 4:12. Until Jesus comes, the LCMS will continue to trust in, teach and preach Jesus Christ and Him crucified.

For more information visit:

<https://resources.lcms.org/175-years>

<https://witness.lcms.org/2022/lutheran-witness-april-2022>



BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES

Nominees for Office

Minnesota North District Convention

May 9-11, 2022

NOMINEES FOR DISTRICT PRESIDENT:

FINNERN, REV. BRADY, Sartell, MN. **Age:** 42. **Present Position:** Pastor of Messiah Lutheran Church, Sartell, MN. **Educational Background:** BA, – Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter, MN; MDiv. – Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. **Ordination:** 7/9/2006. **Years as a member of the LCMS:** 42 years. **District Offices or Positions Held:** District Vice President (2018-present); Circuit Visitor, Little Falls (2012-2018); LWML Zone Counselor, Little Falls (2011-2018); Ministerial Health Committee, South Wisconsin District (2007-2010). **Synod Offices or Positions Held:** LCEF Board of Directors, LCMS President Representative (2015-present). **Pastorates Held:** St. John, North Prairie, WI (2006-2010); Messiah, Sartell, MN (2010-present). **Community Offices and/or Service:** High School Track & Field Coach, Sartell, MN (2013-present). **Other Significant Information:** Doxology Collegium Fellow (2017-present); KFUE Bible Study Host, Thy Strong Word (2021-present); “Pastoral Care and the Call Process”, Seelsorger: A Journal for the Contemporary Care of Souls, vol. 4 (2018); Lutheran Study Days, Bergen Norway, Presentation on “The Office of the Keys” (2015); MN North LWML District Convention Bible Study Leader (2012).

KLEMP, REV. STEPHEN J., Sartell, MN. **Age:** 50. **Present Position:** Pastor of Love of Christ Lutheran Church, St. Cloud, MN. **Educational Background:** BA; MDiv – Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. **Ordination:** 7/6/2003. **Years as a member of the LCMS:** 50 years.

LEE, REV. JEFFREY, Staples, MN. **Age:** 64 **Present Position:** MN North District Mission and Ministry Facilitator and LCEF District Vice President. **Educational Background:** BA – Concordia, St. Paul, MN; MDiv – Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne. **Ordination:** 6/21/1987. **Years as a member of the LCMS:** 52 years. **Congregation/Pastor:** St. John Lutheran Church, Wadena, MN, Rev. Stephen Meltzer. **District Offices or Positions Held:** Mission and Ministry Facilitator for Missions and Congregational Outreach (2014-present); LWML Pastoral Advisor, MN South District (2003-2007); PALS Facilitator, MN South District (2003-2007); Circuit Visitor, MN South District (200-2003). **Synod Offices or Positions Held:** District Stewardship Leaders Conference Treasurer (2020-2022); North American Mission Endeavors (N.A.M.E.) (2014-present). **Pastorates Held:** St. John, Madison, NE (1987-1990); St. Paul's, Winside, NE (1990-1994); King of Glory, Blaine, MN (1994-2003); St. Paul, Pipestone, MN (2003-2007); Joy, Cambridge, MN (2007-2014). **Community Offices and/or Service:** 5th Step Facilitator for a Chemical Dependency Treatment Center (2003-2010); Advisory Board at Good Samaritans Home, Pipestone, MN (2003-2007); Kiwanis; Chamber of Commerce; US Navy. **Other Significant Information:** Trained Facilitator for: Synod's Re:Vitality, Everyone His Witness, LCEF Consecrated Stewards, and LCEF Vision Path; Church Planting Training.

REHWALDT, REV. DR. TIMOTHY, Sauk Rapids, MN. **Age:** 63. **Present Position:** Pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church, Sauk Rapids, MN and St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Foley, MN. **Educational Background:** BA – Concordia, St. Paul, MN; MDiv – Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne; DMin – Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne. **Ordination:** 9/16/1984. **Years as a member of the LCMS:** 63 years. **District Offices or Positions Held:** District Nominations Committee (2015-present); LWML Zone Counselor, Little Falls Zone (present); Mission Developer, South Wisconsin District (1994-2000). **Synod Offices or Positions Held:** Synod Nominations Committee (2019) **Pastorates Held:** Grace, Iola, KS (1984-1987); Trinity, Hampton, IA (1987 – 1992); Concordia, Waunakee, WI – Mission Developer (1994 – 2000); Praise, Eagan, MN (2000 – 2010); St. Paul's/St. John's, Sauk Rapids/Foley, MN (2010 – present). **Community Offices and/or Service:** Junior League Football Coach, Waunakee, WI (1995-2000); City Planning Commission, Iola, KS (1985-1987). **Other Significant Information:** Authored the book “Troubled Churches: What's the Story?” on the topic of prevention of church conflict and resolution; Authored and presented at several conferences a PALS module “Facing the Forces of Trouble and Conflict in the Pastoral

Ministry”; Authored several sermon studies and children’s sermons for Concordia Pulpit Resources (CPH); Established an online casuistry forum called “Brothers in Christ”.

RICKBEIL, REV. BLAKE A., Bertha, MN. **Age:** 66. **Present Position:** Pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Bertha, MN. **Educational Background:** MDiv. – Concordia Theol. Seminary, Ft. Wayne; Doctor of Philosophy – Bayview University. **Ordination:** 3/17/2002. **Years as a member of the LCMS:** 66 years. **Congregational Offices Held:** President, Redeemer, Deer River (1994-1999); Board of Youth, Triune God, Minneapolis, MN (1976-1980). **District Offices or Positions Held:** Continuing Education Director for MN North District (2010 – present); Circuit Visitor, Wadena (2006-present); Floor Committee Chairman (2018 & 2022). **Synod Offices or Positions Held:** Board of Regents CSP (1998-2001). **Pastorates Held:** Trinity Lutheran, Hewitt, MN 2001 – 2013; St. Paul's Bertha 2001 – present. **Community Offices and/or Service:** Bertha/Hewitt Trap, Chief Range Safety Officer (present). **Other Significant Information:** Races Team Member for Minnesota Incident Fire Command Center, Grand Rapids, MN, for emergency communication (1996-present); Skywarn for the National Weather Service; FEMA Emergency Management Training; DOXOLOGY; Prepare and Enrich Marriage Counselor; Ambassadors for Reconciliation Training; Participated in Archeology dig at Banias, Isreal; Owner of several small businesses.

WEBER, REV. DR. KARL A., Ottertail, MN. **Age:** 62. **Present Position:** Pastor of St. John Lutheran Church, Ottertail and St. Paul Lutheran Church, Richville, MN. **Educational Background:** BA – Fordham University, Bronx, NY; MDiv – Concordia Theol. Seminary, Ft. Wayne; DMin. – Concordia Theol. Seminary, Ft. Wayne. **Ordination:** 6/30/1991. **Years as a member of the LCMS:** 35 years. **District Offices or Positions Held:** First Vice-President of the Minnesota North District (2015-Present); LWML Zone Counselor, Wadena Zone (2016-present); Circuit Counselor, Wadena (2009-2010); MN State Pastors' Conference, Taught Break-Out Session. “The comfort of Certainty in a World of Choice” (2017); Project 24, ELCK, Kenya, Preacher for Dedication of Tumaini Boarding School (2015); Participant – “Model Theological Conference on Worship,” St. Louis (2010); Wrote six Bible studies for “Make a World for Christ” and member of LIC Capital Campaign “Building the Island” (2007–2008); Floor Committee: Board of Directors/Administration (2006); Board of Directors for Central Illinois District (2003 – 2004); Chair of Nominations Committee, Central Illinois District Convention (2003). **Synod Offices or Positions Held:** Adjunct Online Professor, Concordia University, St. Paul (2021-present); Adjunct Professor, Concordia University, Portland (2016-2020); Board of Regents, Concordia University-St. Paul (2010-2015); National Stewardship Conference, St. Louis (2014); Concordia University Think Tank, St. Louis (2014); Synodical Convention Delegate (1992, 2001, 2004, 2007 and 2010). **Pastorates Held:** Our Redeemer/Our Savior, Robinson/Lawrenceville, IL (1991-1996); Trinity, Decatur, IL (1996-2004); St. John/St. Paul, Ottertail/Richville, MN (2004-present). **Other Significant Information:** Wrote book Review for Gospel Handles: Old Testament Lessons, Concordia Pulpit Resources, Vol. 23, Part. 1, Series C, (2016); Wrote Sermon Study for Easter Day, “Such Earthshaking News?!!!!” Concordia Pulpit Resources, Vol. 24, Part 2, Series A, (2014); Wrote Study Notes for the Apocryphal book: “Ecclesiasticus chapters 30-40” for Concordia Publishing House (2012); Wrote Study Notes for *The Lutheran Study Bible* for “Daniel” chapters 1-7, “Exodus” chapters 25-31, 35-40 and “Ruth” (2005-2006); Taught High School Theology Class at the Lutheran School Association, Decatur, IL (2001-2004); Short term mission work with “World Mission Prayer League” in Kenya, East Africa (1985); Did short term mission work in Quetzaltenango, Guatemala with “Youth With a Mission” (1983).

NOMINEES FOR VICE PRESIDENT – PARK REGION CONFERENCE

NEUBAUER, REV. JAMES, Park Rapids, MN. **Age:** 57. **Present Position:** Senior Pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church, Park Rapids, MN. **Educational Background:** BA – Concordia, River Forest, IL; MDiv – Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. **Ordination:** 6/12/1994. **Years as a member of the LCMS:** 55 years. **District Offices or Positions Held:** Circuit Counselor, Park Rapids (2000-2006); LIC Board of Directors (1996-1998); Pastoral Advisor, District Youth Committee (1996-1998); District Coordinator, National Youth Gathering (2001, 2004, 2007). **Pastorates Held:** St. John's, Park Rapids (1994-present)

ROBERTS, REV. GUY, Detroit Lakes, MN. **Age:** 44. **Present Position:** Senior Pastor of Zion Lutheran Church, Detroit Lakes, MN. **Educational Background:** BA – Concordia, Seward, NE; MDiv – Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. **Ordination:** 6/22/2008. **Years as a member of the LCMS:** 34 years. **District Offices or Positions Held:** PALS Facilitator (2017-present). **Pastorates Held:** St. John, West Bend, WI (2008-2014); Zion, Detroit Lakes, MN (2014-present). **Community Offices and/or Service:** Youth Baseball Coach; Lego League Robotics Coach.

WEBER, REV. DR. KARL A., See Biography Above

NOMINEES FOR VICE PRESIDENT – LAKELAND CONFERENCE

BORGLUM, REV. KENT, Montevideo, MN. **Age:** 70. **Present Position:** Pastor of St. John's, Montevideo, MN and Trinity, Montevideo, MN. **Educational Background:** BS – University of South Dakota, Vermillion; BS – University of Montana, Missoula; MDiv – Concordia Theol. Seminary, Ft. Wayne. **Years as a member of the LCMS:** 49 years. **Congregational Offices Held:** Treasurer/Board of Elders, Trinity, Great Falls, MT (1988-2003). **District Offices or Positions Held:** Circuit Visitor, Montevideo (2019-present); LWML Zone Counselor, Montevideo (2018-present). **Synod Offices or Positions Held:** Synodical Voting Delegate (2019). **Pastorates Held:** St. John's & Trinity, Montevideo, MN (2017-present); St. Paul, Freeman, SD (2010-2016); Zion, Springfield, MN (2007-2010). **Community Offices and/or Service:** Board of Directors, Kurt Marquart Fund for Theological Education in Haiti; Board of Directors, St. Martin's Outreach Program; Main Street Living, SD, MNN, MNS Districts (2011-present); Former Board of Directors, United Way. **Other Significant Information:** Certified Emergency Services Chaplain; Former Certified Public Accountant; Former Certified Pension Consultant.

LEE, REV. KIRK, Parkers Prairie, MN. **Age:** 60. **Present Position:** Pastor of Immanuel Lutheran, Parkers Prairie, MN. **Educational Background:** BA – Concordia, St. Paul, MN; MDiv – Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. **Ordination:** 7/9/1989. **Years as a member of the LCMS:** 60 years. **District Offices or Positions Held:** District Vice President (2000 – present); Lutheran Island Camp Building New Bridges Campaign Co-Chair (2018-present); Lutheran Island Camp – District Liaison (2000 – present); Lutheran Island Camp Board (1991-1994, Chair 1994-1997); MAWFC Congregational Chair (2009-2012); Circuit Counselor, Alexandria (1997-2000); LWML Pastoral Advisor, Alexandria; District LWML Parliamentarian; District Youth Committee. **Synod Offices or Positions Held:** Synod Convention Delegate (2010 & 2019). **Pastorates Held:** Immanuel Lutheran Church, Parkers Prairie, MN (1989-present). **Community Offices and/or Service:** Parkers Prairie School Board; Parkers Prairie Ministerium; Parkers Prairie Dollars for Scholars; Concordia College, St. Paul, Ambassador Council. **Other Significant Information:** Alexandria Circuit Together in Missions Committee Chair.

NOMINEES FOR VICE PRESIDENT – ARROWHEAD CONFERENCE

FINNERN, REV. BRADY, See Biography Above

GILLARD, REV. JACOB "JAKE", Zimmerman, MN. **Age:** 48. **Present Position:** Pastor of Faith Community Lutheran Church, Zimmerman, MN. **Educational Background:** BA – Concordia, St. Paul; MDiv – Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. **Ordination:** 5/16/2001. **Years as a member of the LCMS:** 48 years. **District Offices or Positions Held:** Missions and Congregational Outreach Committee Member (2021-present); Congregational Mission Formation Committee, MN South District (2015-2017). **Pastorates Held:** Nazareth, Baltimore, MD (2001-2003); Trinity First, Minneapolis, MN (2004-2008); LCMS World Mission (2008-2012); Faith Community, Zimmerman (2021-present). **Community Offices and/or Service:**

Township Supervisor (2019-present). **Other Significant Information:** Mission Administrator for 7 years: create, improve, and lead mission organizations to meet the unprecedented opportunities for Gospel witness.

HINZ, REV. DAVID, Sauk Rapids, MN. **Age:** 49. **Present Position:** Senior Pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church, Sauk Rapids, MN. **Educational Background:** BA – Concordia, River Forest, IL; MDiv – Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. **Ordination:** 7/16/2006. **Years as a member of the LCMS:** 49. **District Offices or Positions Held:** MaCO Committee (2009-2011). **Pastorates Held/Congregations Served:** Zion, Mora, MN (1995-2002); Zion, Alexandria, MN (2006-2018); Trinity, Sauk Rapids, MN (2018-present).

KLEMP, REV. STEPHEN J., See Biography Above

REHWALDT, REV. DR. TIMOTHY, See Biography Above

TIMM, REV. BRUCE, Sauk Rapids, MN. **Age:** 60. **Present Position:** Pastor of Redeemer Lutheran Church, St. Cloud, MN. **Educational Background:** BA – Concordia St. Paul; MDiv – Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. **Ordination:** 8/28/1988. **Years as a member of the LCMS:** 60 years. **Congregational Offices Held:** Pastoral Advisor of Prince of Peace Lutheran School Board (2004 – 2007, 2011-2013, 2016-2017). **District Offices or Positions Held:** Circuit Visitor, St. Cloud (2021-present); MN North District LWML Pastoral Counselor, Arrowhead; LWML Pastoral Advisor, St. Cloud Zone (2014-2016); Board of Directors Lutheran Island Camp (2002-2008). **Synod Offices or Positions Held:** Board of Directors Lutheran Church-Canada Financial Ministries, LCEF& Foundation (1992-2001). **Pastorates Held:** Mt. Calvary/Trinity, Swift Current/Cadillac, Saskatchewan, Canada (1988-1992); St. Paul/Saving Grace, Springside/Canora, Saskatchewan, Canada (1992-2001); Redeemer, St. Cloud, MN (2001-present).

NOMINEES FOR DISTRICT SECRETARY

MABLY, REV. MARTY, Elk River, MN. **Age:** 52. **Present Position:** Pastor of Lord of Glory Lutheran Church, Elk River, MN (2010-present). **Educational Background:** BA – Western IL University, Macomb, IL; MA – University of WI-Madison; MDiv – Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. **Ordination:** 7/8/2007. **Years as a member of the LCMS:** 52 years. **Congregational Offices Held:** Sunday School Teacher; Choir Director (1996-1998). **District Offices or Positions Held:** District Secretary (2017 – present). **Pastorates Held:** Our Redeemer Lutheran, Bloomington, IL (1998-2003); Our Savior's Lutheran Church & School, Springfield, IL (2006-2010); Lord of Glory Lutheran Church, Elk River, MN (2010-present). **Community Offices and/or Service:** Adults Catering to Theatre, Booster Club, Elk River High School Theatre Dept, President (2017-2018); Elk River Community Theatre Board Member (2012-2013); Elk River and Big Lake Ministeriums; Chaplain, Big Lake Fire Department; Member, Minnesota Family Council's Church Ambassador Network; Active in the Big Lake Chamber of Commerce. **Other Significant Information:** Good Shepherd Lutheran High School Board Member and Teacher (2021-present).

NOMINEES FOR DISTRICT TREASURER

URAN, MICHAEL, Sartell, MN. **Age:** 60 **Occupation or Profession:** Director of Financial Aid, St. Cloud State University. **Education Background:** BA Business Administration – Concordia, St. Paul. **Years as member of the LCMS:** 54 years. **Congregation/Pastor:** Love of Christ Lutheran Church, St. Cloud, MN – Rev. Steve Klempe. **Congregational Offices Held:** Congregational President (2008 – 2011 & 2006-2007); Sunday School, VBS & confirmation teacher, Adult Bible Class leader, Stewardship Committee, Ministry Team Coordinator, Hurricane Relief Mission Trip member, Congregational President, Vice President, Stewardship Chair (various dates). **District Offices or Positions Held:** District Treasurer (2014-present); Campus Ministry at SCSU Board Member & Treasurer (1996-2014). **Synod Offices or Positions Held:** Concordia University, St. Paul, Board of Regents member & chairman (1991-1994). **Community Offices/Service:** Good Shepherd Lutheran Foundation, Board member and president (1991-2000); Love of Christ Capital Campaign chairperson (2009-2011); Country Manor Foundation, Board member and President (2011-present). **Other Significant Information:** Make A World for Christ campaign volunteer.

NOMINEES FOR LAY BOARD OF DIRECTORS – PARK REGION CONFERENCE

KADING, MARVIN, St. Hilaire, MN. **Age:** 77. **Occupation or Profession:** Retired Teacher, part-time salesclerk. **Educational Background:** BA – Concordia, St. Paul; BS – Mankato State. **Years as a member of the LCMS:** 77 years. **Congregation/Pastor:** St. John Lutheran Church, Red Lake Falls – Rev. Jeffrey Lytle. **Congregational Offices Held:** Men's Club Secretary (2019-present); Elder (numerous terms); Vice Chairman (2 terms) (1984-2021); Recording Secretary; Sunday School Superintendent (1971-1983). **District Offices or Positions Held:** Lay Member, Board of Directors (2009-present); District Nominations Committee (2008-2018); Chairman, District Education Committee (1980-1990); **Synod Offices or Positions Held:** Delegate to 1998 and 2010 Synodical Conventions; Appointed to Floor Comm. #2, District and Congregational Services for 2010 Convention (2010). **Community Offices and/or Service:** Pennington/Red Lake County Thrivent Board Member (2006-2010); United District Hospital Member, Staples (1978-1979). **Other Significant Information:** Board of Education Member, St. John Lutheran School, Thief River Falls (2002-2007); Delegate or Representative to numerous District Conventions with several floor committee appointments; Lutheran Day School Teacher/Youth Counselor/Athletic Director at Trinity, Waconia, MN (1966-1971).

KESSLER, LEE, Detroit Lakes, MN. **Age:** 82. **Occupation or Profession:** Retired Civil Engineer. **Educational Background:** BS-Civil Engineering. **Years as a member of the LCMS:** 82 years. **Congregation/Pastor:** Zion Lutheran Church, Detroit Lakes – Rev. Guy Roberts. **Congregational Offices Held:** Church Leadership Council (2016-2019); Chairman, Staff Relations Committee (2000-2015); Congregational Chairman; Board of Elders. **Community Offices and/or Service:** Member and President of Lake Association; Member of Detroit Lakes City Planning Commission; Member and Vice-Chair of Becker County Board of Adjustments.

NOMINEES FOR LAY BOARD OF DIRECTORS – LAKELAND CONFERENCE

EUREN, GARY, Moorhead, MN. **Age:** 72. **Occupation or Profession:** Retired Attorney. **Education Background:** BS Education; JD. **Years as member of the LCMS:** 72 years. **Congregation/Pastor:** Our Redeemer, Moorhead – Rev. Sam Pitsch. **Congregational Offices Held:** President (2015-2021); Chair of Call Committee (2016-2020); Vice President (2013-2015); School Board, Grace Lutheran School (2008-2013); several offices at Immanuel, Grand Forks, ND. **District Offices or Positions Held:** Board of Directors (2021-present); Public Policy Advisory Committee (2017-2020); Convention Delegate (2018 & 2012); Convention Floor Committee Member (2018 & 2012). **Synod Offices or Positions Held:** Convention Delegate (2016 MNN); Convention Delegate (1991 ND); Synod Floor Committee (2016). **Community Offices and/or Service:** Board of Directors, Grand Forks County Historical Society; Board of Directors, North Dakota Ballet Company. **Other Significant Information:** Assistant Cass County, ND State's Attorney (2005-2016); Assistant and Head Grand Forks Municipal Prosecutor (2001-2005); Exchange Club; Adjunct Professor – EGF Technical College, Lake Region College, UND, MSUM; Social Studies Teacher and Coach, Thompson, ND.

GRONEBERG, PAUL, Hoffman, MN. **Age:** 75. **Occupation or Profession:** Retired Agronomist. **Education Background:** Master of Agriculture. **Years as member of the LCMS:** 75 years. **Congregation/Pastor:** Zion Lutheran Church, Morris, MN – Rev. Reed Stockman. **Congregational Offices Held:** Elder (2022-2024, 2008-2010, 1984-1986); Board of Evangelism (2015-2021, 1989-1991); President (1998-1999). **Community Offices and/or Service:** Soil & Water Supervisor, Grant County (2008-present); County Representative, Pomme de Terre Joint Powers Board (2008-2022). **Other Significant Information:** Board Member, National Alliance of Independent Crop Consultants (NAICC) (1980-2017); Treasurer, NAICC; Secretary, NAICC; Member/Chairman, Minnesota Agriculture Fertilizer Research and Education Council (2011-2018).

MOLDENHAUER, RAY, Long Prairie, MN. **Age:** 75 years. **Occupation or Profession:** Retired. **Education Background:** BS Animal Science – University of Wisconsin, River Falls, WI. **Years as member of the LCMS:** 50 years. **Congregation/Pastor:** Trinity Lutheran Church, Long Prairie, MN – Rev. Noah Wehrspann. **Congregational Offices Held:** Board of Elders (2003-2008), Vice Chairman (2000), Chairman (1997). **District Offices or Positions Held:** District Board of Directors (2006-present), District Board of Directors (1982 – 1989). **Synod Offices or Positions Held:** Commission on Theology and Church Relations (CTCR) (1989-2001), Synod Convention Delegate (1981, 1998, 2007, 2016), CTCR Floor

Committee (2007). **Community Offices and/or Service:** US Army (1969-1972). **Other Significant Information:** Employed by Land O'Lakes Inc. (1972-2002).

NOMINEES FOR LAY BOARD OF DIRECTORS – ARROWHEAD CONFERENCE

HANSON, WILLIAM H., Sartell, MN. **Age:** 71. **Occupation or Profession:** Owner's Representative for Higher Education Construction Projects. **Education Background:** Master of Business Administration. **Years as member of the LCMS:** 31 years. **Congregation/Pastor:** Redeemer Lutheran Church, St. Cloud – Rev. Bruce Timm. **Congregational Offices Held:** Chairman (2017-2019); Elder (1993-1996); Stewardship Director (1996-1998); Chairman at Messiah Lutheran (1998-2001). **District Offices or Positions Held:** Board of Directors (2021-present); Board of Directors (2015-2018). **Community Offices and/or Service:** Active member in the developing the National Night Out with the community; Active member in developing our "Trunk or Treat" for the community. **Other Significant Information:** Key member in developing the Re:Vitality Team at Redeemer; Trustee for Redeemer Lutheran; Chairperson for the renovation of the church facility.

PETTIT, JERRY, South Haven, MN. **Age:** 70. **Occupation or Profession:** Retired Business Owner. **Education Background:** Accounting. **Years as a member of the LCMS:** 70 years. **Congregation/Pastor:** Concordia Lutheran Church, South Haven – Rev. David Buchs. **Congregational Offices Held:** Vice President (current); Trustee (2019-2021). **Community Offices and/or Service:** Planning and Zoning, Wright County, MN; School Board Member, Howard Lake-Waverly-Winsted; Board Member, MAWSECO. **Other Significant Information:** US Army Veteran, Vietnam; Volunteer at the St. Cloud VA.

RYDBERG, ROBERT R., Elk River, MN. **Age:** 65. **Occupation or Profession:** Self-employed. **Education Background:** Bachelors and Master Degrees. **Years as a member of the LCMS:** 50 years. **Congregation/Pastor:** Lord of Glory Lutheran Church, Elk River – Rev. Marty Mably. **Congregational Offices Held:** President (2018); Elder (30 years). **District Offices or Positions Held:** Board of Directors (2018-present). **Community Offices and/or Service:** Planning Commission, Elk River; Airports Commission, Alexandria. **Other Significant Information:** Boy Scouts of America as Scout and Leader for over 20 years; Kiwanis Member in IL and TX.

NOMINEES FOR DISTRICT NOMINATING COMMITTEE 2018

PARK REGION CONFERENCE-PASTOR:

WALSH, REV. DAVID, Menahga, MN. **Age:** 32. **Present Position:** Pastor of Redeemer Lutheran Church, Menahga, MN and Christ Lutheran Church, Wolf Lake, MN. **Educational Background:** BS – Buffalo State College, NY; MDiv – Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne. **Ordination:** 7/2/2017. **Years as a member of the LCMS:** 10 years. **Congregational Offices Held:** Elder (2013-2015). **Pastorates Held:** Redeemer, Menahga & Christ, Wolf Lake (2017-present). **Other Significant Information:** Eagle Scout (2005).

PARK REGION CONFERENCE-LAY MEMBER:

LAKELAND CONFERENCE - PASTOR:

WOLTER, JASON, Benson, MN. **Age:** 49. **Present Position:** Pastor of St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Benson, MN. **Educational Background:** BA – Concordia, St. Paul; MDiv – Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. **Ordination:** 7/7/2002. **Years as a member of the LCMS:** 49 years. **District Offices or Positions Held:** LCMS Life Coordinator to MN North District (2018-present); Pastoral Advisor, MN North District Lutheran Laymen's League (2017-present). **Pastorates Held:** Martin Luther Lutheran High School, Northrop, MN (2002-2003); Baltimore Lutheran High School, Baltimore, MD (2003-2007); Lutheran High Northeast, Norfolk, NE (2007-2012); St. John, Tecumseh, NE & Immanuel, Sterling, NE (2012-2017); St. Mark's, Benson, MN (2017-present).

LAKELAND CONFERENCE - LAY MEMBER:

ARROWHEAD CONFERENCE - PASTOR:

ARROWHEAD CONFERENCE - LAY MEMBER:

LEONARD, CHARLES, Kimball, MN. **Age:** 73. **Occupation or Profession:** Retired. **Years as a member of the LCMS:** 42 years. **Congregation/Pastor:** St. John Lutheran Church, Kimball, MN – Rev. David Milz. **Congregational Offices Held:** President; Stewardship; Trustee.

MINISTER OF RELIGION - COMMISSIONED AT LARGE MEMBER:

BACH, GARY, New York Mills, MN. **Age:** 63. **Occupation or Profession:** Director of Christian Education at Trinity Lutheran Church, New York Mills, MN. **Educational Background:** BA; DCE Certified. **Years as a member of LCMS:** 63 Years. **Congregation/Pastor:** Trinity Lutheran Church, New York Mills, MN – Rev. Kirk Douglas. **District Offices or Positions Held:** PLaN Committee (2000-2003); Floor Committee Member, Education/Youth/Human Care. **Congregations Served:** Hope, Sioux City, NE (1982-1986); Trinity South Shore, White Bear Lake, MN (1986-1997); Trinity, New York Mills (1997-present). **Community Offices and/or Service:** Healthy Youth Team, Heath Communities, NYM; MSHSL Coaches Association. **Other Significant Information:** Associate/Circle Coach/Chaplain, KINDLE; DCE Directions Journal Editorial Committee; Board of Directors, Lutheran Enrichment Opportunities; MN North District Parish Professionals, MN South District Youth Gathering Committee; MN South District Parish Education Committee, NEB District Youth Commission.

NOMINEES FOR LUTHERAN ISLAND CAMP BOARD OF DIRECTORS PARK REGION CONFERENCE:

LARSEN, REV. DANIEL, Henning, MN. **Age:** 35. **Present Position:** Pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Henning, MN. **Educational Background:** BS – University of Florida, Gainesville, FL; MDiv – Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. **Ordination:** 7/1/2012. **Years as a Member of the LCMS:** 35 years. **Pastorates Held:** Trinity, Sanborn, MN & Bethany, Wabasso, MN (2012-2021); Zion, Springfield, MN (2019-2021); St. Paul's, Henning (2021-present). **Community Offices and/or Service:** Cubmaster, Pack 263 (2013-2018); EMT, Wabasso Ambulance (2018-2021).

RATCLIFFE, REV. ANDREW, Perham, MN. **Age:** 41. **Present Position:** Senior Pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Perham, MN. **Educational Background:** BA – Concordia, Seward, NE; MDiv – Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. **Ordination:** 7/15/2007. **Years as a member of the LCMS:** 41 years. **District Offices or Positions Held:** Board of Directors, Lutheran Island Camp; Pastoral Counselor, NEB District South LWML (2016-2018); Family Ministry Committee, Iowa District East (2007-2010). **Synod Offices or Positions Held:** Board of Directors, Ongoing Ambassadors for Christ (2016-2018). **Pastorates Held:** St. Paul's, Sac City, IA (2007-2010); St. John, Seward, NE (2011-2018); St. Paul's, Perham, MN (2018-present). **Community Offices and/or Service:** Ministerial Chair (Sac City, IA; Seward, NE; Perham, MN); Board of Directors, Bridge Community Food Pantry; Rotary (Perham, MN); Kiwanis (Seward, NE). **Other Significant Information:** Summer Program Director, Heit's Point Lutheran Camp, Lincoln, MO (2005, 2006); Jr. High Program Staff, Camp Okoboji, Milford, IA (2008-2010).

LAKELAND CONFERENCE:

BROWN, REV. SCOTT, Alexandria, MN. **Age:** 52. **Present Position:** Pastor of Ebenezer Lutheran Church, Alexandria, MN and St. James Lutheran Church, Parkers Prairie, MN. **Educational Background:** BA – Concordia, St. Paul, MN; Alternate Route – Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. **Ordination:** 7/4/2020. **Years as a member of the LCMS:** 52 years. **District Offices or Positions Held:** Board of Directors, Lutheran Island

Camp (2021-present); District Youth Committee, CI District (2007-2010); District Youth Committee, MN North District (2000-2003). **Pastorates Held/Congregations Served:** Zion, Mondovi, WI (1993-1997); Lord of Glory, Elk River, MN (1997-2003); Bethel, Morton, IL (2003-2017); Ebenezer, Alexandria, MN & St. James, Parkers Prairie, MN (2019-present).

BRUSTUEN, REV. KEITH, Montevideo, MN. **Age:** 62. **Present Position:** Pastor of St. Paul Lutheran Church, Montevideo, MN. **Educational Background:** BA – Concordia, St. Paul, MN; MDiv – Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. **Ordination:** 6/26/1988. **Years as a member of the LCMS:** 62 years. **District Offices or Positions Held:** Circuit Counselor (1992-1996, 2000-2011); Board of Directors, Lutheran Island Camp. **Pastorates Held:** St. John, Akeley, MN (1988-1996); St. Paul, Waverly, IA (1996-2016); St. Paul, Montevideo, MN (2016-present). **Community Offices and/or Service:** Police Chaplain.

ARROWHEAD CONFERENCE:

HINZ, REV. DAVID, Sauk Rapids, MN. See Biography Above.

THOMPSON, REV. STAFFORD, Cloquet, MN. **Age:** 27. **Present Position:** Pastor of Hope Lutheran Church Munger, Cloquet, MN. **Educational Background:** BS – North Dakota State University, Fargo, ND; MDiv – Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne. **Ordination:** 6/27/2021. **Years as a member of the LCMS:** 27 years. **Pastorates Held:** Hope Munger, Cloquet, MN (2021-present).

AT LARGE MEMBER:

HARTWIG, REV. BRETT, Sabin, MN. **Age:** 41. **Present Position:** Pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church, Sabin, MN. **Educational Background:** BA – Concordia, St. Paul, MN; MDiv – Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. **Ordination:** 6/23/2013. **Years as a member of the LCMS:** 41 years. **District Offices or Positions Held:** MaCO Board Member (2015-present). **Pastorates Held:** Trinity, Sabin (2013-present).

MOMMENS, REV. DAVID, Melrose, MN.

SCHWARZ, REV. MARK, Carlos, MN. **Age:** 42. **Present Position:** Pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church, Carlos, MN. **Educational Background:** BA – Concordia, St. Paul, MN; MDiv – Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. **Ordination:** 5/20/2018. **Years as a member of the LCMS:** 42 years. **Pastorates Held:** Trinity, Carlos, MN (2018-present). **Other Significant Information:** Counselor, Camp Luther, Three Lakes, WI; Confirmation Retreats, Lutheran Island Camp; Youth Director before seminary.

WEHRSPANN, REV. NOAH, Long Prairie, MN. **Age:** 43. **Present Position:** Pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church, Long Prairie, MN. **Educational Background:** BS – Iowa State University, Ames, IA; MDiv – Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. **Ordination:** 7/2/2006. **Years as a member of the LCMS:** 43 years. **District Offices or Positions Held:** PLaN Committee (2009); MaCO Committee (2010-2014); Circuit Visitor, Long Prairie (2018-2021). **Pastorates Held:** Trinity, Long Prairie, MN (2008-present); Zion, Kalamazoo, MI (2006-2008). **Community Offices and/or Service:** Long Prairie Trail Committee; Long Prairie Wellness Group, Long Prairie Farmers Market Committee. **Other Significant Information:** Worked summers at Lutheran Island Camp (2000-2003).

SYNODICAL COMMITTEE FOR CONVENTION NOMINATIONS MEMBER AND ALTERNATE:

Subject: To Study Shared Ministry among Congregations

REFERENCE: Overture # 1-01 & 1-02, Workbook pg. 87

WHEREAS, shifts in demographics and living in patterns in both rural and urban areas threaten the existence of many congregations; and

WHEREAS, distance, declining populations, and other factors heighten difficulties in conducting ministry in rural and small town situations; and

WHEREAS, these changes in demographics and economics are causing congregations to explore partnership arrangements to meet Word and Sacrament needs into the future; and

WHEREAS, the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod has over 500 dual and multi-congregation parish arrangements and the Minnesota North District has 34 dual and 2 triple parish arrangements served by a sole pastor (which constitutes over 15% of synodical congregations and 18% of Minnesota congregations; and

WHEREAS, more than 60% of reporting congregations in the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod have an average worship attendance of fewer than 100; and

WHEREAS, declining seminary enrollments have made it difficult for smaller congregations to receive pastors through Synod's placement process; and

WHEREAS, dual and multi-congregation parish arrangements permit many smaller congregations to benefit from having a trained and ordained pastor; and

29 **WHEREAS,** there is a need for resources to assist congregations and districts in developing
30 shared ministry partnerships; and

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32 **WHEREAS,** congregational collaboration in ministry and service provides support for the
33 pastoral office (Augsburg Confession V, XIV and Romans 10); and

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35 **WHEREAS,** there is a growing shortage of available clergy to serve the congregations of The
36 Lutheran Church Missouri Synod; and

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38 **WHEREAS,** this shortage has come about because of these facts:

- 39 • Half of the current 6,000 pastors in Synod are over the age of 55
40 • Each year approximately 160 pastors retire
41 • During the past 5 years the candidates from both seminaries combined
42 have ranged between 70-100; and

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44 **WHEREAS,** the above stated facts will result in the Synods clergy roster being reduced in 12
45 years to about 3,000; therefore be it

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47 **RESOLVED,** that the MN North District staff & Board if Directors create a task force to study
48 possibilities by which congregations can be served without closing sites; and be it
49 further

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51 **RESOLVED,** that this study be completed, and the results shared at the next Minnesota North
52 District Convention; and be it further

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54 **RESOLVED,** that the District in convention give thanks to God for the congregations currently
55 engaged in shared ministry; and be it further

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RESOLVED, that the congregations and circuits of our District be encouraged to explore greater opportunities for collaboration for the care of members and the mission to proclaim the Gospel to those who have not yet been brought to faith in our communities; and be it finally

RESOLVED, that congregations seek the best stewardship of resources so that the ministry is continued efficiently and effectively in our communities to the Glory of God and the edification of God's people.



Committee Chairman



Committee Secretary

Subject: To Encourage Congregations to be Intentional in Outreach

REFERENCE: Overture # 1-03, Workbook pg. 88

WHEREAS, Jesus said that “you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” (Acts 1:7); and

WHEREAS, our understanding of that directive is for us to be active in mission and outreach with the Gospel of Jesus Christ; and

WHEREAS, Synod has produced “EveryOne His Witness” material to help us share our faith with our family, neighbors and friends; and

WHEREAS, How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? 15 And how can they preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!” (Romans 10:14-15); and

WHEREAS, God has gathered us together to help, encourage, admonish and support each other in living and witnessing the faith; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that each congregation of the Minnesota North District be encouraged to make use of the “EveryOne His Witness” program to train members to be witnesses of God’s redeeming love in Christ Jesus; and be it finally

RESOLVED, that each congregation of the Minnesota North District be encouraged to develop and implement an intentional mission plan for outreach and witness in their community, including ways of inviting people to their church to hear the Word as

well as ways to bring God's Word out into the community. (For Example: service of Bible studies in jails, prisons, nursing homes, group homes, assisted living centers, and other venues as may be available in the local community.)



Committee Chairman



Committee Secretary

Subject: To Encourage Support for Christ Care Kenya

REFERENCE: Overture # 1-06, Workbook pg. 91

WHEREAS, our heavenly Father clearly and repeatedly expresses His love and concern for children who are orphans (Deuteronomy 10:18; Psalm 10:14; 68:5; 146:9; Jeremiah 49:11, Hosea 14:3); and

WHEREAS, in His Word we are told that “religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans ... in their distress” (James 1:27); and

WHEREAS, Project 24 seeks to build rescue centers for children living in Kenya who have been orphaned or live in families at risk, thus giving them a place to live; and

WHEREAS, the cost to sponsor a child through Christ Care Kenya is \$90 per month or \$1080 a year to provide for each child’s day to day living needs; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that our congregations and Sunday schools, our Christian day schools, our various church organizations, be encouraged to adopt one or more orphans as their person project of mercy and witness; and

RESOLVED, that we solicit prayers from the members of our congregations for the residents and families of the children who are staying at the rescue centers and for the workers who minister to their physical and spiritual needs and for all who labor in expanding this much needed project in Kenya; and be it finally

RESOLVED, that each congregation of the Minnesota North District make every effort to make their members aware of Christ Care Kenya,
<https://www.lcms.org/make-a-gift/christs-care-for-children-kenya>, so that

families and individuals may also participate in adopting and supporting
the work of Christ Care Kenya.



Committee Chairman



Committee Secretary

Subject: To Continue Support for Project 24

REFERENCE: Overture # 1-05, Workbook pg. 90

WHEREAS, Project 24 is a project of mercy of the LCMS partnership with the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Kenya to minister to the many needs of orphaned and at risk children living in Kenya; and

WHEREAS, the District Presidents of North Dakota and Minnesota North visited the project sites that have been completed and witnessed the effective catechesis among the children; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota North District in Convention, April 16-18, 2012 resolved to build three rescue centers in partnership with the North Dakota District; and

WHEREAS, one rescue center has been built and dedicated in Kenya at Lenkishon; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that we encourage the congregations of Minnesota North District to continue or adopt a Project 24 Sunday(s) each year in order to raise funds for the purpose of building another rescue center in Kenya; and be it further

RESOLVED, that we solicit prayers from the members of our congregations for the residents and families of the children who are staying at the rescue centers and for the workers who minister to their physical and spiritual needs and for all who labor in expanding this much needed project in Kenya; and be it finally

RESOLVED, that the Minnesota North District rise to sing the Doxology in thanksgiving to God for the work carried out through Project 24.

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Committee Chairman



Committee Secretary

Subject: To Encourage Planting New Churches and Ministries

REFERENCE: Overture # 1-04, Workbook pg. 89

WHEREAS, Jesus commanded His disciples “to go and make disciples of all nations”
(Matthew 28:19) and;

WHEREAS, a 2021 Pew Research Center study indicated that the percentage of United
States Citizens claiming to be Christian has declined by 15% since 2007 and
those who claim no religious affiliation has increased to 29% of the United States
Population; and

WHEREAS, congregations, by virtue of being vested with the ministry of Word and
Sacrament, are to take the lead in both reaching out with the Good News as well
as providing the place to nurture God’s people in the faith; and

WHEREAS, a congregation that takes seriously these two responsibilities (serving God’s
people already in the congregation and sharing the Good News with others) will
strive to have these priorities reflected in both their congregational budget to
support Missions; and

WHEREAS, we thank the Lord of the harvest for those congregations who have grown in their
Mission support to District and Synod, increased their support and exceeded
their commitments; and

WHEREAS, Barna conducted a specialized 2016 study of churches that have launched
new congregations that found that planting churches is one of the most
effective ways to reach people who are living without the Gospel promise;
therefore be it

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30 **RESOLVED,** that we encourage congregations to evaluate and review their mission offerings
31 with the goal to increase that offering through first fruits giving by setting aside a
32 percentage of the gifts they receive to the District in support of our Mission work
33 together; and be it further

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35 **RESOLVED,** that we encourage all congregations, pastors, and circuits to seek out and
36 identify possible locations where a new ministry or church, may be established;
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39 **RESOLVED,** that we encourage the District staff, officers, divisions, committees, and
40 Board of Directors to do all that is possible to assist congregations and
41 circuits in accomplishing the goal of starting new mission opportunities.

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Committee Chairman

Committee Secretary

Subject: To Continue the CROSS (Congregations Reaching Out to Support Schools) Appeal

REFERENCE: Overture # 2-02, Workbook pg. 92

WHEREAS, since 2012, when the Minnesota North District, through Convention resolution, affirmed their support for our Lutheran Schools through the CROSS Appeal (Congregations Reaching Out to Support Schools); and

WHEREAS, the Lutheran elementary schools currently operating in the Minnesota North District has shared over \$144,000 in ongoing financial support from the CROSS appeal and has used the funds for a variety of purposes to support and improve their mission of education and Gospel outreach to their students; and

WHEREAS, the prayer and financial support provided by many of our congregations, organizations and individuals across the Minnesota North District have proven to be a wonderful blessing to our Lutheran elementary/middle schools as well as to those who have given the gifts; and

WHEREAS, the public's interest in private education has continued to rise in the past 2 years, leading to new and proposed school starts within the Minnesota North District; and

WHEREAS, the mission opportunities of our Lutheran Schools continues to increase, as over 50% of our current students enrolled are not affiliated with the school's congregation and many of them not connected to any church whatsoever; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the congregations of the Minnesota North District gathered in convention would continue to financially support the ongoing efforts of the CROSS appeal to assist our schools above and beyond their normal operating budgets for the next triennium; and be it further

RESOLVED, that each congregation would prayerfully consider how they might support the CROSS appeal in a variety of ways (such as making the CROSS appeal an item in their annual budget or designating a portion of each weekly offering for the CROSS appeal) as well as providing the information and the opportunity, to individual members to provide gifts (such as door offerings or reminders at certain times during the year regarding CROSS appeal); and be it finally

RESOLVED, that we graciously thank everyone in the Minnesota North District who have supported this effort.


Committee Chairman


Committee Secretary

2 **Subject: To Include LCMS Secondary Schools in the C.R.O.S.S. Appeal Funds**
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4 **REFERENCE:** Overture # 2-05, Workbook pg. 94

5 **WHEREAS,** the C.R.O.S.S. (Congregations Reaching Out to Support Schools) appeal was
6 established to encourage MNN District Congregations to financially support our
7 Lutheran Elementary Schools / Middle Schools; and
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9 **WHEREAS,** the MNN district now has a Lutheran High School located at Lord of Glory in Elk
10 River; therefore, be it
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12 **RESOLVED,** that future CROSS appeal funds include all accredited Lutheran K-12 Schools.
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Subject: Encourage Our Congregations to Pray for the Unchurched

REFERENCE: Overture # 2-04, Workbook pg. 93

WHEREAS, In Matthew 28:18-20 Jesus said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."; and

WHEREAS, In John 10:16 Jesus said," And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So, they will be one flock, one shepherd."; and

WHEREAS, In Matthew 7:7-8 Jesus said, "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened."; and

WHEREAS, we all know people who either don't know Jesus as their Savior or who have fallen away from the practice of the Christian faith; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that every Sunday, all the congregations in the Minnesota North District in their weekly service are encouraged to pray for opportunities to share the Gospel to our neighbors, family and friends who don't know Jesus as Savior or who have disconnected themselves from the Christian faith.

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Committee Chairman


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Floor Committee # 2

Resolution # 2-4

Subject: Developing Local, On campus ministry presence at our Colleges and Universities

REFERENCE: Overture # 2-03, Workbook pg. 93

WHEREAS, local colleges and universities remain an untapped mission opportunity in the Minnesota North District; and

WHEREAS, the local congregation is best suited to establish an on-going, on-campus personal ministry presence at these colleges/universities; and

WHEREAS, budgeted funds are available from the Minnesota North District to assist in the establishment and maintaining of campus ministries; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that we encourage congregations adjacent to college/universities to pray and look for opportunities to bring the Gospel to the campus community; and be it further

RESOLVED, to encourage congregations adjacent to college/universities create a regular on-campus presence for at least 2-3 hours a week in the student union or other public venues on campus to greet students and build relationships; and be it finally

RESOLVED, that the Minnesota North District establish yearly, on-going training and monetary grants to help congregations establish a frequent on-campus presence to bring the message of the Gospel to the local college/university settings.


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Floor Committee # 2

Resolution # 2-5

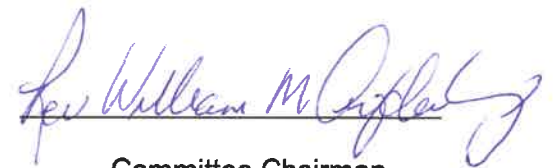
Subject: To decline overture 2-01

Reference: Overture # 2-01, Workbook 91

Whereas, resolution 6-05 of the 2016 Synodical Convention has dealt with this issue;

therefore be it

Resolved, that the Minnesota North District Convention respectfully decline overture 2-01.

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Committee Chairman

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Committee Secretary

Subject: To Give Thanks for and Encourage Support of Lutheran Island Camp

REFERENCE: Overture # 3-01, Workbook pg. 95

WHEREAS, Lutheran Island Camp and Christ Serve Ranch exist to support and advance the ministry of congregations of the Minnesota North District of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod; and

WHEREAS, for 70 years camp staff and volunteers have faithfully provided Christ-centered programs that seek to nourish the whole person for Christian life and service; and

WHEREAS, Lutheran Island Camp and Christ Serve Ranch continue to be faithful in providing quality camp and retreat programs for children, adults, and families; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of Lutheran Island Camp is implementing a Strategic Plan that calls for the expansion of programs and facilities in response to the stated needs of congregations, families, and individuals; and

WHEREAS, the Building New Bridges campaign is raising funds for the upkeep and expansion of camp facilities; and

WHEREAS, this dynamic ministry depends on the ongoing, faithful support of donors who support the mission of Lutheran Island Camp and Christ Serve Ranch the affordable, accessible, quality camp and conference experiences it provides; and

WHEREAS, Lutheran Island Camp is blessed by the leadership and vision of new staff members including Stacy Lung as the Camp Director, Julia Johnson as the Program Director, following many years of faithful and dedicated service by several individuals including Camp Director Ken Erlandson and Director of

Maintenance Marv Swyter, and those whom the Lord called to glory, Director of
Development Wayne Hilchen and Board Chair Rev. Dr. Jeff Walther; therefore be
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RESOLVED, that congregations, pastors, organizations, families and individuals of the
Minnesota North District be encouraged to give praise and thanks to God for His
manifold blessings on this ministry including all those who have served camp in
the past and those who are currently serving; and be it further

RESOLVED, that congregations be encouraged to view Lutheran Island Camp and Christ
Serve Ranch as an extension of their respective ministries and encourage
families, groups, and campers to utilize the programs and services of Lutheran
Island Camp and Christ Serve Ranch; and be it finally

RESOLVED, that the Minnesota North District of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod,
meeting in convention, and the congregations represented within this fellowship,
be encouraged to commit to supporting this vital ministry with individual and
corporate prayer, promotion of its programs and services, and encourage
individual and congregational financial and volunteer support to ensure this
ministry continues to thrive and advance the Great Commission.



Committee Chairman



Committee Secretary

Subject: To Encourage Congregations and the Committee on Constitutions and District Membership to Do Things Decently and in Order

REFERENCE: Overture # 3-02 & 3-03, Workbook pg. 95-96

WHEREAS, God has ordained that all things should be done decently and in good order (1 Corinthians 14:40); and

WHEREAS, to help congregations to do things decently and in good order as far as their congregational governance is concerned, The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod and the Minnesota North District provide excellent models and guidance for congregations desiring to make changes to their constitutions; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Committee on Constitutions and District Membership serve the Minnesota North District on a volunteer basis, while also serving their Lord in their other vocations; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Committee on Constitutions and District Membership must spend a great deal of time studying the constitutions of the congregations of the district to which they wish to make changes, especially if those constitutions were written before A.D. 2000; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that congregations needing to make changes to their constitution be strongly encouraged to make use of the models and guidance provided by the synod and the district; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the members of the Committee on Constitutions and District Membership, be encouraged to do their work in a thorough and timely fashion; and be it finally

29 **RESOLVED,** that the congregations and members of the Committee on Constitutions and
30 District Membership be patient with one another as together we seek to "Forth in
31 Peace of Christ We Go ... Making Disciples for Life."

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Subject: To Decline Overture 3-04

REFERENCE: Overture # 3-04 Workbook pg. 96-97

WHEREAS, St. Paul appeals to all of us "by the mercies of God to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship" (Romans 12:1); and

WHEREAS, besides Circuit Visitors & Regional Vice Presidents, there are many servants of the Lord who serve the needs of our district, its congregations and church workers; and

WHEREAS, all who serve the district in a variety of ways (which at times involves considerable time) in addition to the other responsibilities that are theirs as a result of their vocations; and


WHEREAS, none of these servants receive compensation for their labors; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Minnesota North District respectfully decline overture 3-04; and be it finally


RESOLVED, that the Minnesota North District, meeting in Convention, stand to sing the first and third verses of "Now, Thank we all our God" in thanks and praise to the Lord of the Church for His gift of Circuit Visitors, Regional Vice Presidents, and many others for their service to the Minnesota North District.

1 Now thank we all our God
2 With hearts and hands and voices,
3 Who wondrous things has done,
4 In whom His world rejoices;

31 Who from our mothers' arms
32 Has blest us on our way
33 With countless gifts of love
34 And still is ours today.
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36 3 All praise and thanks to God
37 The Father now be given,
38 The Son, and Him who reigns
39 With them in highest heaven,
40 The one eternal God,
41 Whom earth and heav'n adore;
42 For thus it was, is now,
43 And shall be evermore.
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Committee Chairman



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Floor Committee # 3

Resolution # 3-4

Subject: To Decline Overture 3-05

REFERENCE: Overture # 3-05 Workbook pg. 97-98

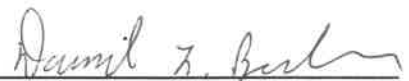
WHEREAS, neither the Handbook of The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod or the Circuit Visitors' Manual stipulates how congregational visitation should be carried out; and

WHEREAS, there are ways for a circuit visitor to carry out visitation which involves minimal expense; and

WHEREAS, the Handbook of The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod already authorizes circuit visitors “to draw on the district treasury for his expenses” (5.2.3m); therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Minnesota North District respectfully decline overture 3-05; and be it finally

RESOLVED, that the Minnesota North District, meeting in Convention, encourage circuit visitors to carry out visitations of the congregations in their circuit.



Committee Chairman



Committee Secretary

Subject: To Express Appreciation for Angie Ringstrom's Faithful Service

REFERENCE: Board of Directors Minutes, 05/08/2022

WHEREAS, Angie Ringstrom, by the grace of God, has faithfully served our Lord and the Minnesota North District as Bookkeeper for over 16 years; and

WHEREAS, Angie, with the help of others in the District Office, graciously and willingly coordinated and cooked many meals for meetings at the District Office; and

WHEREAS, she will be retiring as of July 1, 2022; and

WHEREAS, throughout Angie's time of service to the District, her husband, Dave, has been a vital source of encouragement, partnership, and support; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that our District President express to Angie and Dave the gratitude of the entire District; and be it further

RESOLVED, that we thank and praise God for blessing the service of Angie Ringstrom; and be it finally

RESOLVED, that the Minnesota North District, meeting in Convention, stand to sing the common doxology in thanks and praise to the Lord of the Church for His gift of Angie Ringstrom.

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Committee Chairman

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Committee Secretary

Subject: To Express Appreciation for George Miller's Faithful Service

REFERENCE: Board of Directors Minutes, 05/08/2022

WHEREAS, George Miller, by the grace of God, has faithfully served our Lord and the Minnesota North District in various roles including LCEF Vice-President and Office Manager for over 21 years; and

WHEREAS, he retired in the spring of 2020; and

WHEREAS, throughout George's time of service to the District, his wife, Colette, served the district as "super volunteer;" therefore be it

RESOLVED, that our District President express to George and Colette the gratitude of the entire District; and be it further

RESOLVED, that we thank and praise God for blessing the service of George and Colette; and be it finally

RESOLVED, that the Minnesota North District, meeting in Convention, stand to sing the common doxology in thanks and praise to the Lord of the Church for His gift of George and Colette Miller.



Committee Chairman



Committee Secretary

Subject: Thanksgiving and Bestowal of Title “Emeritus” Upon the Rev. Dr. Donald Fondow, President of the Minnesota North District

REFERENCE: Overture # 3-06 Workbook pg. 98

WHEREAS, God has ordained that all things should be done decently and in good order (1 Corinthians 14:40); and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota North District has been blessed by the service and dedication of the Rev. Dr. Donald Fondow as the President of the District for 19 years; and

WHEREAS, the 2022 Minnesota North District Convention is his last convention to chair as the District President before his official retirement; and

WHEREAS, the title Emeritus is to be conferred upon an individual, enabling them to retain the honor of their previous title; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that we bestow upon the Rev. Dr. Donald Fondow the title Emeritus with all its rights and privileges; and be it further

RESOLVED, that with thanksgiving we stand and applaud his service and dedication to the Minnesota North District for his years of service as President and as Mission and Ministry Facilitator; and be it further

RESOLVED, that we sing the common doxology in thanksgiving to God for providing such servants and leaders among us that “Forth in the Peace in Christ We Go ... Making Disciples for Life.”

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Committee Chairman



Committee Secretary

Subject: To confess the doctrine of Closed Communion and encourage its practice.

REFERENCE: Overture # 4-01, Workbook pg. 99

WHEREAS, oneness at the altar presupposes oneness in faith and doctrine (Acts 2:42); and

WHEREAS, in the Holy Supper of our Lord, Jesus gives the communicant His own precious body and blood, which were given and shed for the forgiveness of sin, but those who fail to discern the body and blood bring judgement on themselves (1 Cor. 11:27-29); and

WHEREAS, the doctrine and practice of Closed Communion flow out of the concern for unity of faith, a desire to be faithful to Scripture, and a desire to faithfully care for souls; and

WHEREAS, Closed Communion, properly practiced, requires that the pastors and congregations of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod [LC-MS] commune only those individuals who belong to congregations which are now in altar and pulpit fellowship with us; and

WHEREAS, all members of the LC-MS subscribe and accept without reservation the authority of Holy Scriptures and the Lutheran Confessions contained in the Book of Concord; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that this convention recognize the Scriptural necessity of adhering publicly to both the professed doctrine and practice of Closed Communion; and be it further

28 **RESOLVED,** that all pastors, who are bound to follow this Scriptural practice, teach their
29 congregational members to follow them in this faithful practice.

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Subject: To affirm the Biblical doctrines of Creation, Original Sin, and Redemption and to reject Critical Theory

REFERENCE: Overture # 4-02, Unpublished

WHEREAS, God has created all people, and they are blood related going back to our mutual fathers, Adam and Noah, and all are subject to the stain of original sin, but now also have been equally redeemed by the blood of Christ in order to be reconciled to God and to each other; and

WHEREAS, God's Word says, "If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself,' you are doing well. But if you show partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors." (James 2:8-9); and

WHEREAS, the academic discipline of Critical Theory¹ and its progeny, such as Critical Race Theory [CRT], "Wokeism", Social Justice, Equity, et al., undermine a Biblical understanding of Creation and Original Sin by denying such divine institutions as family and government, maliciously dividing rather than uniting Christians on the basis of genealogical heritage, sexuality, socio-economic status, interpretation of history, and other criteria, and thus seeking to destroy the true unity Christ grants to the Church through His blood (Eph. 2:11-16) and subvert the unity of the communion of saints in the forgiveness of sins as expressed in the Third Article of the Apostles' and Nicene Creeds; and

¹ Cf. Paul Dare, "Christians in a Woke World," (2021)

"Critical Theory is social critique which aims at undermining the status quo, that is, the shared institutions of society, with the hope of overthrowing it" (29).

26 **WHEREAS,** Critical Theory is heretical, for example in the following: striving for and promising
27 heaven on earth (utopia), frequently denying the sufficiency of Christ's death,
28 presenting the teachings of Jesus as social gospel (i.e. merit-based salvation)
29 and the divine remedy for strife in human society, and confusing the Doctrine of
30 Two Kingdoms; and

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32 **WHEREAS,** the Mid-South District of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod in Convention
33 adopted Resolution 03-04-21A, "To Reject Racism and Advance the Gospel";
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36 **RESOLVED,** that the District in Convention affirm the Biblical doctrines of Creation, Original
37 Sin, and Redemption, especially concerning the universal need for and
38 availability of God's redemption by grace through faith on account of Christ Jesus
39 that we may not make "shipwreck of the faith" delivered to us (1 Tim. 1:19; 1:3);
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42 **RESOLVED,** that the District in Convention encourage and assist the members of our District
43 congregations, pastors, and teachers to faithfully learn, witness, and teach the
44 Christian faith, especially the doctrines of Creation, Original Sin, and
45 Redemption, in truth and purity, in the language of Scripture and the Lutheran
46 Confessions for the sake of the advance of the Gospel as revealed in Scripture
47 and nowhere else (Jude 3); and be it further

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49 **RESOLVED,** that we commend the schools, universities, and seminaries of the Lutheran
50 Church-Missouri Synod for their faithful witness to God's design and intent for
51 human life and encourage each to strive to confess the Christian faith in a hostile
52 world and to promote excellence in place of Critical Theory's definition of
53 diversity, inclusivity, and equity outcomes, for they have no place in Christian

education or administrative policies, as they are diametrically opposed to the Gospel of Jesus Christ; and be it further

RESOLVED, that we reject Critical Theory since it denies Scripture and sidelines the authority and usefulness of the Lutheran Confessions, denouncing the sufficiency of Christ's blessed suffering and death for the forgiveness of all our sins; and be it further

RESOLVED, that we reject groups that have adopted and promote the use of Critical Theory to the ill of church and society, including, but not limited to such organizations as Black Lives Matter, Lutherans for Racial Justice, and others; and be it finally

RESOLVED, that the District in Convention send this overture, with amendments or another similar but alternatively appropriate overture, to serve the Synod in Convention in 2023, according to Synod Bylaw 1.6.2(b)(4).

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