



Convention Supplement

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Convention Agenda

Friday, June 8 9am – 6pm

Registration opens Sommer Center Lobby
Display Booth Open Schoenfeld Hall

9:30 – 12pm Open Hearing / Floor committees
Floor Committee 1 (Practical Matters) Krenz 212
Floor Committee 2 (Theological Matters) Yeager Collection Room (Krenz)

10am – 12pm Stewardship Workshop Krenz 201

12pm Lunch (advance purchase required)

1pm – 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 DP
Election of the 1st Vice President
Task Force Reports
Floor Committee 2 – Theological
Concordia College - John Nunes

5:30pm Dinner

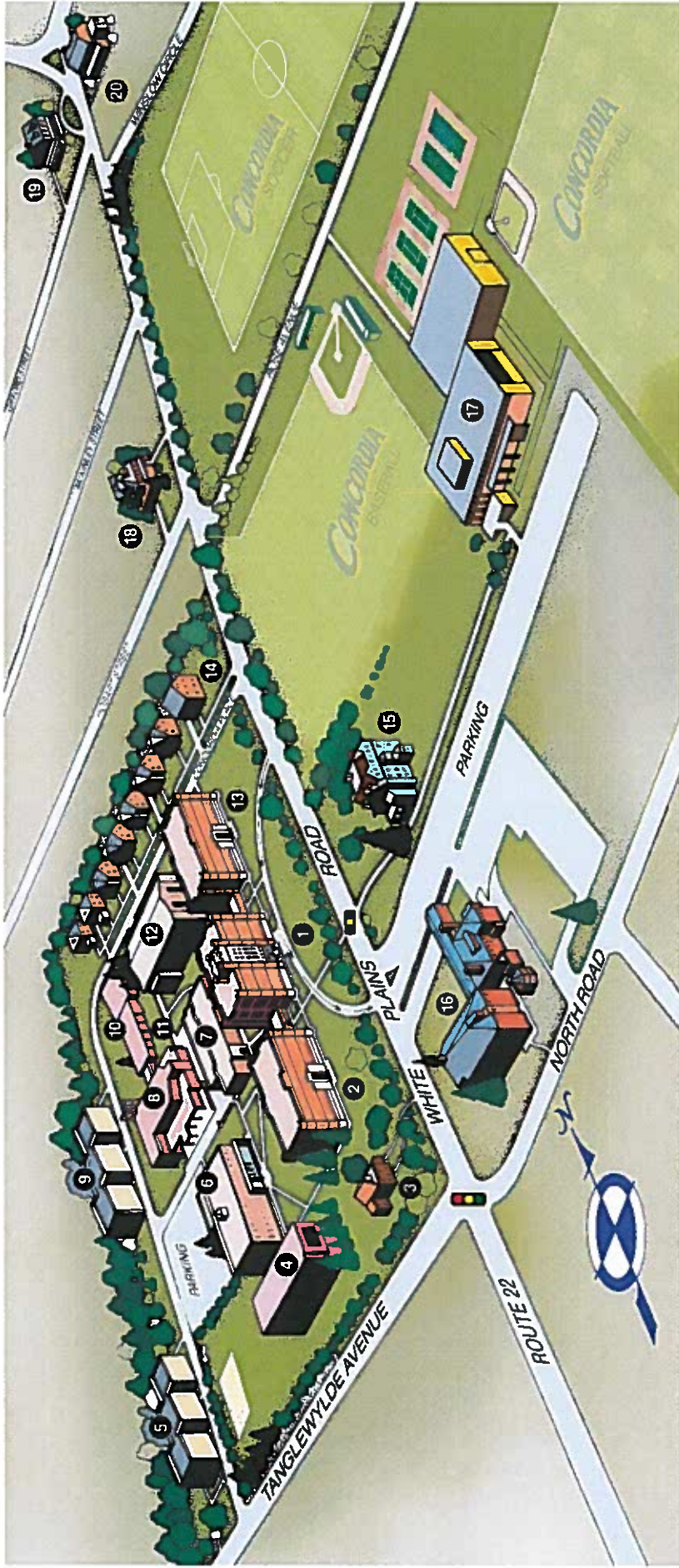
(Advisory Delegates Gather briefly)

6:30pm – 11pm

Regional elections - Elect Ratify and Rank – Circuit Visitor Ratification
Essayist – Rev. Dr. David Maier – President of the Michigan District
Convention Nominations report
Nominations from the floor
Ballot for AD BOD, Secretary, Treasurer
Ballot for Board of regents CCNY
Floor Committee 1 - Practical
Closing Devotions
Reception

Saturday, June 9 - 8am - 12:30pm

Devotions
LCMS report - Herb Mueller
Servant of Christ - Defender of Faith
Servant of Christ Award 1
Registration and Credentials
Floor Committee 1 - Practical
Servant of Christ Award 2
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Servant of Christ Award 3
Prayers
Other presentations and greetings
Installation of All Elected Officers
Closing Worship and adjournment



Concordia College Campus Map

1. Feth Administration Hall
2. Sieker Hall ICESL
3. President's Home
4. Scheele Memorial Library
Darlene Hedin Krenz New Media Center
Donald A. Krenz Academic Center
OSilas Gallery
Yeager Collection Room
5. Romoser Hall
6. Brunn-Maier Science Hall *
7. The Commons / Day Camp Registration Office
8. Sommer Center for Worship and the Performing Arts *
9. Rippe Hall
10. Liberal Studies Hall *

11. Terrace
12. Schoenfeld Campus Center *
The Coop
Brickyard
13. Bohm Hall
14. Admission/Talbot House, 1 Concordia Place
15. Stein Hall-Conservatory
16. Village Lutheran Church/Chapel School
17. Meyer Athletic Center *
Tennis Courts
Fitness Center
18. Resmeyer Hall
19. Koepchen Hall
20. Ward House

* public restrooms

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2015 – 2018 Official Acts

Initial Membership into the LCMS

Name	Ordained	Installed	Authorized Calling Body
Rev. Alfred Thiagarajan	Colloquy completed	11/3/2013	Immanuel Lutheran - Whitestone (not reported in 2015)
Rev. Josef Henning	Transfer from Partner church	Transferred as of 1/29/15	Pastor - Independent
Rev. Timothy Anderson	6/13/2015	6/28/2015	St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran-Warwick
Rev. Tyler Walworth	6/21/2015	6/21/2015	Lutheran Friends of the Deaf- Mill Neck
Rev. Jason Taber	7/5/2015	7/5/2015	Lutheran Church of St. John The Evangelist - Brooklyn
Rev. Mark Budenholzer	7/19/2015	7/19/2015	Calvary Lutheran – East Meadow
Rev. Ethan Luhman	8/23/2015	8/23/2015	St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran – Saratoga Springs
Rev. Nathan Erb (SMP)	11/1/2015	11/1/2015	Lutheran Church of the Resurrection – Garden City
Rev. Thomas Cusanelli SMP	1/3/2016	1/3/2016	St. Luke Lutheran – Dix Hills
Rev. Gem Gabriel (EIT)	5/27/2017	5/27/2017	Atlantic District Missionary
Rev. Ejaz Abid	6/11/2017	6/11/2017	St. Paul's Evan. Lutheran - Albany
Rev. Christopher Grant SMP	12/16/2017	12/16/2017	Trinity Lutheran Church - Warwick
Rev. Robert Wilson SMP	1/14/2018	1/14/2018	St. Paul Lutheran - Monroe
	Commissioned	Installed	Authorized Calling Body
Jacquelyn Kildale	12/11/2015	12/11/2015	Long Island Lutheran – Brookville
Deborah Carter	8/30/2015	8/30/2015	Concordia College NY
Raymond Knehnetsky	7/24/2016	7/24/2016	Our Savior Lutheran – Centereach
Amy Lecakes	9/7/2016	9/7/2016	Martin Luther School – Maspeth
Betsy Ann Kocsis	12/11/2016	12/11/2016	Our Savior's Lutheran – Albany
Melissa Essigman	4/26/2017	4/26/2017	Long Island Lutheran - Brookville
Heidi Sias	10/10/2017	10/10/2017	Lutheran Friends of the Deaf-Mill Neck
Phyllis Yee	1/21/2018	1/24/2018	Lutheran Friends of the Deaf-Mill Neck

Transferred Into the Atlantic District

Name	Status	From District	Effective Date
Gregory Dwyer	Ordained	New England	3/1/2014 (not reported in 2015)
Kenneth Schnepf	Ordained	Southeastern	1/15/2016
Michael Bagnall	Ordained	Nebraska	2/1/2016
Matthew Schultz	Ordained	Missouri	7/27/2016
Jake Allstaedt	Ordained	Northwest	12/15/2016
John Hopkins	Ordained	Florida Georgia	5/8/2017
Victor Belton	Ordained	Florida Georgia	5/8/2017
Keffie Deen	Ordained	Central Illinois	1/28/2018
Mildred Fink	Commissioned	Southeastern	1/27/2017
Samuel Maschke	Commissioned	Northern Illinois	2/1/2017

Transferred out of the Atlantic District

Name	Status	To District	Effective
Steven Hicks	Ordained	English	6/1/2015
Brian Hamer	Ordained	Missouri	7/1/2015
Thomas Fisher	Ordained	Eastern	7/6/2015
David Nuss	Ordained	Southeastern	11/9/2015
David Russert	Ordained	New Jersey	12/15/2015
Joshua Kim	Ordained	Pacific Southwest	1/15/2016
Michael Henn	Ordained	Ohio	2/15/2016
Elwood Mather	Ordained	New Jersey	6/15/2016
Ryan Clark	Ordained	Minnesota South	7/18/2016
Kenneth Hessel	Ordained	Nebraska	12/1/2016
Kenneth Fosse	Ordained	New Jersey	1/22/2017
Josef Henning	Ordained	Indiana	5/15/2017
Jon Ellingworth	Ordained	Iowa East	9/1/2017
Tyler Walworth	Ordained	Michigan	11/5/2017
David Gruenwald	Ordained	Missouri	2/25/2018
	Status	To District	Effective
Kathryn Fisher	Commissioned	Eastern	7/5/2015
Vivian Heidi Kesar	Commissioned	Nebraska	12/7/2015
Ronald Drews	Commissioned	Pacific Southwest	3/11/2016
Miguel Ruiz	Commissioned	Central Illinois	6/20/2016
Claudia Niemann	Commissioned	Missouri	7/15/2016
Elizabeth Brose	Commissioned	Northwest	8/1/2016
Sara Cahill	Commissioned	Pacific Southwest	8/1/2017
Matthew Cahill	Commissioned	Pacific Southwest	8/1/2017
Randal Gast	Commissioned	Southeastern	9/1/2017
Heidi Sias	Commissioned	Missouri	10/20/2017
John Matern	Commissioned	New England	11/16/2017

Installations

Ordained	Installed	Authorized Calling Body
Rev. Gregory Dwyer	3/2/2014	Trinity Lutheran Hicksville (not reported in 2015)
Rev. Robert Carter	9/24/2014	West Point Ministries (not reported in 2015)
Rev. Travis Yee	2/15/2015	Trinity Lutheran–Glen Cove (not reported in 2015)
Rev. Sung Woo Leem	4/25/2015	Grace Lutheran Central Islip (not reported in 2015)
Rev. David Haberer	5/10/2015	Grace Luth. – Queens Village (not reported in 2015)
Rev. Philip Saywrayne	6/15/2015	St. Matthew – Staten Island
Rev. Brian Hamer	6/21/2015	LCMS Board for International Mission
Rev. Derek Lecakes	9/12/2015	Atlantic District
Rev. Kelly Ray Meritt	10/4/2015	Trinity Evangelical - Brooklyn
Rev. Jimmy Lalljie	4/2/2016	Trinity Lutheran - New Hyde Park
Rev. Michael Bagnall	4/17/2016	St. John Lutheran - Staten Island
Rev. Matthew Schultz	9/25/2016	Immanuel Lutheran - Niskayuna
Rev. John Nunes	10/23/2016	Concordia College NY

Rev. Jacob Allstaedt	1/15/2017	St. John's Lutheran - Williston Park
Rev. John Hopkins	5/21/2017	Trinity Lutheran - Hicksville
Rev. Victor Belton	9/24/2017	Concordia College NY
Rev. Matthew Staneck	10/1/2017	St. John Lutheran - Glendale
Rev. Keffie Deen	2/11/2018	St. Matthew Lutheran - Albany
Rev. Mark Budenholzer	2/18/2018	Our Saviour – Rego Park (Manhattan location)
Rev. John Stohlmann	2/25/2018	Redeemer Lutheran - Bayside
Commissioned		
Ruth Ellen Wenzel	9/18/2010	Lutheran School of Flushing and Bayside (not reported in 2012)
Janine Bolling	9/10/2014	Martin Luther School - Maspeth
Elizabeth Brose	11/29/2015	Lutheran School of Flushing and Bayside

Change of Status

To Candidate Status

Name	DP Date	Previous Position
Rev. Jimmy Coffey	10/1/2014	Parish Pastor (not reported in 2015)
Rev. Robert G. Stubbs	4/30/2017	Parish Pastor
Rev. Elwood Mather	6/1/2016	Pastor - Non-Candidate Status
Rev. Gregory Sawyer	7/8/2017	Parish Pastor
Rev. Steven Roth	9/18/2017	Parish Pastor
Micaela Scarlata	3/14/2015	Teacher
Andrew Gove	5/11/2017	Head of School
Donald Vos	7/4/2017	Director of Admissions
Matthew Cahill	8/12/2017	Teacher

To Non- Candidate Status

Name	DP Date	Previous Position
Rev. David Russert	9/4/2015	Pastor
Ariel Munoz	8/2/2015	Teacher Non-candidate Status
Janet Gottschalk	8/1/2016	Teacher/Director

To Emeritus

Name	DP Date	Previous Position
Rev. Marc Danzis	1/1/2016	Parish Pastor
Rev. Henry Schriever	1/25/2016	Pastor - Candidate status
Rev. Donald Lee	8/1/2016	Parish Pastor
Rev. Thomas Green	1/1/2017	Parish Pastor
Rev. Kurt Bodling	1/21/2017	Pastor - Candidate Status
Rev. Bruce Nathan	2/1/2018	Parish Pastor
Name	DP Date	Previous Position
Claudia Niemann	6/30/2015	Teacher
Christine Rowe	7/1/2015	Synod College Faculty

Sharon Peterson-Finster	7/1/2015	Teacher/School Librarian
Vijayasekaran George	7/1/2016	Synod College President
James Dhyne	9/1/2016	Teacher/Principal
Janet Hahn	12/20/2016	Teacher
Gerald Fuhrmann	9/1/2017	Synod College Faculty

Resigned from Roster

Name	DP Date	Previous Position
Rev. Gerald Coleman	8/13/2015	Pastor - Non-Candidate Status
Richard Lizotte	7/1/2010	Teacher (not reported in 2012)
Rev. Jimmy Coffey	1/25/2018	Pastor – Candidate Status

Removed from Roster

Name	DP Date	Previous Position
Joy Akeley	6/30/2015	Certified Lay Minister
Jeffrey Moller	7/6/2015	Teacher

Called to Glory

Name	Called to Glory	Previous Position
Rev. David Born	10/22/2015	Emeritus
Rev. Richard Johnson	4/18/2016	Emeritus
Rev. Robert Wittler	11/3/2016	Emeritus
Rev. Arthur Gerhardt	11/17/2016	Emeritus
Rev. Allen Keschull	3/13/2018	Emeritus
Richard Heschke (Commissioned)	10/1/2016	Emeritus

Congregation Activity

Name	Action	Effective Date
St. Mark's Lutheran (Deaf congregation)	Merged	7/16/2015
The Life Lutheran	Initial Synod Membership	6/1/2017
Bethany Lutheran	Merged	6/25/2017

Ordination Anniversaries

Albrechtsen	Henry	5
Allstaedt	Jacob	5
Bagnall	Michael	15
Bell	Charles	40
Belton	Victor	30
Benke	David	45
Berger	Hugo	35
Bodling	Kurt	35
Boehler	Robert	30
Browning	Jeffrey	15
Carstensen	George	5
Chu	Leong-wa	25
Cohn	Daniel	5
Craig	Russell	10
Cummings	Raymond	50
Danzis	Marc	15
Deebrah	Peter	10
Demera	David	35
Doka	Kenneth	45
Dorre	Ralph	55
Dorsey	Curtis	5
Duchow	Robert	55
Dugan	Shawn	20
Dwyer	Gregory	25
Eberle	William	55
Elseroad	David	40
Fjordbotten	Allan	35
Fleischmann	John	30
Folwaczny	Norbert	40
Froehlich	Charles	40
Gajadhar	James	30
Geminn	Scott	5
Gonzalez	Matthew	5
Green	Thomas	60
Hand	Stephen	10
Hannah	John	50
Hansen	Kenneth	50

Hodges	Jonathan	5
Hofler	Alfred	55
Hopkins	John	20
Janzow	Joel	40
Kebschull	Allen	50
Kenreich	John	50
Kern	Herbert	70
Kim	Philip	25
Kirkup	George	5
Koehn	Paul	30
Koepchen	Henry	60
Lalljie	Jimmy	20
Leach	LeRoy	25
Lee	Donald	15
Leem	Sung Woo	20
Mau	Dwayne	45
Meritt	Kelly Ray	35
Meyer	William	55
Minnix	Roy	10
Mittelstaedt	Neil	25
Mueller	Mark	15
Munoz	Roberto	35
Nathan	Bruce	35
Nelson	Victor	30
Noack	Brian	10
Nunes	John	25
Olson	Marlow	45
Olson	DuWayne	5
Persaud	Charles	30
Popovits	Matthew	10
Ramsudh	George	10
Rapp	Victor	45
Rethinasamy	Elwin	10
Rigobert	Francis	20
Rose	Robert	55
Roth	Steven	20
Roy	James	35

Rudolf	Bruce	50
Sauer	Paul	15
Sawyer	Gregory	25
Saywayne	Philip	15
Schaarschmidt	Mark	35
Scholl	Travis	10
Schriever	Henry	60
Schultz	Matthew	10
Schulze	Christoph	15
Singh	Mohan	5
Sluberski	Thomas	45
Staneck	Michael	5
Staneck	Matthew	5
Steinke	Alan	45
Steinke	Paul	55
Stelzer	Ronald	35
Stohlmann	John	15
Stoudt	John	25
Stubbs	Robert	10
Taylor	Dien	15
Terjesen	William	35
Thiagarajan	Alfred	10
Tyce	Martin	5
Vangor	William	5
Vetrano	Justin	5
Wackenhuth	David	30
Wagner	Paul	25
Wiegand	Adam	20
Winterhoff	Warren	45
Yang	Philip	50
Young	John	20
Zwernemann	James	50

Commissioned Anniversaries

Bolling	Janine	5
Dettling	Edward	40
Dhyne	James	45
Erb	Nathan	15
Gianonne	Debra	15
Handrich	James	50
Johnson	Kimberly	10
Kersten	Michael	10
Klemp	Jonathan	10
Kollmann	Marcia	40
Kramer	Jane	55
March	John	20
Martinez	Micaela	15
Masiello	Debra	30
Puccio	Lawrence	10
Reno	Christopher	20
Ridolf	Helene	45
Rodis	John	10
Rowe	Christine	20
Schultz	Michael	15
Schulz	Paul	35
Simpson	Laura	10
Stohlmann	Rebekah	15
Wenger	Margaret	50
Wenger	Paul	50
Wenzel	Ruth Ellen	40
Williams	Lewis	50
Zuelsdorf	Anthony	55
Zuelsdorf	Betty	55
Zwernemann	Madelynn	55

Congregation Anniversaries

Albany - Christ	Christ Lutheran Church	85
Albany - St. Paul	St. Paul Lutheran Church	180
Aquebogue - Our Redeemer	Our Redeemer Lutheran Church	100
Bayside - Glory Korean	Glory Korean Lutheran Church	20
Bayside - Immanuel Chinese	Immanuel Chinese Lutheran Church	40
Bethpage - St. Paul	St. Paul Lutheran Church	95
Bronx - Our Saviour	Lutheran Church of Our Saviour	90
Bronx - Redeemer	Redeemer Ev. Lutheran Church	90
Bronx - St. Paul Tremont	St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church	120
Bronx - Trinity	Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church	105
Bronxville - Village	Village Lutheran Church	100
Brooklyn - Good Shepherd	Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd	110
Brooklyn - St. Mark	St. Mark Lutheran Church	150
Brooklyn - St. Paul	St. Paul Lutheran Church	130
Brooklyn - St. Peter	St. Peter Lutheran Church	120
Brooklyn - Trinity	Trinity Lutheran Church	130
Centereach - Our Savior	Our Savior Lutheran Church	60
Central Islip - Grace	Grace Lutheran Church	75
College Point - St. John	St. John Lutheran Church	160
Corona - Emanuel	Emanuel Lutheran Church	130
Dix Hills - St. Luke	St. Luke Lutheran Church	55
East Greenbush - Love	Love Lutheran Church	60
East Moriches - Christ	Christ Lutheran Church	55
East Setauket - Messiah	Messiah Lutheran Church	55
Fishkill - Our Savior	Our Savior Lutheran Church	60
Flushing - Chapel of the Redeemer	Chapel of the Redeemer Lutheran Church	75
Flushing - Resurrection	Resurrection Lutheran Church	80
Flushing - St. John	St. John Lutheran Church	125
Garden City - Resurrection	The Lutheran Church of the Resurrection	70
Glens Falls - Good Shepherd	Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd	70
Hastings-on-Hudson - St. Matthew	St. Matthew Lutheran Church	155
Hudson - St. Mark's 2nd Ev.	St. Mark's Second Ev. Lutheran Church	85
Hurley - Good Shepherd	Good Shepherd Lutheran Church	40
Islip - Trinity	Trinity Lutheran Church	90
Jamaica - Ascension	Lutheran Church of the Ascension	75
Latham - Resurrection	Lutheran Church of the Resurrection	60
Laurelton - Good Shepherd	Good Shepherd Lutheran Church	90
Middle Island - Holy Trinity	Holy Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church	65
Monroe - St. Paul	St. Paul Lutheran Church	55
Mount Vernon - Immanuel	Immanuel Lutheran Church	120

New Hyde Park - Trinity	Trinity Lutheran Church	75
New York City - Mt. Zion	Mt. Zion Lutheran Church	70
New York City - True Light	True Light Lutheran Church	80
Patchogue, Emanuel	Emanuel Lutheran Church	105
Pawling - Christ the King	Lutheran Church of Christ the King	55
Peekskill - Our Redeemer	Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer	85
Pine Island - St. Peter	St. Peter Lutheran Church	120
Putnam Valley - St. Luke	St. Luke Lutheran Church	75
Queens Village - Grace	Grace Lutheran Church	100
Rego Park - Our Saviour	Ev. Lutheran Church of Our Savior	90
Sayville - St. John	St. John Lutheran Church	120
St. James - St. James	St. James Lutheran Church	95
Stamford - Trinity	Trinity Lutheran Church	50
Staten Island - Christ Assembly	Christ Assembly Ev. Lutheran Church	20
Staten Island - St. John	St. John Lutheran Church	165
Walden - Trinity	Trinity Lutheran Church	60
Williston Park - St. John	St. John Lutheran Church	85
Woodside - Christ	Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church	120
Woodside - St. Matthew Deaf	St Matthew Lutheran Church for the Deaf	105
Woodside - United Bengali	United Bengali Lutheran Church	15
Yonkers - St. Mark's	St. Mark's Lutheran Church	105

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Resolutions

Resolutions

**SUMMARY OF THE ACTIONS OF FLOOR COMMITTEE 1
AT ITS MEETING ON SATURDAY, MAY 5, 2018**

Overture 01-01-18	Combined into Resolution 18-01
Overture 01-02-18	Combined into Resolution 18-01
Overture 01-03-18	Combined into Resolution 18-01
Overture 01-04-18	Amended and Forwarded to Convention for Consideration as Resolution 18-02
Overture 01-05-18	Amended and Forwarded to Convention for Consideration as Resolution 18-03
Overture 01-06-18	Combined into Resolution 18-04
Overture 01-07-18	Combined into Resolution 18-04
Overture 01-08-18	Combined into Resolution 18-04
Overture 01-09-18	Amended and Forwarded to Convention for Consideration as Resolution 18-05
Overture 01-10-18	Amended and Forwarded to Convention for Consideration as Resolution 18-05
Overture 01-11-18	Referred to the Atlantic District Board of Directors for Action

**TO ENCOURAGE AND SUPPORT STRUGGLING CONGREGATIONS
RESOLUTION 18-01**

WHEREAS, The Atlantic District is composed of 96 Missouri Synod Lutheran Congregations submitting annual reports; and

WHEREAS, 56% of Atlantic District congregations report average worship attendance of 55 people or less; and

WHEREAS, Many Atlantic District congregations are struggling with issues of limited resources, financial and property management, limited staff and volunteers, and other operational challenges; and

WHEREAS, Many congregations desire but are struggling to develop ministry plans for the future that are hopeful, realistic, and viable; and

WHEREAS, Sometimes congregations do not seek assistance from the wider Church (circuit, district, synod, etc.); therefore be it

Resolved, That congregations be encouraged to live in the hope and power of the Gospel; and be it further

Resolved, That congregations be encouraged to utilize Atlantic District resources especially those available through Task Force 2; and be it further

Resolved, That congregations be encouraged to work with the Atlantic District to accurately assess their current situation (finances, resources, demographics, etc.); and be it further

Resolved, That congregations be encouraged to seek assistance from the Atlantic District to develop realistic and viable ministry plans for the future; and

Resolved, That the Atlantic District develop and refine tools to assist congregations as they evaluate their current situation and future possibilities; and be it finally

Resolved, That the Atlantic District evaluate the use of funds from the closure of other congregations to use them in a manner that best serves both the entire district and the geographic area the congregation previously served.

**TO EXPLORE NEW MISSION STARTS IN THE ATLANTIC DISTRICT
RESOLUTION 18-02**

WHEREAS, Throughout its history, the Atlantic District has focused on “Engaging the World with the Gospel of Hope”; and

WHEREAS, The Atlantic District currently is composed of fewer than 30,000 baptized Lutheran Christians in its congregations serving a geographical area of more than seventeen million people from many countries in the world; and

WHEREAS, In the words of our Lord, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.” (Luke 10:2, ESV); therefore be it

Resolved, That the Atlantic District , its congregations, workers and ministries gathered in convention pray to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into the harvest; and be it

Resolved, That the Atlantic District, its congregations, workers and ministries gathered in convention determine with great resolve to enter the mission field anew; and be it

Resolved, That the Atlantic District work with congregations to develop new mission opportunities; and be it finally

Resolved, That a goal of six new missions (i.e. congregation, mission station, school, social ministry, etc.) be established for the next triennium.

**TO SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGE PASTORAL DEVELOPMENT
RESOLUTION 18-03**

WHEREAS, Spiritual leadership through the pastoral office in the administration of the Means of Grace is central to Lutheran doctrine and practice; and

WHEREAS, Continuing education in matters practical and theological assists in the further development of pastors serving congregations and ministries; and

WHEREAS, This continuing development is an aspect of the vows made by congregants at the installation of a pastor ("support him by your gifts" (LSB Agenda, pg. 180)); and

WHEREAS, The vicissitudes of life and the demands of parish ministry often present obstacles to the continuing education and development of a pastor; and

WHEREAS, Resources exist which could assist in the continuing equipping of pastors in congregations in our midst; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Atlantic District in convention commend to all pastors serving congregations the resources of continuing education and development; and be it

Resolved, That congregations be strongly encouraged to provide funds for continuing education opportunities for their pastors including participation in the Atlantic District Pastoral Conference and other theological and professional development resources to enhance leadership skills; and be it finally

Resolved, That the Atlantic District Board of Directors have a line item in its budget to continue to assist congregations and pastors to support pastoral development, and to report to the next convention on results of this support and the number of pastors assisted.

**TO FORWARD EMPHASES TO SYNOD FOR NEXT TRIENIUM
RESOLUTION 18-04**

WHEREAS, As stated in the LCMS constitution, among the Objectives of the Synod are:

- “1. Conserve and promote the unity of the true faith (Eph. 4:3–6; 1 Cor. 1:10), work through its official structure toward fellowship with other Christian church bodies, and provide a united defense against schism, sectarianism (Rom. 16:17), and heresy;
 2. Strengthen congregations and their members in giving bold witness by word and deed to the love and work of God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and extend that Gospel witness into all the world;
 3. Recruit and train pastors, teachers, and other professional church workers and provide opportunity for their continuing growth;
 4. Provide opportunities through which its members may express their Christian concern, love, and compassion in meeting human needs;
 5. Aid congregations to develop processes of thorough Christian education and nurture and to establish agencies of Christian education such as elementary and secondary schools and to support synodical colleges, universities, and seminaries;
 6. Aid congregations by providing a variety of resources and opportunities for recognizing, promoting, expressing, conserving, and defending their confessional unity in the true faith.”;
- and

WHEREAS, Bylaw 4.2.1(d) directs that:

“The district convention shall, through delegate vote, forward to the national convention a list of two or three triennial mission and ministry emphases for consideration by the national convention.”; and

WHEREAS, The social, economic, and cultural landscape of the United States has changed over the years; and

WHEREAS, Recent presentations by Synod leadership have focused on declining numbers in the LCMS; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Atlantic District in convention submit the following three emphases for consideration at the 2019 Synodical Convention:

1. Development of outreach and evangelism resources and programs that serve all nations with a special emphasis on multi-cultural communities so as to “witness into all the world”
2. Development of religious education programs that serve all aspects of Christian life including multi-cultural communities
3. Training of church workers both new and current to minister and serve in multi-cultural communities

**TO MODIFY THE GOVERNANCE OF THE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES OF THE
CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY SYSTEM
RESOLUTION 18-05**

WHEREAS, Higher education is in a time of significant change, including but not limited to demographic shifts in prospective student populations, increasing market competition from non-profit and for-profit providers of education, ongoing innovations in technology and academic program delivery models, increasing accountability to public and private entities, and growing financial complexities; and

WHEREAS, Christian colleges and universities face the additional challenge to be faithful to their confession in an increasingly secular culture; and

WHEREAS, To survive and thrive in today's highly competitive, complex, and secular environment Christian institutions of higher education require informed and talented boards of regents, with a common commitment to education in the context of the Christian Gospel, an understanding of and passion for the unique missions of the institutions they govern, a multiplicity of skill sets to support the specific needs of the institutions they govern, and the capacity to support these institutions with their time, talent, treasure, and other resources; and

WHEREAS, The colleges and universities of the Concordia University System desire to preserve and extend their identity as Lutheran institutions of higher education, which offer quality, affordable education; and

WHEREAS, The governance model of the Concordia University System, established in 1992, is in need of modification to meet the current and future challenges of Lutheran higher education, therefore be it

Resolved, That The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod in convention give thanks to God for the treasures it has in its eight colleges and universities; and be it finally

Resolved, that the governance paradigm of the individual colleges and universities of the Concordia University System be changed to the extent that

- Each college or university will determine the number of regents it chooses to appoint to its Board of Regents;
- Each Board of Regents will be responsible for appointing its own members from within a pool of candidates consisting of the members (i.e. congregation members in good standing and ministers of religion ordained and commissioned) of The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod;
- A majority of the members of the Board of Regents shall come from the LCMS geographic region in which the college/university is located.
- Each Board of Regents will include among its members:
 - the President of the geographic LCMS District in which the college or university is located,

- a regent appointed by the LCMS President,
- a regent appointed by the LCMS Board of Directors,
- a minimum of two regents who are members in good standing on the LCMS roster of ministers of religion, ordained,
- a minimum of two regents who are members in good standing on the LCMS roster of ministers of religion, commissioned.
- an equal number of laypersons in good standing from LCMS congregations to the number of rostered church workers serving on the Board

**SUMMARY OF THE ACTIONS OF FLOOR COMMITTEE 2
AT ITS MEETING ON SATURDAY, MAY 5, 2018**

***Resolutions for the 60th Regular Convention of the LCMS Atlantic District**

**Resolution 02-01-18
Specific Ministry Pastor Limitation Review and Release**

WHEREAS, Specific ministry pastors are allowed by LCMS by-law 2.13.1 (b) (1) to serve as pastoral delegates to district conventions; and

WHEREAS, Service as an ordained member of a district board encompasses the context of the specific ministry pastor's call in the district; and

WHEREAS, The gifts, talents, and insights of specific ministry pastors can bring blessing to the decision-making processes of district boards; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Atlantic District in convention memorialize the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod in convention to revise LCMS by-law 2.13.1 (b) to read:

(b) A specific ministry pastor is not eligible to

(1) serve as a voting delegate to a national convention of the Synod—but may serve as an advisory delegate to national conventions and as a pastoral delegate to district conventions;

(2) hold any elected or appointed office on the ~~district or~~ national Synod level that is assigned by the Bylaws of the Synod to “a pastor” or “an ordained minister” (although specific ministry pastors may serve in all other capacities, especially representing the ministerial contexts in which they serve);

(3) supervise vicars; or

~~(4) serve as a circuit visitor.~~

Resolution 02-02-18
To Encourage the Expansion of the Atlantic District Lay Deacon Program

WHEREAS, since its inception in the 1990s, more than one hundred Atlantic District Lay Deacons have been commissioned after thorough study and examination by the Atlantic District; and

WHEREAS, more than forty congregations of the Atlantic District have enjoyed the work of Atlantic District Lay Deacons; and

WHEREAS, the program of training now involves an online series of courses in conjunction with Concordia New York, and five other LCMS Districts, expanding the blessing of the education of laypeople throughout the East Coast; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That God be praised for the blessings received through the Atlantic District Lay Deacon program; and be it further

RESOLVED, That pastors and congregational leaders encourage those who might benefit personally and benefit their congregations through the Atlantic District Lay Deacon program to; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Atlantic District expand the program to include continuing education classes to supplement and enhance the skills of the Atlantic District Lay Deacons, and be it further

RESOLVED, That congregations of the Atlantic District be encouraged to adopt the Atlantic District Lay Deacon Scholarship Fund as a line item in their annual budgets in order to assist in off-setting the cost of enrollment tuition in the Atlantic District Lay Deacon Program, and be it finally

RESOLVED, That the Atlantic District shall increase the budget for

1. recruiting toward a goal of training new Atlantic District Lay Deacon candidates,
2. defraying the cost of coursework in pursuit of that goal, and
3. assisting current Atlantic District Lay Deacons in their pursuit of continuing education

Resolution 02-03-18
on Expanding the Mandate of the Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty

WHEREAS, the newly created Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty has as its mandate to be about the task of “educating encouraging and equipping LCMS members and organizations to take informed action...” and

WHEREAS, this institution currently is focusing on “marriage, life and religious freedom,” and pro-life theology in all its manifold manifestations; and

WHEREAS, there are many issues in society that call for a vigorous pro-life response from Christians based on the clear testimony of scripture, including racism, poverty, caring for the holistic wellbeing of others, and the just care of the alien in our midst; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the LCMS Atlantic District request the Synod in convention to expand the pro-life mandate of the Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty to include, among issues but not limited to, racial reconciliation, the merciful treatment of the alien in our midst, and the appropriate provision of care for all who are in need of healing.

**Resolution 02-04-18
To Overrule CCM Opinion 14-2724**

WHEREAS, the Word of God (Acts 13) clearly reveals that in the first century of the New Testament, a local congregation of believers in the Lord Jesus, assembled in Antioch, after much prayer and under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, freely consecrated and sent missionaries, notably Barnabas and Saul, into mission fields; and

WHEREAS, Article III. 2 of the Constitution of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod identifies an objective of the Synod as to “Strengthen congregations and their members in giving bold witness by word and deed to the love and work of God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and extend that Gospel witness into all the world;” and

WHEREAS, Article VII of the Constitution of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod states, “In relation to its members, the Synod is not an ecclesiastical government exercising legislative or coercive powers, and with respect to the individual congregation’s right of self-government it is but an advisory body”; and

WHEREAS, Article XIV of the Constitution states, “The Synod in convention may adopt bylaws that are consistent with and do not contradict the Constitution of the Synod, which controls and supersedes such bylaws and all other rules and regulations of the Synod”; and

WHEREAS, 2010 Synod Convention Res. 8-32B encourages the Synod to study Article VII of the Constitution, including study of “Congregations and Synod, Background Material on the Advisory Nature of the LCMS” along with opinions of the Commission on Constitutional Matters related to this topic (including CCM Opinion 09-2573 listed in a “Whereas” paragraph in Resolution 8-32B); and

WHEREAS, 1983 Synod Convention Res. 5-10A in a “Resolved” clause states that The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod reaffirms that its synodical polity is essentially and principally congregational in nature; and

WHEREAS, CCM Opinion 09-2573 states in part that “. . . there is a common understanding that a congregation exercises its self-government . . . in carrying out . . . its own ministry programs and financial affairs . . .”; and

WHEREAS, Synod Bylaw 3.8.3 deals only with who has authority to send ministers of religion and other workers into Synod foreign mission fields, and prior bylaws have been careful not to restrict congregational activity specifically relating to whom congregations could send funds overseas, and nothing in the current bylaws restrict or could restrict the right of member congregations to (a) fund ministries in foreign countries, or (b) send/fund congregation members for service with organizations seeking to share the Gospel; and

WHEREAS, 1983 Synod Convention Res. 5-37 amending the bylaws only dealt with who on behalf of Synod as a whole could send missionaries at the expense of the Synod, and where the restriction applied, it being a sending bylaw only, clearly not applicable to congregations in any event; and

WHEREAS, CCM Opinion 14-2724 referring to 2013 Synod Convention Res. 1-08, “To Work Together in Mission,” called for a two-fold response: First, “Resolved, That the Synod, by the next

convention, develop and provide a mission best- practices policy document for districts and congregations engaged in mission projects to assist them to better carry out their mission and their life together”, indicating that districts and congregations have and are recognized to have mission work and practices of their own, and because they have their own mission work and practices, the Synod should assist and support those efforts by developing a best-practices policy; and second, “that these best practices include encouragement to districts and congregations to communicate their international mission activities to the Synod’s Director of Church WHEREAS, Relations and Offices of National and International Mission for the purposes of healthy coordination and stewardship” (underlined portions indicate emphasis added), indicating that districts and congregations can have their own mission activities and when they do they are encouraged to communicate these activities to the Synod for coordination and good stewardship; and

WHEREAS, CCM Opinion 14-2724 states in part, “Congregations may not send funds to mission societies and non-Synod entities for work in foreign areas without taking into consideration policies developed and determined for this purpose by the Board of International Mission as the only sending agency;” and

WHEREAS, CCM Opinion 14-2724 incorrectly restricts the mission outreach of congregations and others to give bold witness by word and deed to the love and work of God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and extend that Gospel witness into all the world; and

WHEREAS, the Atlantic District and a number of other LCMS Districts, Circuits, and churches submitted overtures that were never dealt with nor was the disposition of these overtures were recorded in the 2016 Synod convention *Proceedings*; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the congregations of the Atlantic District and of The Lutheran Church— Missouri Synod be encouraged, with much prayer and under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, to send missionaries to foreign areas; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Atlantic District affirms and encourages congregations, auxiliaries, recognized service organizations, districts, and individual members of the Synod, in their efforts to give bold witness by word and deed, to the love and work of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and extend that Gospel witness to all the world; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Atlantic District in convention memorialize the Synod in convention to adopt this resolution and to overrule CCM Opinion 14-2724, to be thereby declared null and void and of no effect.

Resolution 02-05-18

To Overrule LCMS Board of Directors' May 2017 Resolution 12-14, re: Bylaw 7.1.2

WHEREAS, The 2016 Convention of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, in its Resolution 12-14 [*“Regarding the Right of an Accuser to Appeal When a District President or President of the Synod Fails to Act or Declines to Suspend”*] and according to Bylaw 7.1.2, deferred its rightful and legislative authority regarding the development of ecclesiastical supervision bylaws with respect to and inclusion of the President of the Synod, the decision given to Synod’s Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 12-14, in accordance with Bylaw 7.1.2, set forth a specific path and timeline for consideration, negotiation and counsel to be conducted with the Council of Presidents, with any proposed amendments to the bylaws to be reviewed by the Commission on Constitutional Matters and the Commission on Handbook; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 12-14 states that the Commission on Constitutional Matters in Op. 16- 2791 *“has indicated portions of the expulsion processes of Synod’s Bylaws are presently in an unconstitutional state with respect to Const. Art. XI B 1–3 and Const. Art. XIII 2”*; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Directors, acting under Bylaw 7.1.2 and at the express direction of the 2016 Resolution 12-14, in May of 2017 adopted changes to the bylaws of the Synod regarding ecclesiastical supervision; and

WHEREAS, The Constitution of Synod defines clearly, precisely, and fully the supervisory role of the President of Synod, wherein the President of Synod has *“the supervision regarding the doctrine and the administration of a. All officers of the Synod; b. All such as are employed by the Synod; c. The individual district of the Synod; d. All district presidents” (XI.B.1)*; and

WHEREAS, The President of Synod, as ecclesiastical supervisor, is limited in the exercise of said power, assuming *“only such rights as have been expressly conferred” (XI A.1)* [*“The officers of the Synod must assume only such rights as have been expressly conferred upon them by the Synod, and in everything pertaining to their rights and the performance of their duties, they are responsible to the Synod.”*], which are expressly conferred to be *“the power to advise, admonish, and reprove....conscientiously use all means at his command to promote and maintain unity of doctrine and practice in all the districts of the Synod” (XI.B.3)*; and

WHEREAS, Synod’s Constitution expressly confers upon the District Presidents the duty to *“exercise supervision over”* their district’s ministers and to *“visit and...hold investigations in the congregations” (XII.7)*, including the District Presidents being empowered *“to suspend from membership”* their district’s ministers (XII.8); and

WHEREAS, Prior to the year 2016 and CCM Op. 16-2791, numerous CCM opinions [to wit Ag. 1970, Op.15-2750, 13-2669, 10-2581, 03-2354, and 03-2338, A and C] interpreted the President of Synod’s scope of ecclesiastical supervision do not include supervision over individual workers and congregations expressed in Article XII.7,8; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That Synod in convention, as the ultimate legislative body of Synod [*Bylaw 1.4.1: “The delegate convention of the Synod is the legislative assembly that ultimately legislates policy, program, and financial direction to carry on the Synod’s work on behalf of and in support of the member congregations. It reserves to itself the right to give direction to all officers and agencies of*

the Synod. Consequently, all officers and agencies, unless otherwise specified in the Bylaws, shall be accountable to the Synod for all their actions, and any concerns regarding the decisions of such officers or agencies may be brought to the attention of the Synod in convention for appropriate action. This provision does not apply to specific member appeals to the Concordia Plans, which has its own appeal process for such cases.”] considers the following to be steps to the resolution of this matter; and be it further

RESOLVED, That changes, subsequent to 2016 Convention Resolution 12-14, made under Bylaw 2.14 “Expulsion of Congregations or Individuals from Membership in the Synod,” under Bylaw 2.15 “Expulsion of a District President or Officer from Membership in the Synod”, under Bylaw 2.16 “Expulsion of a President of Synod from Membership in the Synod”, and under Bylaw 2.17 “Expulsion of Individuals from Membership in the Synod as a Result of Sexual Misconduct or Criminal Behavior”, as a result of 2016 Convention Resolution 12-14, as adopted by the Board of Directors (May 2017) be overruled and of no effect; and be it further

RESOLVED, That Bylaws 2.14, 2.15, 2.16 and 2.17 be returned to and replaced by the same corresponding Bylaws as set forth in the 2013 Synod Handbook; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a Blue Ribbon Task Force of nine members, with four members appointed by the 35 District Presidents, three of whom shall be District Presidents, three members appointed by the President of Synod, and one member appointed by each LCMS Seminary (Concordia Seminary St. Louis, MO & Concordia Theological Seminary Ft. Wayne, IN) be authorized and formed to conduct a thorough study of the ecclesiastical supervision matter, including Articles III, VI, VII (studies of Articles VI and VII were previously resolved by the 2010 Convention), XI, XII, and XIII, and make recommendations to the 2022 Synod Convention, including any necessary revisions of constitutional provisions, with the purpose of evangelically resolving the current difficulty and division among us; and be it further

RESOLVED, That all relevant CCM opinions such as 16-2791, 16-2793, 16-2794, 16-2797, 17-2822, 17-2828 and 17-2836 be placed in abeyance until the 2022 Convention and any necessary action at the 2022 convention; and be it further

RESOLVED, That Synod in convention affirm the powers provided to the Synod President “*to advise, admonish and reprove...conscientiously use all means at his command to promote and maintain unity of doctrine and practice in all the districts of the Synod*” do not include direct supervisory responsibilities of individual members of Synod, since such individuals are under the ecclesiastical supervision of District Presidents; and be it finally

RESOLVED, That the convention pray for peace and harmony in the Synod as it moves forward in mission and ministry.

Resolution 02-06-18**To give thanks to God for Concordia Seminary's Pastoral Approach to Scientific Worldview Issues**

WHEREAS, we live in a time where a scientific worldview is the assumed worldview of our culture and our congregations need to find ways to engage with a scientific worldview in a pastoral manner; and

WHEREAS, in the Summer 2017 edition of the Concordia Journal Dr. Charles Arand and the faculty of Concordia Seminary did model a way for our congregations to engage with scientific worldviews in a pastoral manner; and

WHEREAS, this assembly confesses with Blessed Martin Luther a pastoral approach to the First Article of the Apostles' Creed in the Small and Large Catechisms; and

WHEREAS, the Small and Large Catechisms are the doctrinal standards for individual members of member congregations of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod; so let it be

RESOLVED, that this assembly gives thanks to God for Dr. Arand and the faculty of Concordia Seminary for their willingness to model for our congregations a way to engage scientific worldview issues in a pastoral manner; and may it be further

RESOLVED, that this assembly memorialize to the 2019 synod convention a special thanksgiving to God for the faculties of both Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, Missouri and Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, Indiana for their willingness to model for our congregations a pastoral approach to engaging difficult worldview issues.

Resolution 02-07-18
TO DECRY RACISM IN CHURCH AND SOCIETY

WHEREAS, All humanity share a common origin in Adam and Eve (Genesis 1 and 2); and

WHEREAS, “God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him” (Acts 10:34, 35 ESV); and

WHEREAS, God has united all believers in Christ through Holy Baptism (Ephesians 4:4-6); and

WHEREAS, The CTCR document *Racism and the Church* (February 1994) states: “We in The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod have before us a wonderful opportunity to commit ourselves to strive toward making racism a thing of the past, and to demonstrate before a watching world how people of all cultures and groups can become one in Christ, who has made of many one body for the edification of all”; and

WHEREAS, Racism has no basis in science, Scripture, or the Confessions; and

WHEREAS, We continue to see racism among those who call themselves Christian and in society-at-large, including in the “white nationalist” movement; therefore be it

RESOLVED, The delegates to the Convention of the Atlantic District of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, meeting in Bronxville, New York, June 8-9, 2-18, decry every form of racism, including white supremacy under the white nationalist movement, as antithetical to the Gospel of Jesus Christ; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we work toward racial reconciliation and equality within the Church and within society-at-large; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we submit this resolution “To Decry Racism in Church and Society” to the National Convention of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, meeting in Tampa, Florida, July 20-25, 2019; and be it finally

RESOLVED, that we pray both for those who advocate racist ideologies and those who are thereby deceived, that they may recognize their errors, repent, and know the reconciling forgiveness of the Lord Jesus Christ, who by Baptism gathers His people into one from all nations.

Resolution 02-08-18
Feast Day Worship Celebrations in Congregations

WHEREAS, feast days offer unique opportunities for the saints to gather for worship; and

WHEREAS, many congregations do not have staff or interest to host feast day worship services during the week; and

WHEREAS, congregations in the LCMS walk together in the faith; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the LCMS Atlantic District's leadership do what it can to encourage people to worship with congregations that have feast day worship services; and be it

RESOLVED, that congregations seek worship opportunities with other congregations in the LCMS Atlantic District, especially during feast days; and be it finally

RESOLVED, that congregations offering feast day worship celebrations be encouraged to publicize these opportunities to other congregations in the Atlantic District.

60th Regular Convention of the Atlantic District June 8-9, 2018

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**REPORT FROM THE DISTRICT SECRETARY
OF NOMINATIONS SUBMITTED FOR THE
ATLANTIC DISTRICT CONVENTION
JUNE 8TH-9TH 2018**

FOR DISTRICT PRESIDENT:

The Rev. Derek G. Lecakes, **Incumbent**
The Rev. Dr. Dien A. Taylor – Declined

FOR THE VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE DISTRICT:

1st Vice President, Non-geographical

The Rev. Dr. Dien A. Taylor, **Incumbent**
The Rev. Dr. Joshua Hollmann

Region I

The Rev. Mark Mueller
The Rev. Henry Albrechtsen III, (incumbent) Declined
The Rev. Matthew Schultz, Declined

Region II

The Rev. Dr. Joshua Hollmann, **Incumbent**
The Rev. Robert Boehler
The Rev. Matthew Gonzalez
The Rev. Dr. Robert Hartwell, Declined

Region III

The Rev. Bruce Nathan
The Rev. David Wackenhuth
The Rev. Brian Noack, Declined - (4/24/2018)
The Rev. John Fleischmann, Declined

DISTRICT PRESIDENT

Lecakes, Rev. Derek G. (incumbent)

- Membership:** Christ Lutheran Church Woodside, NY
- Church Activity:** Associate Director (DCE), SonRise Lutheran Ministries, Pottersville, NY 1995-1999; Pastor, Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church
- District/Synod Activity:** Atlantic District 3rd Vice President region 1 2012-2015; Atlantic District Secretary (2010-2012); Atlantic District Task Force 7/8 chair (present); Lutherans Capital Area Relief Efforts Chair (present); Atlantic District Convention Practical Concerns Chair (present); Atlantic District – LC-MS Disaster Response Coordinator (present); Atlantic District Task Force 1 member and Chair; Board Member and President of SonRise Lutheran Outdoor Ministries, Atlantic District Pastoral Representative Region 1
- Community Service:** Formerly served as Chaplain of the Niskayuna Police Department; Van Antwerp Middle School PTO treasurer 2014-2015; Hillside Elementary PTO treasurer (present); Niskayuna Rotary Treasurer 2010-2015; Niskayuna Rotary Board Member (2005-present); Schenectady Inner City Ministry member (2003-2015); Thrivent Financial for Lutherans Chapter President 2005-2009.
- Education Background:** B.A. Director of Christian Education (DCE) certification – Concordia College--St. Paul 1995; M. Div. Concordia Seminary, St. Louis 2003
- Present Occupation:** President/Bishop of the Atlantic District - LCMS

1st Vice President, Non-geographical

Taylor, Rev. Dien A. (incumbent)

- Membership:** Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church, The Bronx, NY
- Church Activity:** Served at: Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, The Bronx June 2000 – April 2001, Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church, The Bronx, NY May 2001 through present.
- District/Synod Activity:** Circuit Counselor, Member, Vice-Chairman and Chairman of the Board of Regents, Concordia College Alabama, First Vice-President, LCMS Atlantic District, Vacancy Pastor for Atlantic District congregations, Leader of congregational revitalization efforts within the Atlantic District, Deaconess Internship, Vicarage and Fieldwork supervisor for future workers of the Church, Member, Task Force Five, LCMS Atlantic District Master of Ceremonies, National Youth Gathering, LCMS, Choir Director and Music Leader for LCMS Cross Cultural (Youth) Gatherings, Reviewer of music for CrossAccent (Journal for the Association of Lutheran Church Musicians) Composer of music for the Church, Parish musician and choir director, Adjunct Instructor for Concordia College-New York; Concordia Seminary, St. Louis; Concordia Theological Seminary Fort Wayne, Member of Religion Task Force, Concordia College-New York, Lecturer for Concordia University System schools, Lecturer for LCMS seminaries (Fort Wayne and St. Louis), Assistant to the Bishop/President, Atlantic District, LCMS First Vice-President, LCMS Atlantic District, Voting Delegate and Advisory Delegate, Committees (and subcommittee chair), LCMS and Atlantic District conventions, Member of LCMS Task Force on district restructuring Member of LCMS. Member of LCMS Task Force on colleges and universities. Doctrinal Reviewer (LCMS) Trained LCMS Reconciler (Reconciliation and Dispute Resolution), Worship leader, speaker and music leader for LWML gatherings and conventions (zone, district, national) Music leader for gatherings of the Atlantic District and LCMS Keynote speaker for gatherings of LCMS auxiliaries, Recognized Service Organizations and Maata Nakyvissa, Scandinavian Youth Gathering, Instructor, Atlantic District Lay Deacon program and Concordia Lay Deacon Program, Member of the Advisory Board of Teachers Interaction (LCMS Sunday School teacher magazine) Worship Committee member, Atlantic District, LCMS, Essayist, 641h Regular Convention of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, Essayist, Regular Convention celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the Atlantic District, LCMS Retreat Leader Vice-President, Secretary, and President of The Birchbrook Member, Clergy Coalition of the 47th Precinct (The Bronx)

Education Background: Graduate, Grace Lutheran Day School, Queens Village, NY
Graduate, Townsend Harris High School at Queens College B.A.,
Concordia College-New York M.Div., Concordia Seminary St.
Louis; Ph.D. Fordham University, The Bronx, NY

Present Occupation: Pastor, Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church, The Bronx, New
York, Adjunct Instructor, Concordia College New York, Adjunct
Instructor, Concordia Seminary St. Louis, Adjunct Instructor,
Concordia Theological Seminary Fort Wayne.

Hollmann, Rev. Joshua

Membership: Christ Lutheran Church Woodside (Queens)

Church Activity: Pastor (Sole) Christ Lutheran Church in Woodside, Queens (2009-
Present); Pastor of St. Matthew Congregation for the Deaf in
Woodside, Queens (2011-Present); Missionary and Associate
Pastor of Ascension Lutheran Church in Montreal, Canada (2005-
2009)

District/Synod Activity: I have served for one term (2015-2018) as Regional VP for New
York Metro-2nd VP of the Atlantic District. I was elected and
served as voting pastoral delegate for the Queens Circuit at the
2016 LCMS convention. I have been actively involved in AD
mission and outreach endeavors, most recently in the
redevelopment of mission and ministry in Corona, Queens. In
addition, I represented the AD at the koinonia-Wyoming District
meeting in Florida (2016).

Education Background: PhD McGill University (2014); MDiv Concordia Seminary-St.
Louis (2005); BA Valparaiso University (1999); Spanish
Immersion, Level A, Antigua, Guatemala (2017); Guest Professor
at Partner Lutheran Seminaries in Sudan, Haiti, Japan and the
Philippines

Present Occupation: Pastor of Christ Lutheran Church in Woodside, Queens; Assistant
Professor of Theology and Chair of the Theology Department at
Concordia College-New York

VICE PRESIDENT - REGION ONE

(Pastor: Elect One)

Mueller, Rev. Mark

- Membership: Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Delmar, NY
- Church Activity: Teacher, Faith Lutheran School, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 1989-1992; Teacher, Christ Lutheran School, East Point, GA 1992-1995; Assistant Pastor, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Delmar, NY 1999-2005; Pastor, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Delmar, NY 2005-present
- District/Synod Activity: FL-GA District Beginning Teacher Support Committee, 1992-1995; Atlantic District Task Force 5, 2000-2006; LCMS Certified Marriage Enrichment Experience Leader, 2001-present; Atlantic District Convention Floor Committee Chairman, 2003, 2006; Circuit Counselor, AD Circuit #2, 2006-2009; Atlantic District Convention Nominations Committee Chairman, 2009; Atlantic District Disaster Response Task Force Co-chair, 2015-2017; Delegate to 2013 LCMS Synod Convention; Delegate to LCEF Annual Meeting, 2009, 2017
- Education Background: Concordia College, River Forest, IL, 1989, B.A. Elementary Education; Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO, 1999, M.Div.
- Present Occupation: Senior Pastor, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Delmar, NY

VICE PRESIDENT - REGION TWO

(Pastor: Elect One)

Hollmann, Rev. Joshua (incumbent)

*See biography information above – District First Vice President Nominee

Boehler, Rev. Robert

- Membership: St. Mark's Lutheran Church & School - Yonkers, NY
- Church Activity: St. Mark's Lutheran Church of Yonkers - Pastor: June, 2009 – present; St. Mark's Lutheran School of Yonkers - 7th / 8th Grade Religion Teacher: September, 2009 – present; The Wartburg Foundation - Board of Directors: 2010 – present; Lutheran Counseling Center - Association Congregation: 2013 – present;

Westchester United (Industrial Areas Foundation) - Leadership Team: 2011-2016; McLean Ave. Merchants Association - member: 2012 – present.

District/Synod Activity: Atlantic District (LCMS) - Board of Directors: 2012-present; Lutheran Schools Association - Board of Directors: 2012-2016; Atlantic District Lay Deacon Training Program - Instructor: 2010-2016; New York Lutheran / Roman Catholic Dialog - Atlantic District representative: 2010- 2012; Concordia College - New York - Director of Spiritual Formation and Service Learning: January, 2006 - May, 2009.

Education Background: Diploma: Racine Lutheran High School - Racine, WI: 1976; Diploma: Racine Lutheran High School-Racine, WI: 1976; M.Div.: Concordia Theological Seminary-Ft. Wayne: 1984. Concentrations in Biblical Studies and Historical Theology; Graduate coursework (27 cr.): St. John's Seminary *School of Theology-Collegeville, MN: 2005-2008. Spirituality.

Present Occupation: Sole Pastor of St. Mark's Lutheran Church & School - Yonkers, NY

Gonzalez, Rev. Matthew

Membership: Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church - The Bronx, NY

Church Activity: Sole Pastor - Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church - The Bronx, NY (2011 - Present); Adjunct Professor - Concordia College--New York (2016 - Present)

District/Synod Activity: Chair - Atlantic District Conference Committee (2016 - Present); Atlantic District Task Force 5 - Youth (2013 - Present); Pastoral Counselor - Atlantic District LWML (2014-2018); Atlantic District Coordinator for the LCMS National Youth Gathering (2013; 2016); Bible Study Presenter - LCMS National Youth Gathering (2016); Guest Editor - Lutheran Forum [ALPB] (2014-2016).

Education Background: M. Div - Concordia Seminary--St. Louis (2011); B.A. Theology & Fellows Honors Degree - Concordia College--New York (2007)

Present Occupation: Pastor (LCMS, Rostered & Ordained)

VICE PRESIDENT - REGION THREE

(Pastor: Elect One)

Nathan, Rev. Bruce:

Membership: Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Middle Island, NY

Church Activity: Pastor 37 years; Choir, Elder, Newsletter editor

District/Synod Activity: Circuit Visitor; Vacancy Pastor

Education Background: B.S. Physics/Mathematics; MDIV CTS Ft. Wayne

Present Occupation: Retired February 1, 2018

Wackenhuth, Rev. David:

Membership: St. James Lutheran Church – St. James, NY

Church Activity: Sole Pastor – Trinity Lutheran Church, Islip 1991-2014; Assistant Pastor – Trinity Lutheran Church, Islip 1986-1991; Vicar – Trinity Lutheran Church, Islip 1985-1986; Teacher – Emanuel Lutheran School, Patchogue 1970-1983; Teacher – Bethany Lutheran School, Parma, OH 1969-1970.

District/Synod Activity: Seasons of Discovery Facilitator 2014- present; Guest preaching within the District 2014-present; Suffolk Zone LWML Counselor 1987-1994; Circuit Counselor 1994-2012; Youth Coordinator Education Board.

Education Background: Concordia College, Bronxville AA 1965; Concordia River Forest, BA 1969; Ball State, Muncie, IL MA 1975; Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Pastoral Colloquy 1986.

Present Occupation: Pastor Emeritus

CIRCUIT VISITORS

- Circuit 1** **Rev. Paul Wagner**
Good Shepherd, Glens Falls
- Circuit 2** **Rev. Paul Koehn**
Our Savior's, Albany
- Circuit 3** **Rev. Don Lee**
Pastor Emeritus
- Circuit 4** **Rev. Martin Tyce**
Atonement Lutheran Church
- Circuit 5** **Rev. Dr. John Hannah**
(Retired) Lutheran Church of Our Saviour, Bronx
- Circuit 6** **Rev. Jason Taber**
Lutheran Church of St. John the Evangelist, Brooklyn
- Circuit 7** **Rev. James Gajadhar**
St. John and Resurrection, Flushing
- Circuit 8** **Rev. Jeffrey Browning**
Lutheran Church of the Resurrection, Garden City
- Circuit 9** **Rev. David Anglin**
St. Paul, Amityville
- Circuit 10** **Rev. Charles Byer**
Our Redeemer, Aquebogue

Nominees for the Atlantic District 2018 Convention

District Secretary – Pastor

Hartwell, Rev. Robert: (incumbent)

Membership: Village Lutheran Church, Bronxville, NY

Church Activity: Senior Pastor; Associate Pastor, 1998-present Village Lutheran Church, Bronxville, NY; Assistant; Associate Pastor, Trinity Lutheran Hicksville 1993-1998.

District/Synod Activity: Chairperson, Communications Task Force, Atlantic District, LCMS, 1998-2000; 2009-2012; Registrar, Region #2 Bronxville Campus, Deaconate Training Center, 2004-2015; Regional Vice-President and Secretary, Atlantic District, Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, Bronxville, NY 2000-2009; 2012-present; Chairperson, Fan Into Flame Appeal, Atlantic District, LCMS 2006-2008. Chair, Grace at Ground Zero Symposium and Book Project, September 21, 2002

Education Background: D.Min., New York Theological Seminary. New York, 1999-2002
MBA, Bay Path College, Longmeadow, MA. 2009-2011.
M.Div., Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne, Indiana 1989-1993; B.A. in Communication, Cleveland State University, Cleveland, Ohio, 1987-1989

Present Occupation: Pastor

Taylor, Rev. Dr. Dien A: (Declined)

District Treasurer - Layperson

Holder Bowman, Sonia:

Membership: St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Brooklyn

Education: BA Business Administration

Occupation: Vice President in the BSA/AML Department at New York Community Bank.

Church Service: Congregation President – St. Peter's Lutheran Church; Catechesis; Worship Leader; Visit the shut ins and home bound; choir

member; Altar Guild; Acolytes instructor; Member of the Finance Committee; Event Preparation and Leading.

District/Synod Activity: Atlantic District Lay Deacon; Atlantic District Board Member

Community Service: Bushwick Nursing Home; Volunteer with Habitat for Humanity; Member of the East 53rd Street Block Association; Member of East Brooklyn Congregations.

Taylor, Rev. Dr. Dien A: (Declined)

Board of Directors, Region I - Pastor

Nelson, Rev. Victor: (incumbent)

Membership: Senior Pastor and everything that goes with it.

Education: B.S. Chemistry, M.S. Physical Therapy, M. Div. Concordia Theological Seminary

Occupation: Senior Pastor, Resurrection Cairo

Church Service: Senior Pastor and everything that goes with it.

District/Synod Activity: Current Member of the Atlantic District Board of Directors. (5 years); Current Chairman of Task Force 2, Revitalization of Congregations; Member of Nominating Committee for 2015 Atlantic District Convention; Past Member of Task Force 3, Finances and Stewardship; Past Circuit Counselor – 2 Terms; Past Member of SonRise Board; Presenter for Workshops and Congregational Check-ups; Teacher for Deacons-in-Training; Completed Pastoral Leadership Training

Community Service: Recent: Hurricane Irene Flood Relief Projects, Cairo Food Pantry, Past: President of Tri-County Crisis Pregnancy Center, President of Gowanda Ministerial Association.

Board of Directors, Region I - Layperson
(Elect Two)

Kleinke, Edward: **(incumbent)**

Membership: St. Matthew/Albany

Education: Bethlehem Central High School - Regents; Cornell University - BS/Landscape Architecture; Continuing Education -Atlantic District Diaconate;

Occupation: Landscape Architect

Church Service: Led Worship & Bible study activities during recent 2+ year vacancy; Assisting new Pastor with Sunday & Lenten Worship; Lead Bible study, as needed; Participate in Board of Governance activities; Provide home & hospital visits;

District/Synod Activity: Atlantic District Lay Deacon; participate in annual Deacon retreat; participate in Atlantic District Festival of Workshops; Lead Sunday Worship at area Congregations, as needed; Current Region 1 layperson/member of the AD Board of Directors; Member - Board of Directors for Coburg Village (Milton, NY) & Good Samaritan Village (Delmar, NY); Delegate to the 2018 Atlantic District Convention; Served as delegate to 2003 & 2009 Synod Conventions;

Community Service: President - Albany County Farm Bureau; member - Albany County Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Directors; member - Albany County Farmland Protection Board of Directors; member - Delaware Avenue Improvement Group (Delmar, NY)

Stewart Susan: **(incumbent)**

Membership: St. Paul Saratoga Springs

Education: B.A. in Philosophy, University of Maine; Certified as Professional Project Program Manager. Certified as Professional Contract Manager

Occupation: Retired Project Manager and Control Manager

Church Service: Lay Deacon, Assist at worship, member care project, reaching out to everyone on the member list to pray for them and offer help plus outdoor outreach; worship planning.

District/Synod Activity: Lay member of the Atlantic District Board of Directors and participant in Task Force Two – Congregational Revitalization.

Community Service: Teach classes and organize classes for the Academy for Lifelong Learning. Member of the League of Women Voters. Will be teaching Bible Study for other Lifelong Learning in 2018-2019.

Collins, William

Membership: Bethlehem Lutheran in Delmar, NY

Education: J.D., Albany Law School (Distinguished Alumnus in Government); B.A. Economics, SUNY Oneonta (Alumnus of Distinction)

Occupation: Retired

Church Activity: Presently: Praise Band, Choir, Child Protection Policy Committee (Chair), Men's Bible Study, and substitute Bible study leader. In the past I have served as Congregational President (twice), Vice President, Board of Elders (Chair), High School Youth Bible study teacher, and Youth Counselor.

District/Synod Activity: Past delegate to the Synodical Convention. Former member of the Concordia Bronxville Board of Regents

Community Service: Volunteer firefighter (Chair, Board of Directors; Vice President, Company #2), volunteer WMHT radio station newspaper reader of local newspaper for blind listeners, and volunteer entertainer at Kenwood Manor Assisted Living facility. Former member and President of Bethlehem Central School District Board of Education and former volunteer at Interfaith Partnership for the Homeless

Board of Directors, Region II - Pastor
(Elect one)

Boehler, Rev. Robert: (incumbent)

*See biography information above – District First Vice President Nominee

Gonzalez, Rev. Matthew: *Declined (updated 6/1/2018)*

Taylor, Rev. Dr. Dien A: *Declined*

Board of Directors, Region II - Layperson
(Elect Two)

Bailey, Eunice: (incumbent)

Membership: Evangelical Immanuel Lutheran Church, Whitestone, NY

Education: BBA - Marketing Management, Bernard M. Baruch College;
Masters in Ministry - Continuing Ed.

Occupation: Retired

Church Service: Member of Altar Guild, Treasurer of LWML - Dorcas Society of Immanuel, Assist with Church banking activities; Completed Lutheran Early Response Team (LERT) training - Sponsored by AD-Task Force 8; Served as Recording Secretary (2002-08), Chairman of Pastoral Call Committees (2005 & 2006)

District/Synod Activity: Atlantic District - LCMS Board of Directors, Layperson Region II (6/2015 - present); AD-LWML Board of Directors, Corresponding Secretary (4/2014 - present); Lay Voting Delegate for Circuit #7 to 2016 LCMS Convention - Milwaukee, WI; Served on LWML BOD, VP Leader Development (2010-14) Mission Grants Chairperson (2008-10); Member of AD-LCMS Missions Task Force (2002-04)

Community Service: Lead monthly devotion at The Grand Rehab Center as a Representative; of Immanuel.

Rigobert, Gloriah:

Membership: Holy Trinity, Yonkers

Education: Nursing degree from North London University degree in nutrition from London University

Occupation: Registered Nurse (working in an emergency room)

Church Service: Coordinator for annual Walk to Remember – raising funds to assist children , Women’s Activities, Health Fair, Health Education and CPR classes.

District/Synod Activity: Women’s conferences

Community Service: Crisis team assisting rape victims

Board of Directors, Region III - Pastor
(Elect one)

Fleischmann, Rev. John: (incumbent)

Membership: Christ Lutheran, East Moriches

Education: Concordia Bronxville – BA in Church Music 1982; Concordia Seminary, St. Louis – M.Div. 1986; Doctoral Candidate Trinity Seminary, Evansville, IN, DMin.

Occupation: Pastor

Church Activity: Pastor

District/Synod Activity: Atlantic District Board of Directors 2012-present; Communications Committee 1988; Chairman-Grace at Ground Zero Concert; District Disaster Relief Coordinator (presently); Nominations Committee Chair; Theology Floor Committee; Wrote initial curriculum for Atlantic District Deacon program; First instructor Deacon program.
Synod: Convention Delegate for past 8 conventions; Community Life Leader – Servant Events.

Community Service: Paramedic; Emergency Services Chaplain; Instructor for International Critical Incident Stress Foundation.

Yee, Rev. Travis:

Membership: Trinity Lutheran Church

Education: Concordia College BA 2000-2004, Concordia Seminary - M.DIV 2004- 2008

Occupation: Pastor

Church Activity: Serving as Pastor of Trinity. Leading in Worship, Bible Study and mission activities.

District/Synod Activity: LWML Pastoral Counselor - 2010-2014

Community Service: Inter Agency of Glen Cove - Board of Directors 2016 to present; Senior Advisory Member to the Senior Center of Glen Cove 2016- Present; North Shore Shelter Inn Board of Directors 2017-Present; Martin Luther King Jr Committee -2017; Melillo Center - Board of Directors 2017- Present; Kiwanis Club of Glen Cove.

Board of Directors, Region III - Layperson
(Elect Two)

Darden, James: **(incumbent)**

Membership: Trinity Locust Manor

Education Background: Attended Manhattan Community College and Kennedy Western University

Occupation: Office Administrator

Church Activity: Congregational President

District/Synod Activity: Incumbent Atlantic District Board Member; Atlantic District representative to Lutheran Social Services Board of Directors, St John House board of directors.

Community Service: Bellerose Terrace Fire Commissioner, Civic Assn president,

DeVoe, Beverly: **(incumbent)**

Membership: St. John's Lutheran, Williston Park

Education: Attended the Latin Way American Institute, NY

Occupation: Services Administrative Assistant/Affiliate Liason – Rally Bus Co.

Church Activity: Current member of Church council; serving as co-chair of Evangelism and outreach (having served as Chair or co-chair for various terms through the last 24 years; Former director or co-director of VBS, as well as assisting in classrooms and arts and crafts; Directed and served on Alpha Team; Usher; Altar Guild; Ladies Aid – LWML; St, John's ABLAZE team.

District/Synod Activity: Served as a member of the Atlantic District Board of Directors for three years.

Community Service: Activities with local schools and PTAs including class mother, organizer of fund raising events, i.e.plant sales, fall festival and pumpkin sales; Served as delegate to Herricks Council of PTA's; Volunteered for neighborhood and school gardening.

Farber, Ellen:

Membership: Lutheran Church of the Resurrection, Garden City, NY

Education: BS in Cardiac Respiratory Sciences- Molloy College

Occupation: Present: Medicare Enrollment Specialist at AgeWell New York;
Former: Respiratory Therapist at NorthWell Health System;
Office Assistant at Lutheran Counseling Center, Mineola

Church Activity: Lay Deacon, Church Choir, Worship/Praise Band, Leader of Bible studies and book studies. Team Leader for Women's Ministries, High School Youth, HS Bible study (Youth Forum), HS Prayer Breakfast; Mission Fundraisers/community outreach: Oktoberfest, Night in Bethlehem, Oktoberfest, Plant Sale, Christmas Fair; Team Member of the Parish Nurse / Care Concerns, Cafe Ablaze (coffee house outreach); Volunteer with VBS, S.A.I.L (Seniors Acting In Love), blood drives; Home and hospital visitations

District/Synod Activity: District: various task forces: communication, health, youth and currently TF 7 -Disaster Relief; Synod: National Youth Gatherings

Community Service: Past: Northwell Health Disaster Response Team, Northshore/LIJ Ebola Team, community health fairs, Lutheran Social Services. Current: Volunteer with Lutheran Counseling Center

Funfgeld, Kathy: (Declined) - (4/28/2018)

Board of Directors, Commissioned Ministers – at Large
(Elect Three)

Boccalupo, Christopher: (incumbent)

Membership: Trinity Lutheran, Islip

Education Background: Undergrad: Suffolk Community College (AA Liberal Arts) ;
Concordia Bronxville (Religious Studies Certificate) Crown
College (BS Christian Ministry) Grad: Concordia St. Paul DCE
Ministry Diploma/ Certification.

Occupation: Minister of Religion – Commissioned (DCE) at Trinity Lutheran
Church Islip . On staff since 1992

Church Activity: DCE Trinity Lutheran church; Youth Ministry/VBS/Sunday
School/Young Adult Ministry/Bible Study /Altar
Assistant/Worship /Church Council.

District/Synod Activity: Chairman Task force 5 (Youth Ministry) 2012 – present. We have
led regional and district events for youth , training events for youth
workers, as well as deal with other matters pertaining to youth

ministry in our district; Elected to Board of Directors 2015 (Commissioned at Large). Work with the Long Island Lutheran Youth Worker Network, providing youth ministry events for LI churches and youth leaders.

Community Service: Keep Islip Clean/ Volunteer Hope For the Future food ministries/ IDEA task Force/ LI Youth Worker Network (Ecumenical)/ Lighthouse Mission food outreach LI.

Rojas, Raquel:

Membership: Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church in The Bronx, New York

Education: Bachelors of Arts from the University of Central Florida, 2007. Masters of Arts from Concordia Theological Seminary, 2010; Four units of Clinical Pastoral Education ACPE from Calvary Hospital, 2016.

Occupation: Deaconess

Church Activity: By God's grace, I have been the Deaconess of Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church for eight years. In those eight years our Lord has given me the opportunity to offer spiritual counsel to people of all ages and in varying circumstances; I have helped with the revitalization of sister congregations and my own parish's auxiliaries. I have had the chance to create and develop different programs and Bible studies (painting, knitting and crocheting, physical exercise, care for the elderly) to engage people of all ages and backgrounds and open the doors of the congregation to the neighborhood. I have had the opportunity to teach, working with those who are new to the faith, in the catechumenate.

District/Synod Activity: I have served on the Board of Directors of the American Lutheran Publicity Bureau, on Atlantic District Task Forces Five and Seven, on the Board of Directors of the Atlantic District Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) as Chairman of Spiritual Life and its Vice- President for Spiritual Life, and on the Board of Directors of Lutheran Social Services of New York. I have served as a Young Women's Representative for the LWML and as an advisory commissioned delegate for the LCMS Regular Convention. I am LERT trained and LCMS Reconciler trained, a rostered member of the LCMS (Minister of Religion-Commissioned), and a member of the Concordia Deaconess Conference. I have completed four units of Clinical Pastoral Education (ACPE). I have led devotions for Lutheran schools in the Atlantic District.

Community Service: I have connected with people in our neighborhood during our precinct's National Night Out against Crime event. I have organized 5K races along the Bronx River. I have helped organize

and orchestrate tag sales for our neighborhood. I have taught Spanish to English speakers in classes for our neighborhood. I have hosted exercise events and activities for our neighborhood.

Schultz, Michael:

Membership: Village Lutheran Church, Bronxville

Education: B.S. Business Administration from Concordia College (1990), M.S. Education from Iona College; (1996), Colloquy through Concordia-NY (2002), NYS High School Federation Baseball Coaching Certification (2015).

Occupation: Principal - The Chapel School

Church Activity: Principal of The Chapel School (2016-Present), Athletic Director (1996-2016), Asst. Principal (1999-2016), Facilities Manager (1997-2016), Classroom Teacher (Grades 6 and 3 from 1996-1999), Youth Minister/Confirmation Instructor; (1999-2007), Executive Committee and Trustee Board Member (Voting Member since 2016), Golf Outing Chair since 2000; Ongoing Lector/Assistant, Brass Ensemble (Trumpet).

District/Synod Activity: Rostered LCMS Church Worker, Limited Activity Outside of Village Lutheran/Concordia.

Community Service: Volunteer CYO Basketball Coach, Volunteer Eastchester Little League Baseball and Softball Coach, Volunteer Eastchester Basketball and Pony Colt Baseball Coach, Volunteer Hitting/Asst. Coach (Bronxville HS Baseball 2013-2015), Volunteer Hitting Instructor and Head Coach (East Coast MAVS Elite Travel Baseball Summers/ Falls 2012-2014), Volunteer MI. Vernon Soup Kitchen, Midnight Run, The Chapel School Service Learning, VLC Painting Crew, Village of Bronxville Clean Up.

Witto, Katherine: (incumbent)

Membership: St. John the Evangelist Lutheran, Brooklyn

Education: BA, Concordia University, River Forest (1990); MEd, Concordia University, Portland (2015)

Occupation: Teacher, Martin Luther School, Maspeth, NY

Church Activity: Altar guild, Bible Study leader, Sunday School coordinator

District/Synod Activity: Member of Board of Directors, Task Force 4 co-chair

Yee, Phyllis:

Membership: Trinity Lutheran Church - Glen Cove

Education: Graduated from Queens College in 2008 with a dual Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education/Psychology; Graduated from Concordia Theological Seminary in 2017 with a Master's Degree in Deaconess Studies.

Occupation: Deaconess

Church Activity: Director of Family Ministry; Member of our Bell Choir; Lead Women's Bible Study for working women/mothers; Member of Altar Guild; Taught Sunday School.

District/Synod Activity: Currently called as Deaconess for Lutheran Friends of the Deaf - Mill Neck Family of Organizations; Recording Secretary for Atlantic District LWML.

District Nominations Committee for the 2021 Convention - Pastors
(Elect Two)

Gonzalez, Rev. Matthew:

*See biography information above – Region 2 Vice President

Schultz, Rev. Matthew:

Membership: Immanuel, Niskayuna

Education: B.S. Behavior Science-Concordia University Nebraska (2000); Masters of Divinity-Concordia Seminary (2006).

Occupation: Pastor

Church Activity: Served for three years as a youth director at Blessed Savior Lutheran Church, helping to start a youth ministry for the congregation. After completing his seminary education in 2006, Served five years as pastor of Our Savior Lutheran Church in Gladwin, MI; asked to serve as intentional interim pastor at Christ in the City/Crave Coffee House in St. Louis, MO and Zion Lutheran Church in Hillsboro, Missouri. He has been serving Immanuel in Niskayuna since July of 2016.

District/Synod Activity: From 2011 to 2014 - consultant for the Missouri District LCMS and the Lutheran Foundation of St. Louis through Send Me St.

Louis. He worked with congregations and non-profit organizations on volunteer management and community engagement. He helped organize and start a multi-faceted think tank that focused on resourcing, revitalizing, and helping ministries reengage in their communities. He was asked by the District to take on the intentional interim role for congregations in need of revitalization. He served 2 congregations in this role over 2 years.

Community Service: Worked to connect with each of the communities he has served. In Gladwin, Michigan he helped to develop a group that refurbished the facades of downtown buildings when they had become dilapidated. He also worked to bring increased financial resources into the community to help individuals and families in poverty. During his time in St. Louis Matthew worked to create a community conversation platform called the Mercy Quarterly in concert with the United Way of St. Louis, Concordia Seminary, and a number of churches and organizations in the area. He also helped to make community service part of new student orientation at Concordia Seminary. He is currently working with the Niskayuna school district to develop a weekend feeding program for students in need.

Staneck, Rev. Matthew:

Membership: St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church - Glendale, NY

Education: Bachelor of Arts, Valparaiso University: 2009. M. Div, Concordia Seminary - St. Louis: 2013

Occupation: Pastor (sole): St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church - Glendale, NY.

Church Activity: Associate Editor, Lutheran Forum (ALPB): 2015-present.

District/Synod Activity: Circuit Visitor, Circuit 6: 2014-2017. Teacher, Atlantic District Lay Deacon Program: 2011, 2013-2014, 2016. Adjunct Professor, Concordia College - New York: Spring 2017 (Theo 101).

Community Service: Board of Managers, Chinatown YMCA: 2014-2017. Adjunct Chapel Leader, NYC Rescue Mission: 2014-2017.

Taylor, Rev. Dr. Dien A: **(Declined)**

District Nominations Committee for the 2021 Convention - Layperson
(Elect Two)

Farber, Ellen:

*See biography information above - Board of Directors Region 3 Lay Rep.

Stewart, Susan:

*See biography information above – Board of Directors Region 1 Lay Rep.

Funfgeld, Kathy:

(Declined) - (4/28/2018)

District Nominations Committee for the 2021 Convention
Commissioned Ministers
(Elect Two)

Hahn, David:

Membership: St. Paul's Lutheran, Saratoga Springs

Education: BA from Concordia University-River Forest ('75), M.Ed. from Towson State U ('80); Ph.D. from the Univ. of Minnesota ('91)

Occupation: ALSS Executive Director

Church Activity: Presently: Relatively new member of St. Paul's since our move from Long Island. Member of the Mission Team at St. Paul's; Former: Active leadership of Long Island Lutheran High School Association made up of 20 Lutheran congregations in Nassau and Suffolk Counties. Member, Atlantic District Board of Directors; Member, Task Force on Congregation Revitalization; Executive Director, Association of Lutheran Secondary Schools; past board member, Lutheran Counseling Center and Association of Lutheran Secondary Schools.

District/Synod Activity: Member of the Atlantic District Board of Directors since 2006; also serving on Task Force 2 – Revitalizing Congregations.

Community Service: Faculty Member, Van Lunen Center, Grand Rapids, MI; Member, Daphne Seybolt Culpeper Foundation; Served on the Board of Habitat for Humanity of Suffolk County.

Roemke, Thomas:

(added - 5/7/2018)

Membership: Our Savior's Colonie

Church Activity: Ministry Coordinating Board, Men's Ministry, Adult Bible Class Coordinator/Teacher

District/Synod: District: Task Force Two (Church Revitalization/Leadership Development), Nominations Committee
Previously served on District Board of Directors and Task Force Five (Parish Education) Synod: Previously served on Board of Regents - Concordia - New York

Community Service: Previously served on Thrivent Leadership Board

Education Background: B.S. from Concordia University-Chicago, M.S. University of Albany, NY (Supervision of Instruction/Curriculum Development)

Occupation: Retired: Former Lutheran education/administrator

Concordia College Board of Regents
(Elect One – Pastor)

Froehlich, Rev. Charles: (incumbent)

Membership: King of Glory Lutheran Church Williamsburg VA

Education: Concordia Jr. College, Milwaukee, WI; Concordia Sr. College, Ft. Wayne IN; Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO; Christ Seminary, St. Louis, MO.

Occupation: Retired but still active

Church Activity: Coordinate Ministry to Seniors, Bible Class Teacher, Visitation of Sick and Shut Ins. I also fill in as preacher when needed; Retired as Pastor of St. Luke Dix Hills, NY in 2013 where I served for 33 years after having served Trinity Hicksville for 5.5 years.

District/Synod Activity: I help to serve vacant congregations in our circuit and surrounding circuits. Last year i served an interim ministry at Trinity Hicksville NY for a year; former 1st Vice President of the Atlantic District for 21 years; currently serving on the Concordia Bronxville Board of Regents.

Community Service: I head up Pastoral Care at Lackey Free Clinic in Yorktown VA, I also work at the winter shelter in Williamsburg and deliver meals to the outreach motels in Williamsburg.

Staneck, Rev. Matthew:

Membership: St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church - Glendale, NY

Education: Bachelor of Arts, Valparaiso University: 2009; M. Div, Concordia Seminary - St. Louis: 2013

Occupation: Pastor (sole): St. John's Evangelical Lutheran – Glendale, NY

Church Activity: Associate Editor, Lutheran Forum (ALPB): 2015-present.

District/Synod Activity: Circuit Visitor, Circuit 6: 2014-2017; Teacher, Atlantic District Lay Deacon Program: 2011, 2013-2014, 2016; Adjunct Professor, Concordia College - New York: Spring 2017 (Theo 101).

Community Service: Board of Managers, Chinatown YMCA: 2014-2017; Adjunct Chapel Leader, NYC Rescue Mission: 2014-2017.

Taylor, Rev. Dr. Dien A. (Declined)

Concordia College Board of Regents
(Elect One – Commissioned Minister)

Lottes, Jane: (incumbent)

Membership: Trinity Lutheran Church, Hicksville NY

Education: I received my BS in Education (secondary education, English, math) from Concordia University Nebraska, formerly Concordia Teacher's College) in 1982. As a called teaching minister, I accepted my first call to Long Island Lutheran Jr/Sr High School, Brookville NY in 1982.

Occupation: Head of Advancement, Long Island Lutheran Middle & High School, Brookville NY where I am a commissioned teaching minister.

Church Activity: I have been a member at Trinity Lutheran for close to 20 years. During that time, I have served on three call committees, including most recently in calling Rev. John Hopkins to our church in 2017. Additionally, I currently serve on the Campaign Committee for the church, which will be kicking off a comprehensive campaign this spring. As a previous school parents, I was involved in the PTFA and through the years have been involved in various fundraising committees and events for both the school and the church.

District Synod Activity: I have served as a Regent on the Board at Concordia New York since 2015. Previous to this, I served on the Board of the Lutheran Schools Association 2011-2015. I was a Board member of the Lutheran Counseling Center Board from 2007-2015, serving as Board Chair from 2012-2015. Over the years, I have met with leaders in many Lutheran schools and churches to discuss fundraising ideas and goals, and have also spoken on a variety of fundraising topics at various conferences in the Atlantic District.

Community Service: As an administrator at Long Island Lutheran, my development team and I have managed our annual Meal Packing Event that annually packs 300,000+ meals for families in need both locally

and globally. I have served on mission trips to Mexico and Nicaragua. I get personally involved with a variety of servant events at our school, from Habitat for Humanity to food drives and days of service. I am a 20+ year member of the Association of Lutheran Development Executives, having served on its Board of Directors from 2003-2008. I have served on a variety of committees for this organization from 2000-2010. Additionally, I chaired the international conference in Baltimore in February of 2007 and was Chapter President for a number of years. I frequently speak on the topic of giving, special events, donor relations and strategic planning.

Concordia College Board of Regents
(Elect Two Laypersons)

Mahn, Edward: (lay/incumbent)

Membership: St Paul Lutheran Church, Flemington, NJ

Education: A.A.S. Concordia College, Bronxville, NY, B.S. Wagner College, NY, Chartered Life Underwriter, Chartered Financial Consultant, The American College

Occupation: Insurance agency owner, Flemington, NJ

Church Activity: former trustee, assistant reader

District/Synod Activity: Board of Regents, Concordia College, NY

Community Service: Recipient of 2015 Concordia College Volunteer Service Award, Recipient of 2017 Concordia College Undergraduate Distinguished Alum Award.

Jakob, Michael: (lay/incumbent)

Membership: Evangelical Immanuel Lutheran Church of Whitestone

Education: BBA - International Finance - Hofstra University

Occupation: Owner - Carriage Trade Insurance Agency - Floral Park NY

Church Activity: President - Ev. Immanuel Lutheran Church of Whitestone.

District/Synod Activity: Regent - Concordia College, Bronxville NY; President - Board of Directors - Martin Luther School, Maspeth NY; Vice President - Board of Directors - Lutheran Ministries in Higher Education; Member - Finance Committee - Lutheran Social Services of NY; Member-Development Committee-Lutheran Social Services of NY

Community Service: Immediate Past President and Current Board Member - Floral Park Chamber of Commerce