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The Atlantic District LC-MS
 61st Regular Convention

Convention Supplement

Friday, July 22nd – Saturday July 23rd

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AGENDA

Friday, July 22 10:00am – 10:00pm

- Registration opens - Our Savior's Lutheran School Lobby
- Display Booth Open - Our Savior's Lutheran School Halls

10:00am – 12:00pm

Open Hearing / Floor committees

12:30pm – 5:30pm

- Opening worship
- Call to Order & Introductions
- Registration and Credentials
- Reading of Convention rules
- Adoption of the Agenda
- Introduction of Floor Committees
- Recognition of New Members and Congregations
- Report on Nominations (DP and VPs)
- Tutorial on Voting
- Election of the District President
- Report and Address of the District President
- Election of the 1st Vice President
- Task Force Reports
- Floor Committee 1 – Theological and Broader Church
- Service of Thanksgiving for the Ministry of Concordia College

5:30pm Dinner



Friday, July 7:00pm – 10:00 pm

- (Advisory Delegates Gather briefly)
- Regional elections - Elect Ratify and Rank – Circuit Visitor Ratification
- Convention Nominations report
- Nominations from the floor
- Ballot for AD BOD, Secretary, Treasurer
- Ballot for Board of regents CCNY
- Floor Committee 2 - Practical and Local Church
- Closing Devotions
- Reception

Saturday, July 23 – 8:00am - 12:30pm

- Morning Devotions
- LCMS report – Rev. Dr. Matthew H. Harrison
- Servant of Christ Award
- Registration and Credentials
- Floor Committee 1 – Theological and Broader Church
- Servant of Christ Award
- Floor Committee 2 - Practical and Local Church
- Servant of Christ Award
- Celebrations of Anniversaries
- Other presentations and greetings
- Installation of all elected officers
- Closing Worship and Adjournment



ANNIVERSARIES

Throughout the past trianum and this year, our congregations and churchworkers have celebrated anniversaries in service to the church.

Commissioned Churchworkers

2020

Edna Frillmann	70
John Matern	65
Gerald Fuhrmann	55
Carol Roemke	55
Thomas Roemke	55
Janice Williams	55
Janet Gottschalk	50
Wayne Rudy	50
Barbara Couchman	45
Marie Dettling	45
David Hahn	45
Janet Hahn	45
John Schmidt	45
Dorothy Schultz	45
Annette Fanara	40
Melinda Warnken	35
Todd Huebner	30
Eileen Pajkowski	30
Katherine Witto	30
Ariel Munoz	20
Raquel Rojas	10
Christopher Boccolupo	10

2021

Jane Kramer	60
Madelynn Zwernemann	60
James Handrich	55
Margaret Wenger	55
Paul Wenger	55
Ruth Ellen Wenzel	45
Paul Schulz	40
Thomas Schnetzer	35
Debra Gianonne	20
Micaela Martinez	20
Rebekah Stohlmann	20
Sara Cahill	15
Kimberly Johnson	15
Lawrence Puccio	15
Laura Simpson	15
Janine Bolling	10

2022

Anthony Zuelsdorf	60
Betty Zuelsdorf	60
Lewis Williams	55
James Dhyne	50
Helene Ridolf	50
Miriam Blanco	45
Edward Dettling	45
Marcia Kollmann	45
Jane Lottes	40
Debra Masiello	35
John March	25
Christopher Reno	25
Christine Rowe	25
Michael Schultz	20
Michael Kersten	15
Jonathan Klemp	15
John Rodis	15



Ordained Churchworkers

2019

Ralph Dorre	60
James C. Zwernemann	55
Thomas Sluberski	50
Warren F. Winterhoff	50
Charles W. Froehlich	45
Mark Frederick Schaarschmidt	40
Stanley Dean Webster	40
David Ernest Haberer	35
Victor H. Nelson	35
Neil A. Mittelstaedt	30

2020

William Eberle	60
Raymond David Cummings	55
John R. Hannah	55
Kenneth E. Hansen	55
John A. Kenreich	55
Philip Yang	55
Charles Bell	45
David G. Demera	40
Allan H. Fjordbotten	40
Kelly Ray Meritt	40
Roberto Munoz	40
Bruce Nathan	40

Jimmy Amarnauth Lalljie	25
Francis Samba Balangarr Rigobert	25
Thomas Johnson	20
John S. Stohlmann	20
Brian Benjamin Noack	15
Robert Thomas Carter	10
Curtis Rhodes Dorsey	10
George Andrew Kirkup	10
Desmond A.S. Sukhdeo	5
Edward B. Thayer	5

Ronald W. Stelzer	40
Robert A. Boehler	35
James Tikaram Gajadhar	35
John R. Hopkins	25
Christoph M. Schulze	20
Dien Ashley Taylor	20
Russell John Craig	15
Peter Andrew Deodatt Deebrah	15
Joshua Hollmann	15
George R. Ramsudh	15
Elwin Johnson Rethinasamy	15
Robert Glenn Stubbs	15
George Daniel Carstensen	10
Mark Daniel Budenholzer	5



2021

Alfred John Hofler	60
Bruce E. Rudolf	55
Alan F. Steinke	50
David Elseroad	45
Kurt A. Bodling	40
William P. Terjesen	40
John George Fleischmann	35
David G. Wackenhuth	35
John A. Nunes	30
Gregory L Sawyer	30
Adam C. Wiegand	25

2022

Allen Kebschull	55
David H. Benke	50
Marlow J. Olson	50
Joell Janzow	45
Hugo Evaldo Berger	40
James S. Roy	40
Charles L. Persaud	35
John A. Stoudt	30
Paul R. Wagner	30
Shawn L. Dugan	25
Sam Singh	25

John M. Young	25
Paul R. Sauer	20
Thomas Fisher	15
Jacob Charles Allstaedt	10
Matthew Ryan Gonzalez	10
Jonathan E. Hodges	10
Mohan Patrick Singh	10
Michael Charles Staneck	10
Thomas William Cusanelli	5

Michael R. Bagnall	20
Marc Danzis	20
Jean Gardy Cenat	15
Stephen Michael Hand	15
Henry Albrechtsen	10
Daniel F Cohn	10
DuWayne Harold Olson	10
Martin Alan Tyce	10
William M. Vangor	10
Justin K Vetrano	5



Atlantic District Congregations

2019

St. Matthew Lutheran Church	New York City	355
Lutheran Church of St. John the Evangelist	Brooklyn	175
St. John Lutheran Church	Glendale	175
St. Matthew Lutheran Church	Albany	165
St. Matthew Lutheran Church	Hudson	150
St. Matthew Lutheran Church	Brooklyn	140
St. Paul Lutheran Church	Saratoga Springs	125
Trinity Lutheran Church	Hawthorne	125
Emmaus Evangelical Lutheran Church	Ridgewood	115
St. John Ev. Lutheran Church	Holbrook	115
Redeemer Lutheran Church	Glendale	110
Our Savior Lutheran Church	Albany	90
Bethlehem Lutheran Church	Delmar	65
Trinity Lutheran Church of Locust Manor	Jamaica (Locust Manor)	65
Atonement Lutheran Church	Stony Point	60
Christ Our Saviour Lutheran Church	Hampton Bays	60
Resurrection Lutheran Church	Cairo	60
St. Timothy Lutheran Church	Hyde Park	60
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church	Warwick	55
Family of Faith Lutheran Church	Middletown	25

2020

Trinity Lutheran Church	Hicksville	170
St. John Lutheran Church	Stuyvesant	150
Ev. Immanuel Lutheran Church	Whitestone	125
Grace Lutheran Church	Bronx	115
Trinity Lutheran Church	Schenectady	115
Redeemer Lutheran Church	Bayside	105
St. Matthew Lutheran Church	Staten Island (Dongan Hill)- St. Matthew	105
Grace Lutheran Church	Jamaica	100
Trinity Lutheran Church	Glen Cove	100
St. Paul Lutheran Church	Amityville	90
Calvary Lutheran Church	East Meadow	70
Grace Lutheran Church	Mastic Beach	65
Lutheran Church of the Risen Christ	Brooklyn	55



2020

All Saints Lutheran Church	LaGrangeville	35
SonRise Lutheran Church	Pottersville	20

2021

Trinity Lutheran Church	Brooklyn	135
Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church	Woodside	125
St Matthew Lutheran Church for the Deaf	Elmhurst	110
St. Mark's Lutheran Church	Yonkers	110
Village Lutheran Church	Bronxville	105
Ev. Lutheran Church of Our Savior	Rego Park	95
Resurrection Lutheran Church	Flushing	85
True Light Lutheran Church	New York City	85
Chapel of the Redeemer Lutheran Church	Flushing	80
Christ Lutheran Church	East Moriches	60
Messiah Lutheran Church	East Setauket	60
Trinity Lutheran Church	Stamford	55
The Christ Assembly Ev. Lutheran Church of SI	Staten Island	25
United Bengali Lutheran Church of America	Woodside	20

2022

St. John Lutheran Church	Staten Island	170
St. John Lutheran Church	College Point	165
Zion Lutheran Church	Schenectady	150
St. Paul Lutheran Church	Brooklyn	135
Immanuel Lutheran Church	Mount Vernon	125
St. John Lutheran Church	Sayville	125
St. Peter Lutheran Church	Brooklyn	125
St. Peter Lutheran Church	Pine Island	125
Immanuel Lutheran Church	Niskayuna	120
Emanuel Lutheran Church	Patchogue	110
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church	Laurelton	95
Lutheran Church of Our Saviour	Bronx	95
Trinity Lutheran Church	Islip	95
Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer	Peekskill	90
St. John Lutheran Church	Williston Park	90



2022

St. Mark's Second Ev. Lutheran Church	Hudson	90
Lutheran Church of the Ascension	Jamaica	80
St. Luke Lutheran Church	Putnam Valley	80
Trinity Lutheran Church	New Hyde Park	80
Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd	Glens Falls	75
Mt. Zion Lutheran Church	New York City	75
Our Savior Lutheran Church	Fishkill	65
St. Luke Lutheran Church	Dix Hills	60
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church	Hurley	45
Immanuel Chinese Lutheran Church	Bayside	45
Glory Korean Lutheran Church	Bayside - Glory Korean	25



FLOOR COMMITTEES & ACTIVITIES

Floor Committee 1: Theological & Broader Church

Members

Rev. Matthew Staneck Chair	Pastor
Rev. Francis Rigobert Vice Chair	Pastor
Rev. Martin Tyce	Pastor
Rev. Christoph Schulze	Pastor
Rev. Nils Neimeier	Pastor
Mr. Mark Mather	Lay
Mr. Thom Brownworth	Lay
Mrs. Jane Lottes	Commissioned
Ms. Janine Bolling	Commissioned

Summary of the Actions of Floor Committee 1

- Ov. 01-01 – Split into Resolutions 2022-01-02 & 2022-01-03
- Ov. 01-02 - Amended as Resolution 2022-01-10
- Ov. 01-03 - Amended as Resolution 2022-01-11
- Ov. 01-04 - Amended as Resolution 2022-01-05
- Ov. 01-05 - Forwarded as Resolution 2022-01-09
- Ov. 01-06 - Split into Resolutions 2022-01-02 & 2022-01-03
- Ov. 01-07 - Amended as Resolution 2022-01-12
- Ov. 01-08 – Forwarded as Resolution 2022-01-08
- Ov. 01-09 - Amended as Resolution 2022-02-08
- Ov. 01-10 – Amended as Resolution 2022-01-01
- Ov. 01-11 - Amended as Resolution 2022-01-06
- Ov. 01-13 - Amended as Resolution 2022-01-07
- Ov. 01-14 – Forwarded as Resolution 2022-01-04



Floor Committee 2: Practical & Local Church

Members

Rev. David Wackenhuth Chair	Pastor
Rev. Dr. David H. Benke Vice Chair	Pastor
Rev. Vic Nelson	Pastor
Rev. Jordan Voges	Pastor
Rev. Joshua Hollmann	Pastor
Mr. Ed Kleinke	Lay
Mrs. Lois Rudin	Lay
Mr. Michael Schultz	Commissioned
Mrs. Donna Haines	Lay

Summary of the Actions of Floor Committee 2

- Ov. 02-01 – Forwarded as Resolution 2022-02-02
- Ov. 02-02 – Referred to the Atlantic District Board of Directors for Action
- Ov. 02-03 – Amended as Resolution 2022-02-06
- Ov. 02-04 - Combined and amended as Resolution 2022-02-05
- Ov. 02-05 - Combined and amended as Resolution 2022-02-05
- Ov. 02-06 - Combined and amended as Resolution 2022-02-03
- Ov. 02-07 - Combined and amended as Resolution 2022-02-03
- Ov. 02-08 - Combined and amended as Resolution 2022-02-05
- Ov. 02-09 - Amended as Resolution 2022-02-10
- Ov. 02-10 - Split into Resolutions 2022-01-02 & 2022-01-03
- Ov. 02-11 – Amended as Resolution 2022-02-07
- Ov. 02-12 – Forwarded as Resolution 2022-02-04
- Ov. 02-13 – Combined and amended as Resolution 2022-02-05
- Ov. 02-14 – Combined and amended as Resolution 2022-02-03
- Ov. 02-15 - Amended as Resolution 2022-02-09



ADDITIONAL NOMINEE INFORMATION

MR. WILLIAM FRED COLLINS

Membership Bethlehem Lutheran Church Bethlehem, NY

Church Activity Member of BLC since 1983. Past President and past Vice President of congregation. Served as youth counselor and high school Bible study teacher for many years. Led many adult Bible studies. Presently, facilitating a "Joining Jesus" team (Pastor Greg Finke's book of the same name begat these teams at BLC several years ago). Choir member for 30+ years. Presently, drummer in praise band.

District/Synod Activity Attended a couple of AD conventions years ago while an officer of BLC. Attended one Synodical convention as a Lay Delegate many years ago. Past Vice-Chair, Concordia Bronxville Board of Regents.

Education Background Juris Doctorate (Albany Law School, 1976)

Community Service Past member and President, Bethlehem Central School District Board of Education. Past member and Board of Directors Chair, Selkirk Fire Department. Member, Elsmere Fire Department. Member, Delmar Bethlehem Emergency Medical Service (volunteer ambulance company).

Present Occupation Retired attorney. Principally employed in executive/counsel positions in various Executive Branch agencies and in the NYS Assembly from 1977 to 2016.

Nominations LCMS Committee for Convention Nominations



RESOLUTIONS

Floor Committee 1

Theological & Broader Church

Resolution 2022-01-01

To Strengthen and Expand Routes to Ministry

Whereas, the Masters of Divinity program is the preferred route to training pastors in the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod; and

Whereas, in 2006 the Atlantic District in Convention passed resolutions designed to strengthen and expand the scope of mission and ministry by resolving to prepare 100 home-grown mission leaders for service to Lord and Church, and

Whereas, by God's grace well over 100 men and women have been developed, trained and sent to serve in congregations of the Atlantic District as Atlantic District Lay Deacons, Deaconesses, Commissioned Rostered Workers and Pastors, and

Whereas, the benefits of this leadership development model have been visible signs of God's grace in more than half of the congregations of the Atlantic Districts exercising various spiritual gifts in service, and

Whereas, mission opportunity remains at the highest level in the Atlantic District even as transitions in leadership demand more strong Lutheran Christian leaders in our congregations and their communities, and

Whereas, the Atlantic District Lay Deacon Program, the Specific Ministry Program (SMP), the Ethnic Immigrant Institute of Theology (EIIT), the Center for Hispanic Studies (CHS), Concordia University Irvine's Mission Training Center (MTC), and others have provided excellent avenues for continuing the development toward service of "home-grown mission leaders" in the Atlantic District, and

Whereas, the pastors being developed, ordained, and called to the Atlantic District through these programs—and others for Commissioned workers—remain a primary source of hope for the Lutheran Christian future in Eastern New York State; Therefore, be it

Resolved, that these programs leading to the development of mission leaders at all levels of service be commended and recommended to the congregations of our District for use, and be it further

Resolved, that the Atlantic District in Convention send this commendation and recommendation to the 2023 Synod in convention for adoption, and be it further

Resolved, that in particular the global impact programs—EIIT, CHS, MTC—be commended to the seminaries and to the Synod in convention for strengthening and expanding, including the SMP, in scope and potential, in preparing and certifying "General Pastors" for the LCMS, and be it finally

Resolved, that the Atlantic District in Convention in July 2022 resolve to renew its 2006 commitment by pledging to raise up and prepare 100 new home-grown mission leaders, including a significant percentage of



1 **Resolution 2022-01-02**

2 **To Recognize and Give Thanks for Work at**
3 **Concordia College New York**

4 **Whereas**, Concordia College New York was founded in 1881 in what was the LCMS
5 Eastern District and is now the LCMS Atlantic District when The
6 Evangelical Lutheran Church and School of St. Matthew in Manhattan
7 established a "Sexta" and "Quinta" at St. Matthew Academy, thereby
8 beginning what would be called the "New York Progymnasium;" and

9 **Whereas**, Concordia College (referred to as the "Progymnasium," "Concordia
10 Progymnasium," and "Concordia Lutheran Collegiate Institute" before
11 being known universally as "Concordia College") relocated to the Hamlet
12 of Hawthorne, New York on Buttermilk Hill before moving to its current
13 location in the Village of Bronxville, New York; and

14 **Whereas**, Concordia College New York not only has served the east coast of the
15 United States but people throughout the nation and around the world by
16 giving all people access to quality Christian education and rigorous
17 opportunities to pursue studies in the liberal arts; and

18 **Whereas**, Concordia College has been a place for Lutherans and for others to
19 gather for conventions, meetings, concerts, art events, sports events,
20 and other activities for over a century; and

21 **Whereas**, There is a time for all endeavors of man, which blossom one day and
22 wither the next like the flowers of the field, but the Word of the Lord
23 and His work of salvation endure forever (Ecclesiastes 3; Isaiah 40;
24 James 1); and,

25 **Whereas**, Concordia College ceased all academic operations at the end of the
26 2020-2021 academic year; and

27 **Whereas**, the closure of Concordia College has left an enormous hole in the
28 hearts of alumni, faculty, staff, friends, and the Atlantic District;
29 therefore be it

30 **Resolved**, That we, the Atlantic District in Convention recognize, remember,
31 and give thanks to God for the good and godly work of the many alumni,
32 faculty, and staff throughout the history of Concordia in the training
33 and instruction of God's Word and Christian life; and be it further

34 **Resolved**, That we recognize, remember, and give thanks to God for the good and
35 godly work of the many friends of Concordia which they have done and
36 will continue to do in our congregations and communities; and be it
37 further

38 **Resolved**, That we recognize, remember, and give thanks to God for the Care and
39 Comfort Committee that raised dollars to support the faculty and staff
40 members of Concordia College who were losing jobs due to the closure of
41 the school; and be it further

42 **Resolved**, That we give voice to our thanks and praise to God for working
43 through Concordia College, and pray His continued guidance, as we rise
44 and sing the Common Doxology; and be it finally

45 **Resolved**, That we memorialize the 2023 Synod in convention to adopt the above
46 resolution.



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Resolution 2022-01-03
To Explore Future Lutheran Higher Education
Opportunities in the East Coast Region

Whereas, in 1881 the Lutheran Church of St. Matthew in Manhattan established a school to prepare men to continue education at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis which later became Concordia College New York; and

Whereas, Concordia College New York served as an institution of higher education

for over 140 years; and

Whereas, Through the Concordia University System, countless women and men receive a quality, Christian education to be sent out to live their vocations in the name of Jesus; and

Whereas, Concordia College New York continues to have a significant impact on the church at large through the witness of the priesthood of believers who attended the college; and

Whereas, the Atlantic District is thankful to God for Concordia College New York and its contribution to the wider church and society; and

Whereas, With the closure of Concordia College New York, The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod does not have a center for higher and professional education on the East Coast of the United States; therefore let it be

Resolved, That the Atlantic District in Convention instructs the District President

to work with other District Presidents in the East Coast Region and the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, in identifying opportunities for the establishment of a new center for higher and professional education, either physically or virtually, based in the East Coast Region.



1 **Resolution 2022-01-04**

2 **Supporting Colleges and Universities of the**
3 **Concordia University System (CUS)**

4
5 **Whereas**, colleges and universities of the CUS provide “Christian higher
6 education communities of learning where mutual respect flourishes,
7 responsibility is developed and reverence for God is cultivated so that
8 students can pursue lives of passion, purpose and service” (Mission
9 Statement of Concordia College New York); and

10 **Whereas**, each of the colleges and universities within CUS is committed to the
11 integration of curricula and academic subjects with the Gospel of Jesus
12 Christ; and

13 **Whereas**, the colleges and universities of the CUS have served thousands of
14 people throughout the nation and around the world by giving them access
15 to quality Christian education and rigorous opportunities to pursue
16 studies in the liberal arts; and

17 **Whereas**, thousands of people have been graduated from colleges and
18 universities within the CUS including thousands of professional Church
19 workers who have served throughout Christ’s Holy Church all over the
20 world as they have been provided quality theological education and
21 vocational formation; and

22 **Whereas**, the colleges and universities of the CUS have provided many people
23 the opportunity to hear the saving Gospel of Jesus Christ as they are
24 encouraged and directed in their vocations of service throughout the
25 world, with many people being baptized and countless people being re-
26 rooted to the Christian faith; therefore be it

27 **Resolved**, the colleges and universities of the CUS be commended for their
28 God-pleasing work; and be it further

29 **Resolved**, that Lutherans in their congregations promote the colleges and
30 universities of the CUS and their programs and offerings, especially
31 programs that train workers for the Church; and be it further

32 **Resolved**, that Lutherans throughout The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod be
33 encouraged to support the colleges and universities of CUS with their
34 regular prayers, precious time, diverse talents, and generous financial
35 resources; and be it further

36 **Resolved**, that all who have benefitted in any way through the years from the
37 colleges and universities of the CUS support them in any way possible;
38 and be it finally

39 **Resolved**, that both the LCMS Atlantic District and the entire LCMS take every
40 available step and use every gift given to them by God to ensure that
41 the colleges and universities of CUS continue to operate with their
42 inspiring mission for generations to come to the glory and praise of
43 Almighty God–Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.



1 **Resolution 2022-01-05**

2 **Producing Religious Education Materials**

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4 **Whereas**, the teaching of the faith is part of the primary work of the Church;
5 and

6 **Whereas**, the use of doctrinally sound resources is part of the covenant in
7 which members of the Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod walk together,
8 according to Article III and Article V of the Constitution of the LCMS;
9 and

10 **Whereas**, the faith is communicated with words and images; therefore be it

11 **Resolved**, that the Atlantic District in convention petition the LCMS to
12 publish religious education materials including, but not limited to,
13 images and languages that better reflect and serve global diversity
14 (cf. Revelation 7); and be it further

15 **Resolved**, that images from Bible stories, liturgical art, and images of our
16 Lord Jesus Christ do not only include images of people of European
17 descent, but better reflect global artistic traditions; and be it
18 further

19 **Resolved**, that the publication arms of the LCMS consult directly with people
20 of color who are called church workers from all geographical regions in
21 the LCMS, as well as consulting directly with laypeople from all
22 geographical regions in the LCMS to insure the resources are
23 appropriate; and be it finally

24 **Resolved**, that progress on this front be reported to the Synod for the 2026
25 Regular Convention.



1 **Resolution 2022-01-06**

2 **To Provide Christian Resources in Addressing**
3 **Racism**

4
5 **Whereas**, Racism remains an issue that is apparent in our society; and

6 **Whereas**, Racism is a sin, as well as an obstacle to the work of the Church,
7 it is incumbent upon us to examine our own human failings in view of
8 the Word of God; and

9 **Whereas**, Dr. Martin Luther taught, and we confess, that the Fifth
10 Commandment, “You shall not murder,” means that we should fear and love
11 God so that we do not hurt or harm our neighbors, but help and defend
12 them in every physical need, which we have failed to do; and

13 **Whereas**, We lament the silence of many Christians in the face of racism; and

14 **Whereas**, Racism is manifested in discrimination in jobs, housing, education—
15 past and present—and causes great suffering and harm to many people;
16 and

17 **Whereas**, Many LCMS convention resolutions on the issue of race have asserted
18 the clear teaching from the Holy Scriptures that all human beings, have
19 been created in the image of God and redeemed through the life, death,
20 and resurrection of Jesus Christ, yet the challenges in mission
21 outreach across cultures and dealing with racism remain pronounced; and

22 **Whereas**, There have been those within the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod who
23 hold beliefs and positions contrary to the clear teaching of Scripture
24 regarding racism, slavery, and racial injustices, thus following the
25 path of our surrounding culture and conforming to the world rather than
26 being transformed in Christ (Rom. 12:2); and

27 **Whereas**, We give thanks to God for courageous leaders among us who have lived
28 love by sharing the Gospel of Jesus across cultural divides; and

29 **Whereas**, To reach deeply into the life of our congregations, a church-wide
30 campaign that is truly filled with the love and joy of the Holy Spirit
31 cries out for our response; therefore be it

32 **Resolved**, that we give thanks for the work that the LCMS has done addressing
33 racism; and be it further

34 **Resolved**, that we, the Atlantic District in convention, likewise acknowledge
35 our failures for not seeing racism and addressing it for what racism is
36 in our church body and beyond, and repent of those failures; and be it
37 further

38 **Resolved**, that we memorialize the LCMS in convention our repentance and
39 acknowledgment of our silence to racism that have hurt God’s children;
40 and be it further

41 **Resolved**, that curricula be developed by Concordia Publishing House to teach
42 people about the ills of racism and how we are called to combat it; and
43 be it further

44 **Resolved**, that these curricula developed are designed so that people of all
45 ages and in all educational settings (homeschool, preschool, elementary
46 school, middle school, high school, college, graduate school, seminary,
47 Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, parish educational programs,



48 etc.) will benefit directly and intentionally from them; and be it
49 further

50 **Resolved**, that, in addition to the development of new curricula, educational
51 and catechetical material dealing with the Fifth Commandment in our
52 church body's educational resources shall address the issue of racism
53 directly and clearly so that "racism" is not regarded simply as a side
54 topic but as a part of the broader and necessary body of knowledge for
55 Christians to learn; and be it further

56 **Resolved**, that sermon writing resources be developed so that pastors will be
57 able to identify how racism is addressed in the Holy Scriptures and be
58 assisted in making homiletical applications for the preaching of Law
59 and Gospel; and be it further

60 **Resolved**, that in the development of these new resources the LCMS consult
61 directly with people of color who are called church workers from all
62 geographical regions in the LCMS, as well as consulting directly with
63 laypeople from all geographical regions in the LCMS to insure the
64 resources are appropriate and articulated; and be it further

65 **Resolved**, that we do everything possible so that as we in the LCMS are
66 "making disciples for life," this church body will be known as a church
67 body that welcomes people regardless of their ethnicity or culture in
68 the Name of and by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ; and be it
69 finally

70 **Resolved**, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the LCMS for action
71 at the 2023 LCMS convention.



1 **Resolution 2022-01-07**
2 **To Address Gun Violence**

3
4 **Whereas**, the Lord has created human beings fearfully and wonderfully (Genesis
5 1; Genesis 2; Psalm 139); and

6 **Whereas**, the Fifth Commandment says, “You shall not murder,” (Exodus 20:13;
7 Deuteronomy 5:17; Small Catechism, Fifth Commandment) since all life
8 belongs to God; and

9 **Whereas**, Jesus Christ died on the cross and rose from the dead so that we may
10 have life in His name by grace through faith, delivered through the
11 Means of the Spirit (John 3:16; John 6; Ephesians 2:8-10; 1 Peter 3:21;
12 1 Corinthians 11); and

13 **Whereas**, sinful people continue to reject Christ’s extravagant grace as
14 violence continues in our land, especially when people use guns to
15 murder and harm people; and

16 **Whereas**, many people have been injured and murdered recently in schools,
17 parking lots, churches, and stores; and

18 **Whereas**, gun violence is not limited to mass shootings but also happens daily
19 in our land through domestic violence, suicide, accidental shootings in
20 the home, etc; and

21 **Whereas**, much public debate and discussion have ensued with various
22 perspectives on issues related to violence and guns; therefore be it

23 **Resolved**, that the 2022 Atlantic District in convention decries gun violence
24 and any violence that harms the lives of our neighbors as part of our
25 proclamation of the sanctity of human life; and be it further

26 **Resolved**, that the Atlantic District in convention prays for all who have
27 been affected by gun violence; and be it further

28 **Resolved**, that the Atlantic District in convention strongly urge its members
29 to steward their citizenship so that responsible action be taken that
30 limits gun violence in our time and in our land; and be it further

31 **Resolved**, that the Atlantic District in convention direct the Lutheran
32 Church–Missouri Synod (LCMS) to provide resources to educate people and
33 inform the public discourse concerning violence and especially gun
34 violence; and be it further

35 **Resolved**, that the LCMS work intentionally with civic authorities and others
36 to prevent further violence in our land; and be it finally

37 **Resolved**, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the LCMS for
38 consideration at the 2023 Synod in convention.



1 **Resolution 2022-01-08**

2 **To Conform the Election of Synod President to**
3 **Longstanding Practice**

4
5 **Whereas**, the President of Synod has extensive responsibility for supervision
6 of doctrine and the administration of the Synod (LCMS Constitution,
7 article XI.B); and

8 **Whereas**, there are five candidates for President of Synod (Bylaw 3.12.2.1);
9 and

10 **Whereas**, the number of candidates was changed from three to five at the
11 previous convention of the Synod (2019 Resolution 9-07); and

12 **Whereas**, current bylaws provide that “if no candidate receives a majority of
13 the votes cast... the candidate receiving the fewest votes and all
14 candidates receiving less than 15 percent of the votes cast shall be
15 dropped from the ballot...” (Bylaw 3.12.2.4); and

16 **Whereas**, this practice is contrary to historical practice for the election of
17 the President of Synod (e.g. Bylaw 3.12.1.4 of the 2007 Handbook) and
18 current practice for the election of First Vice-President (Bylaw
19 3.12.2.6(b)); and

20 **Whereas**, This practice may promote electioneering; and

21 **Whereas**, Voter participation in the election of the President of Synod is of
22 concern (2019 Resolution 9-16); therefore be it

23 **Resolved**, bylaw 3.12.2.4 be amended as follows

24 ~~PRESENT~~/PROPOSED WORDING

25 3.12.2.4 ... If no candidate receives a majority of the votes cast, a second
26 or succeeding ballots are required for a majority; the candidate
27 receiving the fewest votes ~~and all candidates receiving less than 15~~
28 ~~percent of the votes cast~~ shall be dropped from the ballot, ~~unless only~~
29 ~~one candidate receives 15 percent or more of the votes cast, in which~~
30 ~~case the three highest candidates shall constitute the ballot~~ and
31 another vote shall be taken in the same manner.

32 and be it finally

33 **Resolved**, the Secretary of Synod, in consultation with the Commission on
34 Handbook, consider the possibility of implementing the online
35 presidential election using one ranked-choice ballot and include the
36 results of this consideration in his report to the next regular
37 convention of the Synod.



1 **Resolution 2022-01-09**

2 **Encouraging the Use of the Ancient Catechumenate**
3 **Model**

4
5 **Whereas**, our Lord told His apostles to preach the Gospel, making disciples of
6 all nations; and

7 **Whereas**, faith formation is part of the ongoing work of the Church; and

8 **Whereas**, the ancient catechumenate has provided a way not only to help
9 receive new people into the Church but has helped to shape
10 congregations to be conscious of their liturgical and missional
11 identities; therefore be it

12 **Resolved**, that the Atlantic District in convention commend the ancient
13 catechumenate to its congregations as a helpful model for helping new
14 people to be received into the Church and helping congregations realize
15 and embrace their liturgical and missional identities; and be it
16 further

17 **Resolved**, that congregations already employing this model be consulted with
18 respect to how this can be implemented in congregations; and be it
19 finally

20 **Resolved**, that forminglutherans.org be consulted as a resource for learning
21 more about the ancient catechumenate model and its implementation in
22 congregations.



1 **Resolution 2022-01-10**

2 **To Audit Concordia Plan Services Retirement**
3 **Funding**

4
5 **Whereas**, the number of professional church workers in the LCMS has been
6 declining, therefore resulting in a smaller pool of resources which are
7 a part of the Concordia Plan Services Retirement Plan; and

8 **Whereas**, increased life expectancy and growing number of retired workers
9 increases the payout of monies to retirees; and

10 **Whereas**, financial challenges in the economy have impacted investment
11 earnings; and

12 **Whereas**, critical shortages could threaten the financial stability of the
13 independent Concordia Plans Services Retirement Plan, and

14 **Whereas**, transparency is critical for trust and compliance; therefore be it

15 **Resolved**, that the Atlantic District in Convention move the 2023 Synod in
16 Convention to create an Audit Committee to review the Retirement plans,
17 including projections for funding and capacity of the funds for the
18 next 25 years, safeguards to protect funds and its solvency for the
19 next 25 years, and any recommendations for changes to the structure for
20 best practices; and be it finally

21 **Resolved**, that the reports of the Audit Committee be shared with the Council
22 of Presidents and then electronically shared to all workers in
23 Concordia Plan Services Retirement Plans by December 31, 2023.



1 **Resolution 2022-01-11**

2 **To Create a Restructuring Task Force to Consider**
3 **Transfer of Synod Congregations, Ministries, and**
4 **Assets**

5
6 **Whereas**, the Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod is declining; and

7 **Whereas**, COVID-19 pandemic and cultural trends have and are accelerating this
8 decline; and

9 **Whereas**, proactive planning is good stewardship; and

10 **Whereas**, ecclesiastical structure is not mandated by Scripture and may be
11 decided by congregations for the good of mission and ministry;
12 therefore be it

13 **Resolved**, that the 2022 Atlantic District in Convention move the 2023 Synod
14 in Convention to create a Restructuring Task Force to report results
15 and make recommendations to the 2026 Synod in Convention; and be it
16 further

17 **Resolved**, that this Task Force be constituted by the Council of Presidents
18 and include one lay person, one commissioned, and one ordained from
19 each Region of the Synod; and be it further

20 **Resolved**, that the following question be addressed:

21
22 What are the short term (10 years) and long term (20-30 years)
23 projections for Synod in the areas of

24
25 Baptized Membership

26 Average in person weekly attendance

27 Average digital weekly engagements

28 Ordained Workers

29 Rostered Workers

30 Lutheran School Enrollment

31 Funding for National Synod and Districts

32 The viability and adaptability of RSO partners and Synod entities (CPS,
33 CPH) to transfer; and be it further

34 **Resolved**, that protocols be researched for orderly implementation in the
35 event of a shut-down of Synod so that mission may continue with vigor.
36 Special emphasis should be given to address transfer of congregations
37 and assets that honors the local intention, and the study of the
38 following questions:

39
40 What is the process for Synod to properly consider this plan for
41 adoption?

42 What is a realistic timeline to enact the transition, if adopted?



43 What are methods to help congregations, schools and ministries and RSOs
44 and entities of Synod to celebrate restructuring as a healthy
45 part of the life cycle that perpetuates ministry; and be it
46 finally

47 **Resolved,** that this matter be undertaken only with prayerful reliance on the
48 Holy Spirit and in a Spirit of humility to God's goodness to work in and
49 through Synod, even if that means a restructuring for the sake of
50 mission and ministry.



1 **Resolution 2022-01-12**
2 **To Affirm and Protect Freedom to Exercise**
3 **Religion**

4 **Whereas**, Government shall make no law prohibiting the free exercise of
5 religion (1st Amendment, Constitution of the United States of America);
6 and

7 **Whereas**, The natural right of all people to worship God according to their
8 conscience is fundamental to human flourishing; and

9 **Whereas**, The free exercise of religion is not limited to the ability to think
10 religious thoughts, but also entails the ability to participate freely
11 in religious rituals; and

12 **Whereas**, Public gathering is essential to Christian religious practice (Heb.
13 10:25) and that of many other religions; and

14 **Whereas**, During the COVID-19 crisis of 2020 many government actions in New
15 York State and elsewhere limited the free exercise of religion; and

16 **Whereas**, These actions have resulted in real harm to members of congregations
17 in the Atlantic District of the Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod (LCMS)
18 and others residing in our communities; and

19 **Whereas**, The Synod, and therefore the Atlantic District of the LCMS, “shall
20 provide protection for congregations, pastors, teachers, and other
21 church workers in the performance of their duties and the maintenance
22 of their rights” (LCMS Constitution, Article III:9); therefore be it

23 **Resolved**, The congregations of the Atlantic District continue to perform the
24 responsibilities of boldly proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ to
25 seek and save the lost and continue to perform the spiritual care
26 required for her members and community with all necessary caution in
27 light of whatever circumstances may arise; and be it further

28 **Resolved**, the 2022 Atlantic District in convention directs the Atlantic
29 District Board of Directors to petition the governor and legislature of
30 New York State to codify in state law that houses of worship be deemed
31 “essential businesses/entities/services” so that the freedom of
32 conscience and free exercise of religion may be protected; and be it
33 finally

34 **Resolved**, The Atlantic District of the LCMS memorialize the LCMS in
35 convention to pass a similar resolution at the next regular convention
36 of the LCMS.



Floor Committee 2

Practical and Local Church

Resolution 2022-02-01

To Reassign Resurrection Lutheran Church

Whereas, the Atlantic District is charged with establishing visitation circuits within her geographical boundaries (LCMS Handbook 2019, 5.1.1 & 5.1.2), and

Whereas, such visitation circuits form the basis for electoral circuits to the LCMS convention, and

Whereas, it is helpful for the Atlantic District to be represented in the LCMS at its national convention, and

Whereas, the requirements of an electoral circuit are established as needing 7 to 20 member congregation, involving an aggregate confirmed membership ranging from 1,500 to 10,000. (LCMS Handbook 2019, 3.1.2.1), and

Whereas, Circuit 2 (Albany) no longer has the minimum number of confirmed members necessary to be a circuit without an exception, Therefore be it,

Resolved, That the Atlantic District in convention assign Resurrection Lutheran Church in Cairo, NY to Circuit 2, and be it further

Resolved, That the Atlantic District endeavor to examine the circuits of the district and propose a plan of new visitation and electoral circuits to the next regular convention of the Atlantic District as necessary.



1 **Resolution 2022-02-02**

2 **To Recognize and Give Thanks for recent**
3 **graduates of the Atlantic District/ECCE Lay**
4 **Deacon Training Program**

5 **Whereas**, following the Biblical principles of providing dedicated individuals
6 for service to Christ and His Church [Philippians 1:1; I Timothy 3:8-
7 13; Acts 6:1-6), the Atlantic District of the Lutheran Church -Missouri
8 has established the Office of Lay Deacon in a Ministry of Word and
9 Service; and,

10 **Whereas**, the Atlantic District further established the Lay Deacon Training
11 Program to equip these dedicated individuals to be publicly recognized
12 as Lay Deacons of the Atlantic District; and,

13 **Whereas**, the Atlantic District has historically thanked God for the efforts
14 of these individuals through their successful completion of the
15 academic portion of the Lay Deacon Training Program through a annually
16 held Service of Graduation; and,

17 **Whereas**, the COVID pandemic of 2020 to date has precluded such
18 congratulatory gatherings, Therefore, be it

19 **Resolved**, that the Atlantic District in Convention include in its proceedings
20 a public recognition of graduates of the Atlantic District/ECCE Lay
21 Deacon Training Program for the years 2020, 2021 and 2022; and, Be it
22 finally

23 **Resolved**, that after the reading of the graduates' names [see below) the
24 Atlantic District in Convention give thanks and praise to God for
25 working through these dedicated individuals, and pray His continued
26 guidance and blessing upon their service by rising and singing the
27 Common Doxology.

28
29 Class of 2020

30 Carrie Ausman -All Saints, Lagrangeville

31 Paul Rafuse -St Luke's, Dix Hills

32
33 Class of 2021

34 Melissa Derenches -Bethlehem, Delmar

35 Robin Friesheim -St Timothy's, Hyde Park

36 Anthony Hallman -Good Shepherd, Warwick

37 Miguel Orabona -St Paul's, Saratoga Springs

38 Erik Petersen -Messiah, Tampa, FL

39 Gary Sandt -Faith, Easton, PA

40
41 Class of 2022

42 Andrea Ansorge -Village, Bronxville

43 Diana Auer -Resurrection, Garden City

44 Larry Cosentino -Village, Bronxville

45 Anton DeRosa -Village, Bronxville

46 Patrick Doyle -Grace, Mastic Beach

47 Jennifer Engheben -Resurrection, Garden City

48 Daniel Harrison -Family of Faith, Middletown

49 Gary Miranda -Grace, Mastic Beach

50 Kristin Pimentel -Village, Bronxville



1 **Resolution 2022-02-03**

2 **To Begin New Ministries in Sustainable Way**

3 **Whereas**, Our Lord, Jesus Christ in the Great Commission commands His
4 disciples "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing
5 them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,
6 ²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.", and

7 **Whereas**, the Atlantic District was founded with a mission mindset that
8 planted churches and ministries throughout New York City, Long Island,
9 the Hudson Valley, Capital Region and beyond as expressed in our
10 guiding statement Engaging the World with the Gospel of Hope, and

11 **Whereas**, the population of New York continues to grow with people from the
12 United States and immigrants from other countries, and

13 **Whereas**, New York City and the Capital Region consistently are listed as
14 cities in the nation with the largest percentage of dechurched and
15 unchurched people, and

16 **Whereas**, the Atlantic District's guiding statement, "Engaging the World with
17 the Gospel of Hope" encourages us to share the hope of Gospel of Jesus
18 Christ with the world at in our neighborhoods, and

19 **Whereas**, congregations, schools, social ministry organizations, enrichment
20 programs all share the love of Jesus through word and deed collectively
21 as ministries in various means, therefore be it

22 **Resolved**, the Atlantic District reaffirm our guiding statement to Engage the
23 World with the gospel of Hope as congregations, pastors, commissioned
24 ministers and members of our congregations recommit to being a
25 missionary people by virtue of our baptismal identity, and be it
26 further

27 **Resolved**, that the Atlantic District through Task Force 1 - Missions be
28 charged with providing support and guidance, human and financial, in
29 planting at least one new ministry, with the involvement of local and
30 regional leaders, between each regular district convention, and be it
31 finally

32 **Resolved**, a report be given on the effort, progress and future goals of each
33 new ministry to be shared at the next successive convention.



1 **Resolution 2022-02-04**

2 **To Support the Work of Chaplains in the Atlantic**
3 **District**

4 **Whereas**, there is a need to reach out with the Gospel to individuals and
5 their families both in our congregations as well as to a wide range of
6 people within our communities hurting during difficult times; and

7 **Whereas**, chaplains deliver Christ's mercy through their words and service,
8 providing much-needed spiritual care for His people in unique and
9 challenging environments, often in crisis situations; and

10 **Whereas**, formal chaplaincy training through a recognized CPE program can
11 enhance pastoral ministry to individuals in the congregation as well as
12 to institutions in the community such as hospitals, nursing homes,
13 schools and universities, prisons, the military, the maritime industry,
14 to emergency medical teams, and at times of domestic attacks; therefore
15 be it

16 **Resolved**, that we recognize and thank ordained and commissioned workers
17 already serving in chaplaincy ministry in the Atlantic District; and be
18 it finally

19 **Resolved**, that we encourage and support pastors and commissioned workers to
20 consider formal chaplaincy training to enhance their ministry in
21 bringing the Gospel of Jesus Christ specifically into institutions and
22 emergency contexts, serving hurting and broken people who are often in
23 crisis desiring to live as God's redeemed children.



1 **Resolution 2022-02-05**

2 **To Assess the impact of COVID needs of AD**
3 **Congregations and Determine a Path Forward**

4 **Whereas**, COVID-19 came as a global pandemic and touched people across the
5 world, and

6 **Whereas**, COVID-19 hastened the stagnation and decline some churches were
7 already experiencing and has impacted each congregation in its own way,
8 and

9 **Whereas**, the full impact of COVID-19 has not been realized in our churches as
10 well as other parts of society, and

11 **Whereas**, to develop an effective plan, one must understand the actual data
12 and issues that need to be overcome, and

13 **Whereas**, as the Synod in this place the Atlantic District strives to walk
14 together as we share the joys and challenges of each of our
15 congregations and members of synod, therefore be it

16 **Resolved**, the District President in consultation with Task Force 7 - Health
17 and Human Care develop an assessment tool to evaluate the effects of
18 COVID-19 on the life of our congregations and workers, be it further

19 **Resolved**, that each congregation be encouraged to report statistical data to
20 the synod to provide accurate data that can be used as part of this
21 assessment, be it further

22 **Resolved**, that the Atlantic District seek to identify keys for spiritually
23 and economically viable congregations; and be it further

24 **Resolved**, that after the assessment information is codified, regional
25 gatherings be held to discuss the findings of the pandemic's impact on
26 congregational life, be it further

27 **Resolved**, that the District President, District Praesidium, District Circuit
28 Visitors, and District Staff discuss and report findings to Atlantic
29 District congregations and church workers via its various mediums of
30 communication, be it finally

31 **Resolved**, a final reporting of the data and regional discussions including
32 the findings of the strategies, plans, successes, and new opportunities
33 implemented by local congregations be shared with all congregations to
34 strengthen, empower and encourage congregations and workers as we
35 endeavor to further the hope of the Gospel throughout the district.



1 **Resolution 2022-02-06**

2 **To Recognize the Atlantic District's Successes,**
3 **Failures, and Opportunities in Ministry With**
4 **Communities of Color**

5 **Whereas**, the Synod in convention (2019 Resolution 11-04A, "To Affirm the
6 Common Humanity of All People and Ethnicities") resolved, "That the
7 members of the congregations of the Synod be encouraged to work toward
8 racial reconciliation and equality within the Church and within
9 society-at large"; and

10 **Whereas**, the legacy of racism enacted through prejudice and discrimination
11 has negatively impacted the needs, well-being, income, and property of
12 people based solely on the color of their skin; and

13 **Whereas**, the people of God are striving to live faithfully, but still may
14 participate in sinful thoughts, words, and deeds in what they do and
15 leave undone (1 John 1:8-10), which can and has included the sin of
16 racism; and

17 **Whereas**, Jesus tells us that the greatest commandments are to love God and
18 love your neighbor (Mark 12:30-31); and

19 **Whereas**, Jesus illustrates for his disciples that they are to treat all
20 persons as neighbor (Luke 10:29-37); and

21 **Whereas**, Paul exhorts us to show the love of Christ as we "bear one another's
22 burdens" (Galatians 6:2); and

23 **Whereas**, Martin Luther extolls us to show that love as we care for our
24 neighbors as we support them in their needs, well-being, income, and
25 property in his explanations of the fifth and seventh commandments; and

26 **Whereas**, in order for the Atlantic District to better engage acts of
27 reconciliation and equality it should be informed of its history within
28 communities of color to understand its successes and its failures;
29 therefore, be it

30 **Resolved**, that the District President commission a task force to study the
31 District's history of mission, ministry, and education within
32 communities of color, seeking regional input to be completed prior to
33 the next regular district convention, so that we might better recognize
34 and give thanks to God for our successes and make confession of any
35 failures; and be it further

36 **Resolved**, that the results of this task force's study would also provide us
37 with tangible ways to move forward in our present and future outreach
38 efforts within communities of color; and be it further

39 **Resolved**, that the study be shared through various means including in person
40 forums as feasible; and be it finally

41 **Resolved**, that the Atlantic District in convention memorialize the Synod in
42 convention to call on the faculty of our two seminaries to do a similar
43 study of our national mission, ministry, and education efforts to be
44 completed within twenty four months after district proceedings and made
45 available on the Synod website.



1 **Resolution 2022-02-07**

2 **To Strengthen the Nonvoting Advisory Delegate**
3 **Participation at Conventions**

4 **Whereas**, Currently, there are 12,010 Ministers of Religion - Commissioned
5 (Church Worker Update System - March 2021) who serve the mission and
6 ministry of congregations, schools, child development centers, camps,
7 compassion centers, and mission work throughout the national and global
8 mission fields; and

9 **Whereas**, The current structure of the Synod does not allow for a third
10 category of voting delegates at district and Synod conventions (Synod
11 Handbook: Article IX, Article
12 XII.10.b); and

13 **Whereas**, The Synod highly values Ministers of Religion - Commissioned for
14 their eagerness to serve the Lord and His Church (2019 Resolution. 9-
15 17, "To Study Voting
16 Privilege in the LCMS" p.201 of 2019 LCMS Convention Proceedings); and

17 **Whereas**, Ministers of Religion - Commissioned are considered Advisory Members
18 with representation, voice, but no vote at conventions of districts and
19 Synod, along with "those ordained ministers not eligible for election
20 as a voting delegate" under Bylaw 3.1.2.1(d) ... (p,101 Handbook 2019)
21 with representation, voice, but no vote at
22 conventions of districts and Synod; and

23 **Whereas**, Some districts utilize the voice and guidance of their Ministers of
24 Religion - Commissioned in district conventions through a non-counted
25 advisory member vote; and

26 **Whereas**, The Atlantic District has passed resolutions in previous conventions
27 to study and garner the guidance of Ministers of Religion -
28 Commissioned, and

29 **Whereas**, This honors the bylaw and structure of the Convention while allowing
30 the Nonvoting Advisory Delegate voice to be heard and their vote
31 recognized; therefore, be it

32 **Resolved**, That the Atlantic District enable Nonvoting Advisory Delegates to
33 provide a preliminary non-binding poll of resolutions, not elections,
34 during its regular conventions, and be it further

35 **Resolved**, That the results of the advisory poll be announced prior to the
36 delegate vote; and be it further

37 **Resolved**, That this become effective with the next District Convention in
38 2025, and be it finally

39 **Resolved**, That the Atlantic District in Convention memorialize the Lutheran
40 Church-Missouri Synod in Convention to pass a like-minded resolution.



1 **Resolution 2022-02-08**

2 **To Promote Ministry to College and University**
3 **Students among the Congregations of the Atlantic**
4 **District**

5 **Whereas**, a vital demographic in need of sustained ministry and spiritual care
6 in the Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod (LCMS) is comprised of college
7 and university students (including undergraduate and graduate
8 students); and

9 **Whereas**, this demographic is most-susceptible to falling away from the faith
10 without sustained pastoral care and a supportive church community; and

11 **Whereas**, successful and effective campus ministry is often the product of a
12 coordinated group-effort on the part of multiple congregations working
13 together to ensure that the children of said congregations are
14 connected to a supportive and nurturing church community at their
15 university or college; and

16 **Whereas**, LCMS campus ministries can be at a disadvantage in terms of funding,
17 man-power, and communications; and

18 **Whereas**, consistent synodical support for and promotion of campus ministries
19 cannot be relied upon given constraints on funding and personnel; and

20 **Whereas**, a robust campus ministry focus is necessary not only for the health
21 of Synod but, more importantly, for the health and souls of young
22 adults on our college and university campuses; and

23 **Whereas**, The Atlantic District of the LCMS is in a unique position, by virtue
24 of its size, to encourage mutual promotion of campus ministries among
25 the congregations within its boundaries; Therefore, be it

26 **Resolved**, that the Atlantic District encourage congregations and clergy in
27 the Atlantic District to connect students with local congregations upon
28 their leaving to attend higher education; and be it further

29 **Resolved**, that the Atlantic District develop a directory of congregations
30 either currently involved in campus ministry or in proximity to college
31 and university campuses to better facilitate the sharing of resources
32 between congregations that can serve campuses, as well as communication
33 between pastors who are seeking to ensure proper pastoral care for
34 students in their congregations; and be it further

35 **Resolved**, that the Atlantic District take the lead in reaching out to other
36 districts in the LCMS to encourage pastors there to reach out to
37 Atlantic District congregations that their students may attend to
38 better facilitate their pastoral care; and be it finally

39 **Resolved**, that the District President of the Atlantic District would work
40 with Task Force 4 - Education to oversee and develop a set of resources
41 in the carrying-out of these resolutions and report back to the next
42 regular district convention.



1 **Resolution 2022-02-09**

2 **To Encourage House Blessings**

3 **Whereas**, Holy Scripture speaks often of the divine blessing of house and home
4 (viz. Psalm 104, Psalm 128, Luke 19, Luke 10), and

5 **Whereas**, Martin Luther's Small Catechism included devotions and prayers for
6 use in the home, and

7 **Whereas**, the Lutheran Service Book and other Lutheran hymnals and agendas
8 include liturgies for the blessing of a home for pastoral and
9 congregational use, and

10 **Whereas**, the blessing of a home provides opportunity for a ministry of
11 congregational hospitality in mission for both member families and
12 those requesting such blessing, Therefore, be it

13 **Resolved**, that the Atlantic District in convention commend to its own
14 congregations and pastors the ministry of house blessing, and be it
15 further

16 **Resolved**, that the President of the Atlantic District, through Task Force 2 -
17 Revitalization share resources and avenues to begin this ministry in
18 the congregations and regions of the Atlantic District with resources
19 in the next triennium, and be it finally

20 **Resolved**, that these resources and this commendation be brought to the
21 national assembly of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod at its
22 convention for use and guidance.



1 **Resolution 2022-02-10**

2 **To Promote Transparency of District Governance**

3 **Whereas**, The Board of Directors of the Atlantic District of the Lutheran
4 Church–Missouri Synod serve on behalf of the congregations of the
5 district; and

6 **Whereas**, The Atlantic District relies on the congregations for prayer,
7 volunteers, and financial support; and

8 **Whereas**, Many congregations and ministers in the Atlantic District may
9 be unaware of the actions of the Board of Directors; and

10 **Whereas**, Many congregations and ministers in the Atlantic District may be
11 unaware of the financial position, assets and liabilities, and
12 activities of the district; and

13 **Whereas**, Communication of the minutes of Board meetings and of audited
14 financial statements are to be accessible to the congregations and
15 ministers of the Atlantic District; therefore be it

16 **Resolved**, The scheduled meetings of the Board of Directors, task forces, and
17 other governance bodies of the Atlantic District continue to be posted
18 on the district website; and be it further

19 **Resolved**, That the Atlantic District through Task Force 6 - Communications
20 review the conveyance of information regarding: minutes of the Board of
21 Directors, Task Forces, and other Governance Bodies; financial reports;
22 audits; and the real and personal property held by the district; and be
23 it further

24 **Resolved**, That the Atlantic District in coordination with Task Force 6 -
25 Communications make recommendations and implement a new strategy in
26 sharing said information in a timely way; and be it finally

27 **Resolved**, that members of the Atlantic District, rostered churches, ordained
28 and commissioned workers, be encouraged to request information as
29 allowed by the LCMS Handbook, through the District President and
30 participate in the ongoing work of ministry in the Atlantic District.





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