

Minutes of the Convention

Session 1

Thursday, June 26, 2003

Call to Order

At 4:00 pm Dr. Warren Schumacher declared the 60th Convention of the Northwest District of the Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod open in the name of God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Opening Hymn

The convention sang the opening hymn, "Rise Up, O Saints of God."

Rationale for a District Convention

Dr. Schumacher explained to the delegates the reasons for a district convention.

Opening Prayer

Dr. Schumacher introduced Rev. Jonathan Rockey, pastor of St. John Lutheran Church, Palmer, Alaska, and area Vice President for Alaska, who led the convention in the following opening prayer:

Lord God, we bring you praise, honor, and glory, as we assemble here in Portland, in this free land, to be your church in action. We gather knowing that we are under your empowering hand to do the work that you have directed us to do—that is, to be people who share your Good News, that through your Holy Spirit your kingdom on earth will expand and flourish. Holy Lord, we thank you for the marvelous freedom we are experiencing here in Portland today. We are free to call upon your name, to worship you, to bring you praise without fear or apprehension. We are free to share the Word that you have given, the Word that brings the lost to know the saving grace of Jesus Christ. As we assemble, we boldly call upon the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, to guide and lead his Church in this convention. Send your Holy Spirit to lift our spirits, guide and direct us in your will, and to follow your lead to the tracks so carefully set in place before us, tracks that lead us to those whose hearts you have prepared to hear your precious message. May we also have courage to make plans that are in accord with your good and perfect will. May the gift of faith give us the courage to be strangers, pilgrims, yes Ambassadors, in this land. Give us vision, give us unity, give us empowerment, give us courage as we meet. We call upon you, you who have made us alive in faith, to be alive now to do your bidding. Touch us with your presence and peace—touch our ears to hear, our lips to speak, our eyes to see, and our hands to reach out to one another and to our world. May we be encouraged in our convention by the power and resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, and by his promised counselor and comforter, the Holy Spirit. Hear our prayer in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Introductions

Dr. Schumacher introduced special guests, various staff members, the Northwest District Board of Directors, the District Convention Committee, and the executive staff.

Registration and Credentials

Dr. Matthew Becker, District Secretary, reported that as of 3:30 pm, June 26, 2003, there were 168 voting pastors and 189 voting laypersons present at the convention. The total number of voting delegates present was 357. Since at least one-third of our congregations was represented, a quorum was declared present. Also registered were 56 advisory delegates and 43 youth delegates. Total registration of delegates was 456.

Convention Schedule

The delegates voted to adopt the schedule for the convention, as printed on pages 1-5A through 1-6A of the convention Workbook.

Standing Rules

The delegates voted to adopt the standing rules of the convention, as printed on page 1-3A.

Elections Committee Report

Mr. Jay Musfeldt, chairman of the Elections Committee, informed the convention about the electing process. A “warm body, a blue tag, and in your seat” were the conditions for receiving a ballot. Mr. Musfeldt explained the process for completing a ballot. The convention attempted a mock ballot.

Tracking the Spirit Presentation

Dr. Denny Langston, Director of Expanding Ministries of the Northwest District, was introduced. Dr. Langston introduced Dr. Robert Scudieri, Director of North American Missions.

Dr. Scudieri presented Dr. Schumacher with a gift copy of the book, *The Theology of the Cross for the 21st Century*, ed. Alberto Garcia and A. R. Victor Raj (St. Louis: Concordia Publishing House, 2002).

Dr. Scudieri addressed the convention on the theme, “Tracking the Spirit.” Dr. Scudieri spoke about the need for a faithful witness in our world that is grounded in the free and saving gospel of Jesus Christ, crucified and risen for the forgiveness of sins. He emphasized that God puts people right solely through their *faith* in Jesus Christ. While we are called upon to keep the Word straight, we are also called to get the word out. We have been blessed, but have we been faithful? Has the LCMS, the Northwest District, been faithful? God is bringing more and more people into the Northwest region...

Thus there is the tremendous need for tracking the Spirit in the Northwest District. The Northwest District is right to heed the Spirit’s call to start new missions.

God has found us; God is tracking us! He has promised to be with us to the end of the age. We have hope that God is tracking us through his Word and the other means of grace.

Election of the District President

Rev. Rockey led the convention in a prayer.

Dr. Becker reported that as of 5:00pm there were 378 voting delegates registered and present at the convention. Dr. Becker read the section on “District President” from his report (p. 5-1 in the Workbook).

Mr. Musfeldt presented the slate of nominees for the office of District President. The two persons receiving the most nominations, and who did not decline nomination, were Rev. Jeffrey Pulse and Dr. Warren Schumacher. This slate constituted Ballot #1.

Report of the Nominating Committee

The chairman of the District Nominating Committee, Rev. Ken Schauer, pastor of Denali Lutheran Church, Chugiak, Alaska, reported to the convention about the work and results of the Nominating Committee (see p. 5-31A in the Convention Workbook).

Dr. Becker reported on the process that will be followed for making nominations from the floor. This process is in accordance with Robert’s Rules of Order and the custom of the Northwest District. Before voting for offices takes place (other than for District President and District First Vice-President), the chairman will call for additional nominations from the floor for all elective offices. Floor nominations are in order whenever there is an election. No second is required. No one may nominate more than one person for any given office.

Prayer

Rev. Rockey led the convention in a prayer.

Recess

The convention stood in recess until 7:30pm.

Session 2

Thursday, June 26, 2003

Orders of the Day

The convention was called to order at 7:30pm.

Registration

As of 7:25pm, the total number of voting delegates was 380 (180 clergy; 200 lay people).

Elections

Mr. Musfeldt reported the results of Ballot #1 for the election of President: Rev. Jeff Pulse received 86 votes and Dr. Warren Schumacher received 282 votes. Dr. Schumacher was elected District President of the Northwest District. The convention sang the hymn, “Eternal Father Strong to Save.”

Convention Address

Dr. Gerald Kieschnick, President of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, was introduced by Dr. Schumacher.

Dr. Kieschnick led the convention in a prayer.

Dr. Kieschnick congratulated Dr. Schumacher on his re-election.

Dr. Kieschnick addressed the convention. He spoke on the theme of “setting hearts on fire: one mission, one message, one people.”

Dr. Kieschnick began by presenting statistics that indicate that the Synod is stagnant and even in decline. We have a difficult time reaching and keeping members, particularly younger members. There is a shortage of professional church workers. The Synod faces financial challenges. Funding for the mission of the Synod is dependent on individual and corporate contributions. The Synod’s finances have also suffered from the downturn in the national economy. This past year twenty-eight overseas missionary positions were eliminated. Seventeen positions in the LCMS world missions office in St. Louis were also eliminated. There are theological tensions within our church body. We will either die as a church body or else we will fan the flame.

Fanning the flame does not come without risk. One of the dangers among us is conflict. There is conflict in our Synod. Dr. Kieschnick called upon us to settle whatever differences are among us through love, according to Matthew 18. The flame will go out, if we do nothing but fight with one another. Each second someone in the world dies without faith in Jesus Christ.

Another danger of being near fire is to withdraw. Jesus did not withdraw when he was on the cross. He sent the Holy Spirit to fan the flame. The Lord has entrusted to us the Word and Sacraments for our lives and the lives of others. Those means of grace restore joy. The Holy Spirit sets hearts on fire for the cause of Christ, reaching the lost for Christ.

The national Synod is seeking to fan the flame within the Synod. The Synod is seeking to reach 100 million people with the gospel of Jesus Christ by the 500th anniversary of the Reformation (2017). “For the Sake of the Church” has raised over 100 million dollars for the Synod’s colleges, universities, and seminaries. The Commission on Worship will present a new hymnal next summer. Lutheran World Relief and Human Care are focusing on faith-based initiatives. LCEF is helping over 1600 congregations and organizations. Hearts are on fire for a passion for Christ (cf. Luke 24:32).

Dr. Kieschnick gave thanks to our heavenly Father for setting his heart on fire in 1943 through Holy Baptism. That gift of faith was fanned into flame by the Holy Spirit working through Word and Sacrament.

Dr. Kieschnick focused on the confessional basis of Article II in the Synod’s Constitution. He also highlighted the Great Commission of Matthew 28:19-20. Fulfilling the Great Commission in 21st-century America confronts us with many cultural challenges. Many people in our culture know nothing of the one true God. He gave an example of a young man at a divine service who had never heard the Lord’s Prayer before.

Dr. Kieschnick ended his presentation by giving a passionate call to the delegates to have hearts that burn with a passion for sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ with others, for sharing the love of Christ with those who do not know him or his love. The “critical event” is when one Lutheran Christian gives witness about Jesus to the hope that is in him or her so that another encounters the love and forgiveness of Christ.

It will be a major role of our congregations to reach out to others with the love and mercy of Christ, grounded in solid, evangelical doctrine and practice. This role of congregations is to help enable the multiplying of the “critical event” mentioned above. We must strive for missional unity with the same passion that we strive for doctrinal unity. It is simply unacceptable that we are surrounded by people who do not know Jesus as their Lord and Savior from sin.

Dr. Kieschnick’s vision for the LCMS is one mission (to seek the lost for Christ; Matt. 28:19-20), one message (Jesus Christ is the Savior of the world; 2 Cor. 5:19), and one people (citizens of heaven; Phil. 1:27; John 10:16).

The delegates viewed a video (“One Mission, One Message, One People”) about Dr. Kieschnick’s vision for the mission of the Synod. A copy of this video has been sent to every congregation of the Synod. Dr. Kieschnick encouraged each congregation to view this video, if it has not already done so.

Dr. Kieschnick ended his presentation by stressing the need for a winsome attitude among us. Is your heart on fire for Christ? Will you join in this tremendous undertaking within our church body?

Elections

Dr. Becker read the section on “District First Vice-President” in his report on nominations (see pp. 5-1 and 5-2 in the Convention Workbook).

Mr. Musfeldt presented the slate of candidates for the office of First Vice-President. The candidates were Rev. Eric Lange, Rev. Andrew Northrop, Rev. Clemens Pera, and Rev. Jeffrey Pulse.

Questions and Answers

Dr. Schumacher introduced Rev. Keith Eilers, pastor of Hope Lutheran Church, Seattle, Washington, and Puget Sound Vice President, who led the convention in a question and answer period with Dr. Kieschnick.

Dr. Kieschnick answered questions from the delegates.

Introductions and Prayer

Dr. Schumacher introduced Dr. Schlimpert, President of Concordia University, Portland, Oregon.

Dr. Schlimpert informed the delegates that they would be receiving ice cream, courtesy of Concordia University, Portland.

Closing Prayer

Dr. Schlimpert led the convention in a prayer.

Recess

The chairman called the orders of the day.
The convention recessed at 9:00pm.

Session 3

Friday, June 27, 2003

Opening Worship

The delegates participated in a divine service of Holy Communion. Dr. Kieschnick served as the homilist. Rev. Bill Stuenkel served as the liturgist. St. John Lutheran Church, Vancouver, Washington, served as host congregation.

Installation of District President

Dr. Gerald Kieschnick installed Dr. Schumacher as the President of the Northwest District.

Call to Order

Dr. Schumacher called the convention to order at 10:30am.

Hymn

The convention sang one verse from the hymn, "Thy Strong Word," and the school song of Concordia University, Portland, which is based on the melody of this hymn.

Prayer

Rev. Rockey, convention chaplain, led the convention in a prayer for safe travel for Dr. and Mrs. Kieschnick and for guidance in today's business.

Dr. Schumacher reported that Rev. Joel Nickel, pastor of Calvary Lutheran Church, Stayton, Oregon, provided Dr. Kieschnick with a hand-made pectoral cross, since Dr. Kieschnick's pectoral cross had been stolen a few days earlier.

Elections

Mr. Musfeldt reported on the results of Ballot #2.

Rev. Eric Lange received 34 votes, Rev. Andrew Northrop received 27 votes, Rev. Clemens Pera received 209 votes, and Rev. Jeffrey Pulse received 96 votes.

Rev. Clemens Pera was elected First Vice-President.

Registration

Dr. Becker reported that as of 10:20am, June 27, 2003, there were 385 voting delegates registered at the convention (183 clergy; 202 lay). In addition, there were 65 advisory delegates and 50 youth delegates.

Floor Nominations

Mr. Sam Smith was nominated to the slate of candidates for the Synod Nominating Committee (lay position).

Rev. James Wilson was nominated to the slate of candidates for District Secretary.

Rev. Eric Lange was nominated to the slate of candidates for the District Nominating Committee (clergy).

Elections

Mr. Musfeldt presented Ballot #3, Alaska Region Vice President. Since Ballot #3 contained only one name, a motion was made and seconded to declare Rev. Jonathan Rockey Alaska Region Vice President by acclamation. Rev. Rockey was elected Alaska Regional VP.

Mr. Musfeldt presented the slate of candidates for Ballot #4, Inland-Empire Region Vice President. The two candidates were Rev. David Jensen and Rev. Larry Meyer.

Concordia University, Portland

Dr. Schumacher introduced Dr. Charles Schlimpert, President of Concordia University, Portland. Dr. Schumacher thanked Dr. Schlimpert for the ice cream floats that Concordia provided the delegates Friday evening.

Dr. Schlimpert addressed the convention about Concordia University, Portland, Oregon.

Omnibus Resolutions

Dr. Becker introduced Omnibus Resolution A (p. 9-48 in the Workbook). Omnibus Resolution A was adopted.

Dr. Becker introduced Omnibus Resolution B. Omnibus Resolution B (p. 9-49 in the Workbook) was adopted.

Dr. Becker informed the delegates that Omnibus Resolution D (p. 9-50 in the Workbook) had been given to Floor Committee 4 (Administration) and would be coming before the convention at a later time.

Floor Committee #2 (Missions and District Ministries)

Rev. Mark Hoelter, chairman of Committee Two, introduced the work of Floor Committee Two.

Res. 2-01, "To Affirm 'Tracking the Spirit' as an Effective Model of Outreach for the 21st Century," was placed before the delegates. A motion was made and seconded to table the resolution. This motion failed. A motion was made and seconded to amend the resolution so that the title be changed to read, "To Affirm 'Tracking the Spirit' as an Exciting and Potentially Effective Model of Outreach for the 21st Century," and that the final two resolves be changed to read, "Resolved, that the Northwest District affirm 'Tracking the Spirit' as an exciting and potentially effective model of outreach and discipling in the 21st Century, and be it further Resolved, that the Northwest District

memorialize the Synod to affirm ‘Tracking the Spirit’ as an exciting and potentially effective model of outreach and discipling in the 21st Century.’ The motion to amend failed. Res. 2-01 was adopted.

Elections

Mr. Musfeldt reported on the results of Ballot #4, Inland Empire Region Vice-President. Rev. David Jensen received 84 votes and Rev. Larry Meyer received 271 votes. Rev. Larry Meyer was elected Vice-President of the Inland Empire Region.

Mr. Musfeldt introduced Ballot #5, Oregon Region Vice-President. The candidates were Rev. Eric Lange, Rev. Tyrus Miles, and Rev. Gerald Rabe.

Point of Order

A motion was made and seconded to dispense with the reading of the “whereases” in resolutions and simply read the resolutions. This motion was adopted.

Floor Committee #2 (Missions and District Ministries)

Res. 2-02 was introduced to the delegates. The committee changed line 27 in order to remove the word “to.” The committee changed lines 29-30 to replace the words, “Lay Assistant Program,” with the words, “Leadership Advancement Process.” Res. 2-02 was adopted as amended.

Res. 2-03 was brought before the convention. A motion was made and seconded to offer a substitute resolution, namely, Overture 2-07, “To Encourage Each Congregation to Support Synod with a Line Item in Their Budget” (pp. 6-19-20 in the Convention Workbook). This motion failed. A motion was made and seconded to amend Res. 2-03 to add these additional resolves: “Resolved, that the Northwest District in Convention take bold initiative to memorialize the Synod to establish a task force of parish pastors and laymen that hold no office in Synod or District and receive no pay from District or Synod to consider and then recommend ways to trim our spending at the District and Synod level so that our precious mission money might be more directly used to save those who otherwise will be lost to hell; and Resolved, that the Northwest District take the lead in this effort and establish a task force of parish pastors and laymen that hold no office in Synod or District and receive no pay from District or Synod to consider and then recommend ways to trim our spending at the District level so that our precious mission money might be more directly used to save those who otherwise will be lost to hell.” After much debate a motion was made and seconded to call the question. This motion was adopted. The motion to amend failed. A delegate called for a division of the house on the vote to amend Res. 2-03. Upon a count, the vote was 114 in the affirmative and 240 in the negative; the amendment failed.

The chairman called the orders of the day and asked the chaplain to lead the convention in a noon-time prayer before lunch, after which the chairman declared the convention in recess.

Recess

The convention stood in recess.

Session 4

Friday, June 27, 2003

Orders of the Day

Dr. Schumacher called the convention to order at 1:30pm.

Prayer

Rev. Rockey opened session four with a Scripture reading and prayer.

Elections

Mr. Musfeldt reported the results of Ballot #5, Vice-President of the Oregon region. Rev. Eric Lange received 89 votes, Rev. Ty Miles received 201 votes, and Rev. Gerald Rabe received 77 votes. Rev. Ty Miles was elected Vice-President of the Oregon region.

Mr. Musfeldt introduced the slate of candidates for Ballot #6, Vice-President of the Puget Sound Region. The candidates were Rev. Keith Eilers and Rev. Jeffrey Pulse.

Registration

Dr. Becker reported that as of 1:10pm on June 27, 2003, there were 386 voting delegates (183 clergy; 203 lay).

Convention Presentation

Dr. Schumacher introduced again the convention presenter, Dr. Scudieri.

Dr. Scudieri addressed the convention.

After his presentation, Dr. Scudieri was warmly sent on his way. The convention thanked Dr. Scudieri for his presentation.

Elections

Mr. Musfeldt introduced the slate of candidates for Ballot #7, Vice-President of the South Idaho region. The candidates were Rev. Mark Christ and Rev. Mike Donnan.

Floor Committee #3 (Theology and Practice)

Rev. David Chamberlain introduced the members and work of Floor Committee Three.

Res. 3-01, "To Encourage the Members of the Northwest District to Take Leadership in Promoting Peace and Unity within our Synod," was introduced to the convention. Res. 3-01 was adopted.

Res. 3-02, "To Use the Steps Outlined in Matthew 18 in Cases Where the Offense is Deemed Public," was introduced to the convention. A delegate made the point of order that Res. 3-02 was out of order because it conflicts with the procedure of Bylaw 2.27. The chairman ruled that the point of order was not well taken. A motion was made and seconded to substitute Overture 3-06 (p. 6-35 in the Workbook) for Res. 3-02. This motion failed. A motion was made to call the question. This motion passed. A point of

privilege was made by a delegate for a roll call vote. The point of privilege was not granted. Res. 3-02 was adopted. [At the end of the business session, and later in the convention, the following individuals asked that their negatives votes be recorded in the minutes: Rev. Jeffrey Berndt, Rev. Daniel Freeman, Mr. Kurt Haas, Rev. James Jenson, Rev. Willis Jenson, Mr. Jonathon Krenz, Rev. Ernie Lassmann, Rev. Bruce Ley, Mr. Erik Nystrom, Rev. Tim Pauls, Mr. Helmuth Siemer Jr., Mrs. Leslie Sramek, and Rev. James Dale Wilson.]

Res. 3-03A (p. 9-28A), “Scriptural Study of Ministry,” was introduced to the delegates. Res. 3-03A was adopted.

Elections

Mr. Musfeldt reported the results of Ballot #6, Vice-President of the Puget Sound region.

Rev. Eilers received 214 votes and Rev. Pulse received 122 votes.

Rev. Eilers was elected Vice-President of the Puget Sound region.

Mr. Musfeldt reported on the results of Ballot #7, Vice-President of the South Idaho region.

Rev. Christ received 148 votes and Rev. Donnan received 196 votes.

Rev. Donnan was elected Vice-President of the South Idaho region.

Mr. Musfeldt introduced the slate of candidates for Ballot #8, the ranking of vice-presidents #2 through #6.

Committee #3 (Theology and Practice)

Res. 3-04, “To Reconsider the Interpretation of Romans 16:17,” was presented to the delegates. A motion was made and seconded to offer a substitute resolution, “To Reaffirm the Interpretation of Romans 16:17.” Under the Behnken Rule, a vote was taken, without debate, whether to accept the substitute motion for discussion. The vote was in the affirmative. The substitute resolution became Res. 3-04A. A point of privilege was made to ask the one bringing the substitute motion to read the whereases. The point of privilege was not granted. A motion was made and seconded to reverse the decision of the chair and to have the whereases of Resolution 3-04A read aloud to the convention. This motion failed. The chair’s decision was upheld. Debate ensued until the chairman called the orders of the day.

Elections

Mr. Musfeldt reported the results of Ballot #8, the ranking of vice-presidents #2-6. Rev. Mike Donnan received 63 votes, Rev Keith Eilers received 99 votes, Rev. Larry Meyer received 59 votes, Rev. Miles received 99 votes, and Rev. Rockey received 52 votes. Because of a tie between Rev. Eilers and Rev. Miles, a run-off ballot (Ballot 8A) was to be taken at the start of the next business session.

Orders of the Day

The orders of the day were called.

Recess

The convention stood in recess at 3:00pm.

Session 5

Friday, June 27, 2003

Orders of the Day

Dr. Schumacher called the convention to order at 3:45pm.

Elections

Mr. Musfeldt introduced Ballot 8a, a run-off between Rev. Keith Eilers and Rev. Tyrus Miles for 2nd Vice-President of the District.

Committee #1 (Human Care)

Rev. Ted Werfelmann introduced the work of Committee One.

Res. 1-01, "To Continue the Disability Awareness Task Force and its Activity," was presented (with a minor change in line 23, to add the words "on-going"). Res. 1-01 was adopted as amended.

Res. 1-02, "To Memorialize the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod to Facilitate an Inclusive Ministry with and to People with Disabilities," was introduced to the convention. Res. 1-02 was adopted.

Res. 1-06, "To Study Faith-Based Initiatives," was introduced to the convention. Res. 1-06 was adopted.

Res. 1-05, "To Accept Reports," was presented to the delegates. Res. 1-05 was adopted.

Elections

Mr. Musfeldt reported the results of Ballot #8A. Rev. Eilers received 192 votes and Rev. Miles received 137 votes. Rev. Eilers was elected 2nd Vice-President, Rev. Miles was elected 3rd Vice-President, Rev. Donnan was elected 4th Vice-president, Rev. Meyer was elected 5th Vice-President, and Rev. Rockey was elected 6th Vice-president.

Mr. Musfeldt introduced Ballot #9 for District Secretary. The candidates were Dr. Matthew Becker and Rev. James Dale Wilson.

Committee #4 (Administration)

Rev. Mike Donnan introduced the work of Committee Four.

Res. 4-02, "To Memorialize the Synod to Revise Bylaw 2.33 on Reinstatement," was introduced. After debate, the question was called. Res. 4-02 was adopted.

Res. 4-04, "To Revise the Synod's Constitution and Bylaws to Include Commissioned Ministers as Voting Delegates at District and Synodical Conventions," was introduced to the delegates. After debate, the question was called. Res. 4-04 was declined.

Res. 4-05, "To Accept Reports," was brought before the convention. Res. 4-05 was adopted.

Res. 4-08 on Lutheran Inner City Mission was brought before the convention. A motion was made and seconded to amend the resolved that begins at line 34 as follows: "Resolved, that the site and facilities will be turned over to the Northwest District by July 30, 2003, to be appraised and sold at fair market value with the proceeds distributed as

follows: 25% to Northwest District Missions; 25% to Synodical World Missions; and the remaining 50% divided evenly between the two seminaries of the Synod; and be it finally..." The motion to amend Res. 4-08 was defeated. By common consent line 35 was changed to read "District President" in place of "President Schumacher." Res. 4-08 was adopted as amended.

Elections

Mr. Musfeldt reported on Ballot #9, District Secretary. Dr. Matthew Becker received 261 votes and Rev. James Wilson received 97 votes. Dr. Becker was elected District Secretary.

Mr. Musfeldt introduced the slate of candidates for Ballot #10, for the lay people (3) positions on the Board of Directors. The candidates were Dr. Lois Banke, Mrs. Lenetta Colbert, Mr. Michael Haas, Mr. Keith Nyman, and Mr. David Schilling.

Mr. Musfeldt introduced the slate of candidates for Ballot #11, for the commissioned minister position on the Board of Directors. The one candidate, Mrs. Linda Kuhlmann, was elected by acclamation.

Committee #4 (Administration)

Res. 4-07, "To Seek Ways to Improve Our Stewardship and Administrative Function for the Sake of Missions," was brought before the convention. A motion was made and seconded to amend the resolution on line 4 (p. 9-47) to add the word "congregations" and on line 6 to add the word "congregational." This motion was adopted. Res. 4-07 was adopted as amended.

Elections

Mr. Musfeldt reported the results of Ballot #10. Dr. Lois Banke received 255 votes, Loretta Colbert received 118 votes, Michael Haas received 170 votes, Keith Nyman received 217 votes, and David Schilling received 238 votes.

Dr. Lois Banke, Mr. Keith Nyman, and Mr. David Schilling were elected to serve as lay members of the Board of Directors. Mr. Nyman was elected to a three-year term and Dr. Banke and Mr. Schilling were elected to six-year terms.

Mr. Musfeldt introduced the slate of candidates for Ballot #12, ordained minister for the District Nominating Committee. The candidates were Rev. Jonathan Dinger, Rev. Denny Lorenz, and Rev. Eric Lange.

Prayer

Rev. Rockey closed the session with prayer.

Orders of the Day

The chairman called the orders of the day.

Recess

The convention recessed at 5:20pm.

Session 6

Saturday, June 28, 2003

Orders of the Day

The chairman called the convention to order at 8:15am.

The convention sang the hymn, "Holy, Holy, Holy."

CPH Representative

Mr. Art Freitag, lay member of the Northwest District Board of Directors and Concordia Publishing House (CPH) representative, presented Dr. Schumacher with a copy of a painting of Christ. This is a gift to the Northwest District by CPH.

Point of Order

A point of order was raised by a delegate. The delegate asked that if someone feels conscience-bound to record one's vote in the minutes, may a delegate do so. The chairman indicated that indeed people may ask the Secretary to record their votes in the minutes.

Registration

As of 8:15am, June 28, 2003, there were 387 voting delegates (183 clergy; 204 lay) registered and present at the convention. There were 67 advisory delegates and 50 youth delegates.

Elections.

Mr. Musfeldt reported that the convention had to conduct a run-off election for Ballot #12, District Nominating Committee (clergy). Rev. Jonathan Dinger received 152 votes, Rev. Denny Lorenz received 109 votes, and Rev. Eric Lange received 99 votes. Because none the candidates received more than 50% of the votes, the candidates for Ballot #12a, District Nominating Committee (clergy), were Rev. Jonathan Dinger and Rev. Denny Lorenz.

"Tracking the Spirit" Presentation

Dr. Schumacher explained to the delegates that this coming fall and next spring the congregations of the district will be visited by the Northwest District Ministry Team. Delegates were given welcome mats to symbolize these up-coming visits.

Dr. Schumacher introduced Dr. Denny Langston, Director of Expanding Ministries for the Northwest District.

Dr. Langston addressed the convention about "Tracking the Spirit."

Elections

Mr. Musfeldt reported the results of Ballot 12a, District Nominating Committee (clergy). Rev. Jonathan Dinger received 159 votes and Rev. Denny Lorenz received 123 votes. Rev. Dinger was elected to the District Nominating Committee (clergy).

Mr. Musfeldt introduced the slate of candidate for Ballot #13, District Nominating Committee (Commissioned Minister). The candidates were Mrs. Marilyn Kramer and Mr. Dan Seim.

Committee #4 (Administration)

Res. 4-01A, "To Memorialize the Synod to Revise the Selection of National Synod Convention Floor Committees," was introduced the convention. Res. 4-01A was adopted.

Res. 4-03A, "To Memorialize the Synod to Revise Bylaws 2.27 and 6.47," was introduced to the convention. Res. 4-03A was adopted.

Res. 4-06A, "To Respectfully Decline Overtures," was presented to the delegates. Res. 4-06A was adopted.

Committee #4 was thanked for its work, which was now completed.

Elections

Mr. Musfeldt reported the results of Ballot #13, District Nominating Committee (Commissioned Minister). Mrs. Marilyn Kramer received 131 votes and Mr. Dan Seim received 189 votes. Mr. Seim was elected to the District Nominating Committee (Commissioned Minister).

Mr. Musfeldt introduced the slate of candidates for Ballot #14, District Nominating Committee (lay). Since there was only one candidate, Mr. Fred Beierle was elected by acclamation.

Mr. Musfeldt introduced the slate of candidates for Ballot #15, Synod Nominating Committee (lay). The candidates were Mrs. Naomi Schilling, Mrs. Carol Warren, and Mr. Sam Smith.

Mr. Musfeldt introduced the slate of nominees for Ballot #16, Circuit Counselors.

This slate was as follows:

Circuit 1 – Rev. Anthony Schultz

Circuit 2 – Rev. Wilbur Gehrke

Circuit 3 – Rev. John Luther

Circuit 4 – Rev. David Chamberlain

Circuit 5 – Rev. John Luttmann

Circuit 6 – Rev. Eric Lange

Circuit 7 – Rev. Paul Linnemann

Circuit 8 – Rev. Mark Hoelter

Circuit 9 – Rev. Tim Huber

Circuit 10 – Rev. Phil Bohlken

Circuit 11 – Rev. Lawrence Vedder

Circuit 12 – Rev. Gerald Reinke

Circuit 13 – Rev. Victor Lillich

Circuit 14 – Rev. Arthur Werfelmann

Circuit 15 – Rev. David Jensen

Circuit 16 – Rev. Luther Gutz

Circuit 17 – Rev. Grant Francis

Circuit 18 – Rev. Dennis Wildermuth

Circuit 19 – Rev. Jeffrey Pulse

Circuit 20 – Rev. Mike Schuessler

Circuit 21 – Rev. Roger Dallman

Circuit 22 – Rev. George Burza

Circuit 23 – Rev. James Markus

Circuit 24 – Rev. Theodore Werfelmann

Circuit 25 – Rev. Ken Schauer

The convention elected the above individuals to serve as circuit counselors.

Committee #1 (Human Care)

Res. 1-03A, “To Provide for the Protection of our Children, Called and Contract Staff, and Volunteer Workers,” was brought to the attention of the convention. A motion was made and seconded to amend the resolution as follows: to replace “background checks and character assessments” on line 35 with “interview and reference checks.” That amendment was adopted. Res. 1-03A was adopted as amended.

Res. 1-04A, “In Support of the Quilting Ministry,” was introduced to the convention. Res. 1-04A was adopted.

With the passing of this last resolution, Committee One completed its business.

Elections

Mr. Musfeldt reported the results of Ballot #15, Synod Nominating Committee (lay). Mrs. Naomi Schilling received 79 votes, Mrs. Carol Warren received 123 votes, and Mr. Sam Smith received 128 votes. Mr. Musfeldt reported that the convention had to conduct a run-off election for Ballot #15, Synod Nominating Committee (lay). The candidates for Ballot #15A, Synod Nominating Committee (lay), were Mrs. Carol Warren and Mr. Sam Smith.

Committee #2 (Missions and District Ministries)

Discussion resumed on Resolution 2-03. Res. 2-03 was adopted.

Res. 2-04, “To Affirm and Support Non-Congregational Ministries,” was presented to the convention. A motion was made and seconded to amend the resolution as follows: To add an additional resolution: “Resolved, that we urge the congregations of the Northwest District to allow, encourage, and support the involvement of their pastors and professional staff in such non-congregational ministries as an extension of their local congregations and as part of the mission of making disciples that Christ gave to the Church.” The motion to amend was adopted. Res. 2-04 was adopted as amended.

Orders of the Day

Dr. Schumacher called the orders of the day.

Elections

Mr. Musfeldt reported the results of Ballot #15A, Synod Nominating Committee (lay). Mrs. Carol Warren received 170 votes and Mr. Sam Smith received 161 votes. Mrs. Warren was elected to the Synod Nominating Committee (lay.)

Youth Report

Dr. Schumacher invited the youth delegates to give their youth report.

The youth presented a skit on the theme, “Tracking the Spirit.” The skit described the activities the youth did during the convention. The youth also sang a song written by Jeremy Galvin, a youth delegate.

Recess

The convention recessed from 10:15am until 10:45am.

The Orders of the Day

Dr. Schumacher called the convention to order at 10:45am.

The convention sang the hymn, "Bind Us Together."

Model Theological Convocation Presentation

Dr. Schumacher introduced Rev. Paul Linnemann, pastor of Our Redeemer, Tigard, Oregon.

Rev. Linnemann addressed the convention about the three model theological convocations that will be taking place in the Northwest District this coming fall.

Rev. Linnemann introduced Rev. Bruce Zigel, pastor of Hope Lutheran Church, Woodburn, Oregon. Rev. Zigel addressed the convention on the two model theological convocations that will be taking place in the Northwest District this coming fall.

All pastors are invited to these convocations. Congregations are encouraged to send a lay representative (perhaps their lay delegate to the Northwest District Convention or the lay delegate to the Synod Convention in 2004).

The Oregon and South Idaho Model Theological Conference is October 14-16, 2003.

The Alaska Model Theological Conference is October 17-18, 2003.

The Puget Sound and Inland Empire Model Theological Conference is October 21-23, 2003.

Committee #2 (Missions and District Ministries)

Res. 2-06, "To Adopt a Special Triennium Mission Project," was brought to the attention of the convention (the committee noted that the word "that" needs to be inserted after the word "resolved" in line 16). Res. 2-06 was adopted as amended.

Res. 2-07, "To Encourage Support for Continuing Education for Professional Church Workers," was brought before the convention. A motion was made and seconded to add the following resolved, "Resolved, that this suggested policy be published each year in the annual Northwest District salary guidelines." The amendment was adopted. A motion was made and seconded to add the word "minimum" after the second instance of the word "suggested" in line 28. This amendment was adopted. Res 2-07 was adopted as amended

Res. 2-08A, "To Respectfully Decline Overtures," was presented to the convention with the following committee changes: the word "the" in the subject heading of Overture 2-10 was replaced with the word "to," and Resolution 2-05 was added to the space occupied by Overture 2-10. Res. 2-08A was adopted as amended.

Committee Two was thanked for its work, which was completed.

Committee #3 (Theology and Practice)

Discussion resumed on Resolution 3-04A, “To Reaffirm the Interpretation of Romans 16:17”, the substitute resolution to Resolution 3-04. A motion was made and seconded to call the question. The question was called. The substitute Resolution 3-04A failed. A delegate made a point of order, stating that Resolution 3-04 is out of order. The point of order was not well taken. Discussion resumed on Resolution 3-04, “To Reconsider the Interpretation of Romans 16:17”. A motion was made and seconded to add the words, “to many,” after the word “whereas” in line 27. The motion to amend 3-04 was adopted. Debate continued on amended Res. 3-04. A motion was made and seconded to call the question. The question was called. Amended Res. 3-04 was adopted. A delegate called for a division of the house on the vote to adopt amended Res. 3-04. 173 voted for the motion and 120 voted against the motion. Amended Res. 3-04 was adopted. [Following the business session, the following individuals asked that their negative votes be recorded in the minutes: Mr. Kurt Haas, Rev. Willis Jenson, Rev. Bruce Ley, Mr. Eric Nystrom, Rev. Tim Pauls, and Rev. James Dale Wilson.]

Res. 3-06A, “To Rescind 2001-Resolution 3-21A,” was presented to the convention. A point of order was raised that called Res. 3-06A out of order. The point of order was not well taken. Debate on Res. 3-06A continued. A motion was made and seconded to add an additional resolved that begins in line 17, “Resolved, that the ELCA is an orthodox churchbody; therefore be it.” The motion to amend failed. Debate resumed on Res. 3-06A. A point of information was asked about the content of 2001 Synod Resolution 3-21A. This Synod resolution was read to the convention by the District Secretary. Debate on Resolution 3-06A continued. A motion was made and seconded to substitute Overture 3-09 (p. 6-38 in the Workbook) for Res. 3-06A. This motion failed. Debate resumed on Resolution 3-06A. A motion was made and seconded to call the question. Res. 3-06A was declined.

Res. 3-08, “Affirming Dr. David Benke and Dr. Gerald Kieschnick,” was presented to the convention (with the following change in line 22: to add words “delegates, with some dissenting,” after the word “District.”) An objection was raised to the consideration of this question by a delegate. More than two-thirds of the delegates voted in the negative and therefore the objection was sustained and the question was not considered.

Res. 3-05, “To Support Inter-Lutheran Cooperation,” was presented to the convention with the following change made by the committee: In line 23 the word “Synod” was replaced by “Northwest District of the LCMS.” Res. 3-05 was adopted as amended. [After the business session ended, the following delegates asked that their negative votes be recorded in the minutes: Mr. Kurt Haas, Rev. Willis Jenson, Mr. Eric Nystrom, and Rev. Tim Pauls.]

Orders of the Day

The orders of the day were called by the chairman. Committee Three was dismissed with thanks for its work.

Oromo Church Choir

Dr. Robert Schmidt, emeritus professor of Concordia University, Portland, was introduced by Dr. Schumacher.

Dr. Robert Schmidt introduced the Oromo Church choir.

The Oromo Church choir sang in their language the song, "Lord I Sing Your Praise."

Installation

Dr. Schumacher installed all those elected to offices at the convention.

Adjournment

Dr. Schumacher called the convention to a close at 12:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Matthew L. Becker". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "M".

Dr. Matthew L. Becker
Secretary, Northwest District LCMS

CONVENTION RESOLUTION ACTION

RESOLUTION #	TITLE	CONVENTION ACTION
1-01	To Continue the Disability Awareness Task Force and Its Activity	Adopted as amended
1-02	To Memorialize the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod to Facilitate an Inclusive Ministry with and to People with Disabilities	Adopted
1-03A	To Provide for the Protection of our Children, Called and Contract Staff, and Volunteer Workers	Adopted as amended
1-04A	In Support of the Quilting Ministry	Adopted
1-05	To Accept Reports	Adopted
1-06	To Study Faith Based Initiatives	Adopted
2-01	To Affirm “Tracking the Spirit” as an Effective Model of Outreach for the 21 st Century	Adopted
2-02	Establish a District Task Force for Ethnic Ministries	Adopted as amended
2-03	Urge Greater Prayer and Financial Support for Mission and Ministries	Adopted
2-04	To Affirm and Support Non-Congregation Ministries	Adopted as amended
2-05	To Change District Bylaw 3.3.2	Withdrawn; see Resolution 2-08A
2-06	To Adopt a Special Triennium Mission Project	Adopted as amended
2-07	To Encourage Support for Continuing Education for Professional Church Workers	Adopted as amended
2-08A	To Respectfully Decline Overtures	Adopted as amended
3-01	To Encourage the Members of the Northwest District to Take Leadership in Promoting Peace and Unity within our Synod	Adopted
3-02	To Use the Steps Outlined in Matthew 18 in Cases Where the Offense is Deemed Public	Adopted
3-03A	Scriptural Study of Ministry	Adopted
3-04	To Reconsider the Interpretation of Romans 16:17	Adopted as amended
3-05	To Support Inter-Lutheran Cooperation	Adopted as amended
3-06A	To Rescind 2001 Resolution 3-21A	Declined
3-07	To Respectfully Decline Overtures	Not Considered

RESOLUTION #	TITLE	CONVENTION ACTION
3-08	Affirming Dr. Benke & Dr. Kieschnick	Not Considered
3-09	Scriptural Study of Women Serving in the Church	Not Considered
4-01A	To Memorialize the Synod to Revise the Selection of National Synod Convention Floor Committees	Adopted
4-02	To Memorialize the Synod to Revise Bylaw 2.33 on Reinstatement	Adopted
4-03A	To Memorialize the Synod to Revise Bylaws 2.27 and 6.47	Adopted
4-04	To Revise the Synod's Constitution and Bylaws to Include Commissioned Ministers as Voting Delegates at District and Synodical Conventions	Declined
4-05	To Accept Reports	Adopted
4-06A	To Respectfully Decline Overtures	Adopted
4-07	To Seek Ways to Improve our Stewardship and Administrative Function for the Sake of Missions	Adopted as amended
4-08	Lutheran Inner City Mission	Adopted as amended
Omnibus A	That the Overture(s) be placed in Resolution A and be referred to the designated board, commission, or individual	Adopted
Omnibus B	That petitioners offering the Overture(s) be referred to previous Convention action	Adopted
Omnibus D	That the Overture is received with thanks, gratitude, or encouragement	Became Resolution 4-08

FLOOR COMMITTEE MEMBERS - 2003

#1 - Human Care

<u>Clergy</u>	<u>Lay</u>	<u>Commissioned</u>	<u>Youth</u>
Ted Werfelmann, Chair Light of Christ Federal Way, WA.	Dena Bindewald Bethlehem Aloha, OR	Art Linnemann Trinity Portland, OR	Jeremy Galvin Peace Philomath, OR
Steve Eaton Faith Sequim, WA	John Strege Redeemer Richland, WA	Dwaine Brandt Trinity Portland, OR	
Ted Wuerffel Agape Seattle, WA	Larry McKinley Calvary Stayton, OR		
John Nelson Lutheran Ministries Seattle, WA			

ASSIGNMENTS

Overtures: 1:01 through 1:04

Reports: All Reports from Section 4 of Workbook

RESOLUTION 1-01

**TO CONTINUE THE DISABILITY AWARENESS TASK FORCE
AND ITS ACTIVITY**

WHEREAS, the Northwest District at its 2000 convention authorized the establishment of the Disability Awareness Task Force; and

WHEREAS, the Disability Awareness Task Force has enthusiastically accomplished some of the objectives listed in the 2000 convention resolution; and

WHEREAS, the work of the Task Force has not been completed;

WHEREAS, board governance policies statement 1-03 Human Care: Defenseless, weak, and hurting people, individually and corporately are cared for and defended as integral part of our gospel proclamation; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Northwest District in convention thank the Disability Awareness Task Force for its loving service in the past triennium; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Northwest District continue the authorization of the on-going Disability Awareness Task Force through the next triennium in order that they might complete its objectives.

FLOOR COMMITTEE NO. 1
Rev. Ted Werfelmann, Chairman

(cf Overture 1-01, To Continue the Disability Awareness Task Force and its Activity, page 6-5)

ACTION: Adopted as amended

RESOLUTION 1-02

TO MEMORIALIZE THE LUTHERAN CHURCH – MISSOURI SYNOD TO FACILITATE AN INCLUSIVE MINISTRY WITH AND TO PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

- WHEREAS, our Lord ministered to the needs of all people and asks His followers to emulate His example; and
- WHEREAS, “all people” includes individuals with physical and mental disabilities which significantly limit major life activities (currently between 15 and 20 per cent of the total population); and
- WHEREAS, people with disabilities are often faced with physical and attitudinal barriers to full participation in worship, fellowship, and outreach activities; and
- WHEREAS, the removal of such barriers significantly enhances the spiritual, emotional, and psychological life of people with disabilities, and is a sign of welcome to all; and
- WHEREAS, many non-disabled people will experience the reality of disabilities as a result of illness, accident, or aging; and
- WHEREAS, people with disabilities are able to make positive contributions to the life of a parish; and
- WHEREAS, The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod in the area of disabilities currently officially serves only the needs of people who are hearing or sight impaired as evidenced by executive and governing board personnel; and
- WHEREAS, no program or mission statement on inclusiveness currently exists in the church body to facilitate inclusiveness of all people with disabilities in the mission and ministry of the church body and its individual congregations; and
- WHEREAS, a commission of the church body, the Board for Human Care Ministries, already exists which might include this activity in its program; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED, that the Northwest District, in convention assembled, memorialize The Lutheran Church –Missouri Synod to include mission and ministry with and to people with all types of disabilities in the activity of the aforementioned Board; and be it further

RESOLUTION 1-02 (continued)

RESOLVED, that this responsibility be specifically assigned to an individual on the Board for Human Services or its executive; and be it finally

RESOLVED, that the following matters be addressed (and others as they see fit):

1. A Mission Statement for this ministry of inclusiveness
2. A congregational self-assessment tool to assess the needs of people with disabilities
3. Plans and guidelines to address physical and attitudinal barriers in churches
4. Suggestions whereby people with disabilities can be involved in the life and ministry of a congregation
5. Congregational outreach to people with disabilities to achieve inclusiveness in the life and ministry of the congregation.

FLOOR COMMITTEE NO. 1

Rev. Ted Werfelmann, Chairman

(cf Overture 1-02, To Memorialize the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod To Facilitate An Inclusive Ministry With and To People With Disabilities, page 6-6)

ACTION: Adopted

RESOLUTION 1-03A

TO PROVIDE FOR THE PROTECTION OF OUR CHILDREN, CALLED AND CONTRACT STAFF, AND VOLUNTEER WORKERS

- WHEREAS, God calls us to work with children in many ways and we are entrusted to provide them an atmosphere safe and free of scandal to the best of our abilities; and
- WHEREAS, the church's children participating in the areas of child and youth ministry are at risk of abuse by abusive adults and it is necessary to take deliberate steps to protect them; and
- WHEREAS, it is also important to protect those who are providing the care from unwarranted allegations; and
- WHEREAS, these church workers and volunteers are a valuable resource that may be lacking in some cases a set of policies and procedures to be used locally to provide a standard for conducting needed checks for their child and youth ministries; and
- WHEREAS, our children and youth are more and more becoming targets of prey by sexual predators, sometimes from without, sometimes from within; and
- WHEREAS, the church, both locally, and at the district and national level, needs to take appropriate and reasonable steps to protect itself from loss of reputation, ministry and legal settlements, to its own and the Kingdom's grave hurt; and
- WHEREAS, by not taking such appropriate and reasonable steps to protect itself, a church and its hierarchy could, in fact, be held negligent in the care and protection of those participating in our ministries; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED, that the Northwest District adopt a STRONG recommendation that all churches and agencies in the district adopt suitable policies and procedures, including interview and reference checks, for local use; and be it further
- RESOLVED, that the District post examples of model policies and procedures on its web site; and be it further
- RESOLVED, that the District establish a network of qualified agencies for referral to perform background checks, and be it finally
- RESOLVED, that the Northwest District memorialize the Synod in its 2004 convention to provide for the protection of our children, called and contract staff and volunteer workers.

RESOLUTION 1-03A (continued)

FLOOR COMMITTEE NO. 1

Rev. Ted Werfelmann, Chairman

(cf Overture 1-03, To Provide For the Protection Of Our Children, Called and Contract Staff, and Volunteer Workers, page 6-8)

ACTION: Adopted as amended

RESOLUTION 1-04A

IN SUPPORT OF THE QUILTING MINISTRY

- WHEREAS, there are 2,800 quilting groups in congregations of the Evangelical Lutheran Church and the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod; and
- WHEREAS, Lutheran World Relief is a “working arm” for global social compassion of both the Evangelical Lutheran Church in American and the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod; and
- WHEREAS, this motion is being brought to both the Northwest Washington Synod of the ELCA and the Northwest District of the Missouri Synod at their conventions in 2003; and
- WHEREAS, the Lutheran World Relief gave out approximately 400,000 quilts made by these groups in the year 2001; and
- WHEREAS, the value of the fabric to make one quilt is approximately \$14 and to make 400,000 quilts is approximately \$5,600,000; and
- WHEREAS, the volunteer time to make one quilt is approximately three to six hours and to make 400,000 quilts is about 1,200,000-2,400,000 hours of labor; and
- WHEREAS, \$5,600,000 is approximately 20% of the annual budget of Lutheran World Relief; and
- WHEREAS, these quilts were shipped to twenty-six nations in the year 2001; and
- WHEREAS, these quilts represent the loving commitment of Christians to compassionately care for poor and needy people around the globe who experience wars, natural disasters, economic injustices, and political turmoil; and
- WHEREAS, many of the members of the quilting groups are growing older; and
- WHEREAS, the Christian ministries that work specifically with “the poorest of the poor” around the globe will continue to need quilts in the future; and
- WHEREAS, these Christian ministries of Christian global compassion will continue to need financial support in the future; therefore, be it

RESOLUTION 1-04A(continued)

RESOLVED, that pastors and/or congregation members:

- 1) be encouraged to visit the quilting group of his/her congregation;
- 2) express deep gratitude and appreciation from the Lutheran church for their quilting ministries throughout the decades;
- 3) encourage the quilting group to solicit new and younger members, so that the quilting ministries may continue into the future;
- 4) encourage quilting members to consider designating a portion of their estate to combat world hunger and its causes through Lutheran World Relief, so that the financial resources of the church for such ministries of global compassion will continue to grow stronger in the future;
- 5) encourage members of the whole congregation to consider designating a portion of their estate to combat world hunger and its causes through ministries of the Church, e.g. the LCMS World Relief and Lutheran World Relief;
- 6) distribute a brochure from LWR that expresses appreciation, encourages a new generation of quilters, and motivates members to designate Lutheran World Relief as part of their estate; and be it finally

RESOLVED, that the Northwest District memorialize the LCMS in its 2004 convention with a similar resolution in support of the quilting ministry.

FLOOR COMMITTEE NO. 1

Rev. Ted Werfelmann, Chairman

(cf Overture 1-04, In Support Of the Quilting Ministry, page 6-9)

ACTION: Adopted

RESOLUTION 1-05

TO ACCEPT REPORTS

WHEREAS, the Human Care Floor Committee has reviewed the reports of the All Workers Conference; Alaska Mission for Christ; Camp Lutherwood; Chaplaincy; Concordia International School; Concordia Theological Seminary-Ft. Wayne; Concordia University, Portland; Constitutional Matters; Continuing Education; Disability Awareness Task Force; Good Shepherd Communities; Holden Village; Idaho Circuit Rider Ministry; Laborers for Christ; LAMP; LAP; LCEF; Lutheran Community Services, Lutheran Compass Center; LLL; Lutheran Ministry Services Northwest; LSS-AK; LWML; Mission Education/Expanding Ministries; Northwest District Archives Advisory Task Force; Parish Nurses; PCW Care Task Force; Riverview; Seminary Applicant Interview Committee; Tacoma Lutheran Retirement Home; Trinity Lutheran College; Valley Camp; and Wheat Ridge, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that we accept these reports with thanksgiving to God for the contributions of these committees to the life and mission of the District during the past triennium; and be it finally

RESOLVED, that we encourage their continuing efforts in the Lord's service during the next three years.

FLOOR COMMITTEE NO.
Ted Werfelmann, Chairman

(cf All Workers Conference, page 4-1; Alaska Mission for Christ, page 4-3; Camp Lutherwood page 4-5; Chaplaincy, page 4-7; Concordia International School, page 4-8; Concordia Theological Seminary – Ft. Wayne, page 4-10; Concordia University, Portland, page 4-11; Constitutional Matters, page 4-14; Continuing Education, page 4-15; Disability Awareness Task Force, page 4-17; Good Shepherd Communities, page 4-18; Holden Village, page 4-19; Idaho Circuit Rider Ministry, page 4-21; Laborers for Christ, page 4-23; LAMP, page 4-25; LAP, 4-27; LCEF, 4-29; Lutheran Community Services, 4-31; Lutheran Compass Center, page 4-33; LLL, page 4-34; Lutheran Ministry Services Northwest, page 4-36; LSS-AK, page 4-38; LWML, page 4-40; Mission Education/Expanding Ministries, page 4-42; Northwest District Archives Advisory Task Force, page 4-43; Parish Nurses, page 4-44; PCW Task Force, page 4-45; Riverview, page 4-46; Seminary Applicant Interview Committee, page 4-47; Tacoma Lutheran Retirement Home, page 4-49; Trinity Lutheran College, page 4-50; Valley Camp, page 4-52; Wheat Ridge, page 4-53)

ACTION: Adopted

RESOLUTION 1-06

TO STUDY FAITH-BASED INITIATIVES

WHEREAS, the current US administration is promoting faith-based initiatives as a means of funding social services; and

WHEREAS, other religious groups and social ministry agencies will explore the opportunities and seek the use of limited federal funds; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, the Northwest District Board of Directors commission a study to explore the issue of faith-based initiatives and share the findings with the congregations of the NW District.

Submitted by:
Human Care Floor Committee
Rev. Ted Werfelmann, Chairman

ACTION: Adopted

FLOOR COMMITTEE MEMBERS - 2003

#2 - Missions and District Ministries

<u>Clergy</u>	<u>Lay</u>	<u>Commissioned</u>	<u>Youth</u>
Mark Hoelter, Chairman Trinity Portland, OR.	Robert Dienstel St. John Portland, OR	Kurt Berentsen Concordia Univ. Portland, OR	NA
Michael Kasting Trinity Oregon City, OR	Jane Kaestner St. John Idaho Falls, ID	Ray Sievert St. Luke Federal Way, WA	
Michael Schuessler St. Timothy Edmonds, WA	Ryan McIvor Trinity Hillsboro, OR		
Butch Olsen Holy Cross Portland, OR			

ASSIGNMENTS

Overtures: 2:01 through 2:12

Reports: None

RESOLUTION 2-01

TO AFFIRM “TRACKING THE SPIRIT” AS AN EFFECTIVE MODEL OF OUTREACH FOR THE 21ST CENTURY

- WHEREAS, Luke 5:1-11, Matthew 4:18-22, Matthew 28:16-20, and Luke 19:10 provide the church with a biblical basis for outreach to lost people; and
- WHEREAS, Acts 16:15, Acts 2:46, Acts 20:20, Philemon 2, Romans 16:5, and 1 Timothy 5:13 provide an effective model for outreach to the lost by planting churches; and
- WHEREAS, 8 out of 10 people in the Northwest do not claim Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior; and
- WHEREAS, Almost 8 out of 10 of our churches are in “decline/recline” mode; and
- WHEREAS, the average growth for LCMS churches nationwide is two new members per congregation per year; and
- WHEREAS, Northwest District Board of Directors and leaders have developed and adopted the following vision statements:
1. We see in the church of today all the congregations and ministries of the NW District working together as one church, bringing in God’s miraculous catch.
 2. We see in the church of today disciples enthusiastically waking to the urgent call of Jesus to reach lost people in loving, caring, and relevant ways.
 3. We see in the church of today an ever-growing number of disciples gladly listening to the teachings of God’s word and joyfully living them out in their daily lives.
 4. We see in the church of today all disciples acknowledging themselves as miracles of God because of their baptism and expecting miracles from God as they partner with Him in His harvest fields.
 5. We see in the church of today a church that is as multicultural, as multiracial, and as multiethnic as the makeup of the Pacific Northwest.
 6. We see in the church of today disciples casting out their nets into societies and communities with optimism and enthusiasm.
 7. We see in the church of today disciples joyfully risking in the name and call of Christ for the sake of the harvest.
 8. We see in the church of today all God’s people in all of the congregations, missions, and ministries of the NW District functioning as missionaries of outreach; and

RESOLUTION 2-01 (continued)

WHEREAS, Northwest District leaders have developed and adopted the following measurable goal:

Trusting in God's blessings, power, and provision, the NW District of the LCMS, under the banner of the Great Commandment to love one another as God loves us, has the vision to focus joyfully and optimistically on partnering with God in carrying out His Great Commission to make disciples of all nations. As miracles of God, we expect miracles from God. To that end our goal is to grow from 82,000 disciples to 103,000 disciples by the end of 2006. This growth is more than numbers. It includes the ongoing spiritual development of new and existing disciples to be disciples that make disciples; and

WHEREAS, this goal includes the planting of 33 new Planting Churches in 2003-2004; and

WHEREAS, "Tracking the Spirit," a biblical approach for making disciples of Jesus, seeks to meet this goal by: establishing a district-wide prayer chain; selecting pastors, lay people, and congregations who want to plant churches; covenanting to plant churches; and planting churches; and

WHEREAS, "Tracking the Spirit" identifies planting churches and mentors who will commit to support the new vision through prayer, leadership (support, sharing, caring), and their commitment to help mentor planters; and

WHEREAS, "Tracking the Spirit" identifies committed lay people ("church planters") who will implement an effective lay ministry process that will reach the lost of the Northwest; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Northwest District thank Denny Langston, Denny Lorenz, and President Schumacher for the development of this new model of outreach; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Northwest District affirm "Tracking the Spirit" as an effective model of outreach in the 21st Century; and be it finally

RESOLVED, that the Northwest District memorialize the Synod to affirm "Tracking the Spirit" as an effective model of outreach and discipling in the 21st Century.

FLOOR COMMITTEE NO. 2

Rev. Mark Hoelter, Chairman

(cf Overture 2-02, To Affirm Tracking the Spirit As the Model Of Outreach For the 21st Century, page 6-12)

ACTION: Adopted

RESOLUTION 2-02

ESTABLISH A DISTRICT TASK FORCE FOR ETHNIC MINISTRIES

WHEREAS, people from non-European background will soon make up the majority of the population on the West Coast of America; and

WHEREAS, the Northwest District has African-American, Latino, Native American and Asian congregations; and

WHEREAS, a number of our congregations are now working with various ethnic ministries; and

WHEREAS, the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod has traditionally been very hospitable to immigrants and refugees and has successfully planted congregations to serve them; and

WHEREAS, the Northwest District is blessed with church leaders from a variety of ethnic backgrounds as well as a number of returned foreign missionaries who have experience in applying the Gospel in cross cultural settings; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the District establish a task force for ethnic ministries to:

- 1) develop a resource center for congregations interested in reaching out to ethnic communities,
- 2) survey possible mission starts among ethnic groups,
- 3) aid the District President in receiving ethnic congregations into full membership with the District and Synod,
- 4) coordinate theological education for ethnic church leaders through the Leadership Advancement Process of the District, the DELTO program, and the special ethnic ministerial programs of the Synod, and
- 5) create awareness among the congregations of the District of the mission potential of outreach to various ethnic populations; and be it finally

RESOLVED, that the District President in conjunction with the Board of Directors of the District appoint the members of the task force and determine the frequency and funding of their meetings so that the task force can begin by October 1st, 2003.

FLOOR COMMITTEE NO. 2
Rev. Mark Hoelter, Chairman

(cf Overture 2-01, Establish A District Task Force For Ethnic Ministries, page 6-11)

ACTION: Adopted

RESOLUTION 2-03

URGE GREATER PRAYER AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR MISSIONS AND MISSIONARIES

WHEREAS, the Lord has commanded His followers to "Go and make disciples of all nations" at home and throughout the world because all people are precious in His sight and the object of His love and salvation; and

WHEREAS, financial requirements for maintenance ministry can often take precedence over the expense of world missions; and

WHEREAS, the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod has experienced a financial shortage to the point of having to recall missionaries from the mission field; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that we praise and thank God for all our missionaries and their families who have served or are now serving in domestic and foreign missions; and be it further

RESOLVED, that we urge congregations to pray fervently for missionaries and missions throughout the world; and be it finally

RESOLVED, that we urge congregations to commit themselves to a generous percentage of their budget for missions throughout the world.

FLOOR COMMITTEE NO. 2
Rev. Mark Hoelter, Chairman

(cf Overture 2-05, Urge Greater Prayer and Financial Support For Missions and Missionaries, page 6-17)

ACTION: Adopted

RESOLUTION 2-04

TO AFFIRM AND SUPPORT NON-CONGREGATIONAL MINISTRIES

WHEREAS, there are many areas of public ministry outside congregational life, such as institutional and chaplaincy ministries in the military, in hospitals, in nursing homes, prisons, and college campuses and ministry among the homeless, the poor, and others with special needs; and

WHEREAS, these ministries are sometimes overlooked or cut back, perhaps due to the fact that some are not self-supporting; and

WHEREAS, these ministries are a vital part of the Lord's work to touch people's lives with the saving Gospel; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that we urge the congregations of the Northwest District to allow, encourage, and support the involvement of their pastors and professional staff in such non-congregational ministries as an extension of their local congregations and as part of the mission of making disciples that Christ gave to the Church, therefore, be it finally

RESOLVED, that we affirm all such ministries and urge District and congregational prayer and financial support that these ministers and ministries may continue.

FLOOR COMMITTEE NO. 2
Rev. Mark Hoelter, Chairman

(cf Overture 2-06, To Affirm Non-Congregational Ministries, page 6-18)

ACTION: Adopted as amended

RESOLUTION 2-06

TO ADOPT A SPECIAL TRIENNIUM MISSION PROJECT

WHEREAS, we are sent by God to bring His message of salvation to all the world; and

WHEREAS, the doors of opportunity are open wide by our God for dynamic outreach in the 21st Century; and

WHEREAS, growing opportunities exist for us to expand ministry to the increasing number of interest groups and church small groups; and

WHEREAS, our church body has challenged us to reach out and share Jesus Christ with 100 million souls through the Pentecost 2000 emphasis; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Northwest District in convention thank God for His many blessings over the past 103 years of the Northwest District; and be it further

RESOLVED, that in response to God's blessings the Northwest District adopt as its special mission emphasis for the next triennium (2003-2006) the expansion of Tracking the Spirit church plants in the District; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the President appoint a Task Force to implement this resolution and coordinate the securing of prayer and financial support for this project; and be it finally

RESOLVED, that the Northwest District Board of Directors assume responsibility for the proper implementation of this project and the distribution of funds.

FLOOR COMMITTEE NO. 2
Rev. Mark Hoelter, Chairman

(late Overture accepted by District President)

ACTION: Adopted as amended

RESOLUTION 2-07

**TO ENCOURAGE SUPPORT FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR
PROFESSIONAL CHURCH WORKERS**

WHEREAS, professional church workers and their congregations and schools are enriched by and benefit from continuing education; and

WHEREAS, continuing education for professional church workers has been a priority for our District for many years, as indicated by resolutions of former conventions urging support for continuing education, including sabbatical leaves; and

WHEREAS, financial support and time allocation for continuing education continue to be very important ingredients in meaningful encouragement to church work leaders in their pursuit of continuing education; and

WHEREAS, many congregations and schools of our District still do not provide any or adequate time allowance or financial support to our church workers for continuing education; and

WHEREAS, many church workers do not give sufficient attention to the need for intentional planning for continuing education as part of their professional ministries; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that we encourage the congregations and schools of our District to put in place or actively pursue policies and practices for providing financial support (suggested \$500/year) and time allowance (suggested minimum 1 week/year) for continuing education for their workers, including sabbaticals; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this suggested policy be published each year in the annual Northwest District salary guidelines; and be it finally

RESOLVED, that we urge all of our church workers to plan intentionally for participation in continuing education opportunities as an important dimension of their ministries.

FLOOR COMMITTEE NO. 2
Rev. Mark Hoelter, Chairman

(late Overture accepted by District President)

ACTION: Adopted as amended

RESOLUTION 2-08A

TO RESPECTFULLY DECLINE OVERTURES

WHEREAS, the floor committee has considered all overtures assigned to it and has concluded, for various reasons, that certain overtures should be declined; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the following overtures be respectfully declined for the reason given:

<u>Overture</u>	<u>Page</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Reason</u>
Ov. 2-03	6-14	Provide adequate training for lay ministers in keeping with the 14 th Article of the Augsburg Confession.	It is internally inconsistent and vague.
Ov. 2-07	6-19 and 6-21	Encourage each congregation to support Synod with a line item in their budget	Many avenues for mission giving already exist.
Ov. 2-08	6-21	To Support the Training Of Pastors	Synod may not mandate actions to districts and congregations.
Ov. 2-09	6-23	Return Concordia University to its purpose of recruiting and training church workers.	Concordia has not deviated from its intended purpose.
Ov. 2-10 & Resolution 2-05	6-25 9-21	To Change District Bylaw 3.3.2	Issue is adequately addressed in synodical constitution and CCM rulings.

FLOOR COMMITTEE NO. 2
Rev. Mark Hoelter, Chairman

ACTION: Adopted as amended

FLOOR COMMITTEE MEMBERS - 2003

#3 - Theology and Practice

<u>Clergy</u>	<u>Lay</u>	<u>Commissioned</u>	<u>Youth</u>
David Chamberlain, Chair Our Savior Waldport, OR.	Ed Grassel River of Life Troutdale, OR	Karin Grunow Trinity Portland, OR	Lindsey McKinley Calvary Stayton, OR
Dick Tietjen Grace Tacoma, WA	Cyndy Lail Memorial Vancouver, WA	Lisa Keyne Concordia University Portland, OR	
Bruce Biesenthal Seattle Luth. HS Seattle, WA	Annie Lamb Good Shepherd Seattle, WA		
Grant Knepper Mt. Olive Seattle, WA			

ASSIGNMENTS

Overtures: 3:01 through 3:18

Reports: None

RESOLUTION 3-01

TO ENCOURAGE THE MEMBERS OF THE NORTHWEST DISTRICT TO TAKE LEADERSHIP IN PROMOTING PEACE AND UNITY WITHIN OUR SYNOD

WHEREAS, in recent history so many of us in the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod have struggled to live together in peace and unity; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative in the gospel that we bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances we may have against one another, that we forgive as the Lord forgave us, and that we put on the love of Jesus which binds us together in perfect unity (Colossians 3); and

WHEREAS, it is so good and pleasant when brothers/sisters live together in unity (Psalm 13); therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the members of the Northwest District of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod be leaders in heeding the call to let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts, since as members of one body, we are called to peace; and be it finally

RESOLVED, that we memorialize the Synod in convention to prayerfully and deliberately seek better ways to promote unity and peace within our walking together.

FLOOR COMMITTEE NO. 3
Rev. David Chamberlain, Chairman

(cf Overture 3-01, To Encourage the Members of the Northwest District to Take Leadership in Promoting Peace and Unity within our Synod and to Memorialize the Synod to Prayerfully and Deliberately Seek Better Ways to Promote Unity and Peace within our Walking Together, page 6-30)

ACTION: Adopted

RESOLUTION 3-02

TO USE THE STEPS OUTLINED IN MATTHEW 18 IN CASES WHERE THE OFFENSE IS DEEMED PUBLIC

WHEREAS, there may be times when it becomes necessary for a member of the Synod, in Christian love and concern, to file charges against another member or members of the Synod (Bylaws 2.21-27); and

WHEREAS, all members of the Synod remain burdened with the old sinful nature which continually contends against the new nature created by the Holy Spirit through the redemption that is in Jesus Christ, (Romans 7,14-25); and

WHEREAS, our Lord urges all believers to persevere in the Christian faith, resisting the devil and all evil works, and to be “led by the Spirit” (Rom. 8,14); and

WHEREAS, a good name is to be treasured by all, both the accused and the accusers; therefore, be it

WHEREAS, all Christians have a biblical model for resolving dispute, conflict and offense in Matthew 18:15-20; and

WHEREAS, the practice of Matthew 18 is sufficiently delineated in Synod Bylaw 2.21-2.27; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the steps outlined in Matthew 18 be followed before charges have been filed, even when offense is deemed public by one of the parties.

FLOOR COMMITTEE NO. 3
Rev. David Chamberlain, Chairman

(cf Overture 3-03, Accusers Follow Matthew 18, page 6-32; Overture 3-04, Matthew 18, page 6-33; Overture 3-05, Matthew 18, page 6-34; Overture 3-06, To Affirm the Doctrine and Practice of Scripture and the Large Catechism for Calling an Erring Believer to Repentance, page 6-35)

ACTION: Adopted

RESOLUTION 3-03A

SCRIPTURAL STUDY OF MINISTRY

WHEREAS, the mission of the Church incorporates all the faithful in ministry; and

WHEREAS, maximizing service in our congregations and communities is essential for 21st century mission and ministry; and

WHEREAS, dialog continues in the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod concerning appropriate roles for ministry; and,

WHEREAS, the Northwest District of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod has been and will be better directed in utilization of all the talents available through the rich resources of people; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the President of the Northwest District of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod appoint a task force as soon as possible to assess and encourage in light of Holy Scripture a more comprehensive use of all members of congregations regardless of age and/or gender; and be it further

RESOLVED, to charge the appointed task force to solicit response from congregations and related agencies of the District; and be it finally

RESOLVED, to draft and present to the 61st Convention of the Northwest District Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod an Overture to define and deepen the public, congregational, and personal ministry in Jesus' name and within his body, the Church.

FLOOR COMMITTEE NO. 3
Rev. David Chamberlain, Chairman

(cf Overture 3-10, Scriptural Study of Women Serving in the Church, page 6-40)

ACTION: Adopted

RESOLUTION 3-04

TO RECONSIDER THE INTERPRETATION OF ROMANS 16:17

WHEREAS, Jesus, before his arrest, prayed that those who believed in Him would be ONE: “I pray not only for them, but also for those who believe in me because of their message. I pray that they may all be one. Father! May they be in us, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they be one, so that the world will believe that you sent me” (John 17:20-21); and

WHEREAS, St. Paul urges the Church to “Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. There is one body and one spirit – just as you were called to one hope when you were called – one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all” (Ephesians 4:3-6) and urges the Church to “watch out for those who cause divisions” (Romans 16:17); and

WHEREAS, one of the objectives of Synod as stated in Article III, paragraph 1 of the Missouri Synod Constitution is to “provide a united defense against schism, sectarianism (Romans 16:17), and heresy”; and

WHEREAS, Romans 16:17 has been interpreted as a Biblical basis for separating members and pastors of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod from the larger Body of Christ; and

WHEREAS, to many such interpretation runs directly counter to the Synod’s above stated objective; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Northwest District of Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod encourage the Synod to reconsider the interpretation of Romans 16:17.

FLOOR COMMITTEE NO. 3
Rev. David Chamberlain, Chairman

(cf Overture 3-02, To Rethink our Use of Romans 16:7, page 6-31)

ACTION: Adopted as amended

RESOLUTION 3-05

TO SUPPORT INTER-LUTHERAN COOPERATION

WHEREAS, cooperative ministries exist with the ELCA in community and family services, in social work, in camping ministries, in Lutheran schools, and in campus ministries; and

WHEREAS, terminating such joint work would wreak havoc on these ministries and would cause many to close; and

WHEREAS, cooperation in these ministries is a wonderful witness to our common confession of the Gospel and our historical Lutheran heritage; and

WHEREAS, disagreements on controverted issues seldom affect the ministries in question; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Northwest District of the LCMS reaffirms support for such joint ministries; and be it further

RESOLVED, that when appropriate, inter-Lutheran cooperation should be encouraged and supported by the Northwest District of the LCMS.

FLOOR COMMITTEE NO. 3
Rev. David Chamberlain, Chairman

(cf Overture 3-07, To Support Inter-Lutheran Cooperation, page 6-36)

ACTION: Adopted as amended

RESOLUTION 3-06A

TO RESCIND 2001-RESOLUTION 3-21A

WHEREAS, the 2001 Convention of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod (LCMS) adopted Resolution 3-21A which used language which put into question the orthodoxy of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA); and

WHEREAS, a theology and practice of repentance and forgiveness is an expression of the Gospel; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Northwest District of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod memorialize the 2004 Convention of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod to rescind 2001 Resolution 3-21A; and be it finally

RESOLVED, that the Northwest District of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod commend President Kieschnick’s ongoing effort to engage the ELCA in discussion.

FLOOR COMMITTEE NO. 3
Rev. David Chamberlain, Chairman

(cf Overture 3-08, To Rescind 2001-Resolution 3-21A, page 6-37)

ACTION: Declined

RESOLUTION 3-07

TO RESPECTFULLY DECLINE OVERTURES

WHEREAS, The floor committee has considered all overtures assigned to it and has concluded, for various reasons, that certain overtures should be declined; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the following overtures be respectfully declined for the reason given:

<u>Overture</u>	<u>Page</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Reason</u>
Ov. 3-09	6-38	To Affirm the Heterodoxy of the ELCA	Synod Resolution 3-21A addressed at Convention 2001
Ov. 3-11	6-41	To Retain Familiar Wording of Nicene Creed	Commission on Worship has allowed for sufficient input from Congregations and individuals
Ov. 3-12	6-43	To Seek Harmony In Lutheran Worship Through the Use Of Historic Liturgies In Our Parishes	Contrary to Augsburg Confession VII and XV and Formula of Concord X
Ov. 3-13	6-45	To Restore the Practice Of Love-the Discipline of Closed Communion	Infringes on the role of pastoral care
Ov. 3-14	6-46	To Annually Review and Recommit To the Confessional Standard Of Synod	Do not need to annually commit to the Confessional Standard of Synod
Ov 3-15	6-48	To Declare Support For the Doctrine of Scripture and the Large Catechism Regarding the Second Commandment	Already contained in the Confessional Standard of Synod

ACTION: Not Considered

RESOLUTION 3-08

AFFIRMING DR. DAVID BENKE AND DR. GERALD KIESCHNICK

WHEREAS, Dr. David Benke, President of the Atlantic District, Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod took the opportunity he was given to participate in a "Prayer for America" gathering in Yankee stadium following the terrorist attack on our country September 11, 2001, and

WHEREAS, Dr. Gerald Kieschnick, President of the Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod, gave the permission of his President's Office to Dr. Benke for such participation, and

WHEREAS, there were no restrictions placed on Dr. Benke to compromise the Gospel or Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, and

WHEREAS, the Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod, in Convention 2001, allowed for such participation in civic events and under extraordinary circumstances, and

WHEREAS, we are to stand up before the world and be counted as followers of the Lord Jesus Christ, let our light shine before others, and proclaim Him before the nations, and

WHEREAS, Dr. Benke and Dr. Kieschnick took this opportunity to represent Jesus Christ before a nation suffering great pain, and a hurting and broken world, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Northwest District in convention, 2003, commend and affirm Dr. David Benke and Dr. Gerald Kieschnick for taking the opportunity to represent Jesus Christ in the Yankee Stadium event, and be it finally

RESOLVED, that we recommit ourselves to the bold proclamation of the Gospel, without compromise, whenever and wherever the Lord gives us opportunity.

FLOOR COMMITTEE NO. 3

Rev. David Chamberlain, Chairman

(cf Overture 3-16, Affirming Dr. David Banke and Dr. Gerald Kieschnick, page 6-50; Overture 3-17, To Voice Support for Presidents Benke and Kieschnick, page 6-51; Overture 3-18, Support Benke, page 6-52; Overture 3-19, To Commend and Support Synodical President Jerry Kieschnick, page 6-53)

ACTION: Not Considered

RESOLUTION 3-09

SCRIPTURAL STUDY OF WOMEN SERVING IN THE CHURCH

- WHEREAS, women, as well as men, are called and equipped by God for service in the Church and world, and
- WHEREAS, Holy Scripture clearly teaches that for the people of God "There is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus." (Galatians 3:28) and many other passages which support full participation of women and men together in the new creation that is in Jesus Christ, and
- WHEREAS, there are scriptural references which have been understood in the to restrict women's participation in the life of the Church, such as voting, holding office, positions of authority, and especially the Pastoral Office, and,
- WHEREAS, there are men and women within The Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod, who on the basis of scripture support the full participation of women, including the pastoral office, in the life of the Church, and those within the LCMS who on the basis of scripture support the restriction of the full participation of women in the life of the Church; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED, that there be a study of Holy Scripture throughout the Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod, on the issue of the full participation of women in the life of the Church; and be it further
- RESOLVED, that this study include input from men and women who support each of the understandings of Holy Scripture mentioned above, and be it further
- RESOLVED, that this study include the most recent report of the Commission on Theology and Church Relations, both the majority and minority report, on Women in the Church, and be it further
- RESOLVED, that this study include the "Theses On Women In The Church" by Arnold Voigt, 1985, Revised October, 1999, and be it further
- RESOLVED, that this study be carried out in a spirit of Christian love, maintaining the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace, and respect for one another as the people of God who want to be faithful to the Lord and His Holy Word, and be it finally
- RESOLVED, that the Northwest District memorialize synod in convention to adopt and carry out this resolution.

FLOOR COMMITTEE NO. 3
Rev. David Chamberlain, Chairman

(cf Overture 3-10, Scriptural Study of Women Serving in the Church, page 6-40)

ACTION: Not Considered

FLOOR COMMITTEE MEMBERS - 2003

#4 - Administration

<u>Clergy</u>	<u>Lay</u>	<u>Commissioned</u>	<u>Youth</u>
J. Michael Donnan, Chair Zion Burley, ID.	Dan Lorenz Trinity Portland, OR	Mark Wahlers Concordia University Portland, OR	Sara Forsythe Trinity Oregon City, OR
Mark Adams Bethlehem Hermiston, OR	Patty MacInnes St. John Salem, OR	Dan Seim Forest Hills L. S. Cornelius, OR	
Ted Moeller Good Shepherd Vancouver, WA	Orval Prothe Our Savior Waldport, OR		
Phil Brandt St. Paul Roseburg, OR			

ASSIGNMENTS

Overtures: 4:01 through 4:15

Reports: Section 3 Reports

- Report of the District President
- Executive Staff Reports Related to the Office of the District President
- Board of Directors Report
- Official Acts
- Roster of Members of Synod

RESOLUTION 4-01A

TO MEMORIALIZE THE SYNOD TO REVISE THE SELECTION OF NATIONAL SYNOD CONVENTION FLOOR COMMITTEES

WHEREAS, the Synod should desire and welcome participation from all geographical areas of the Synod and from a wide variety of ministries in the Synod in the deliberations and actions of the Synod in convention; and

WHEREAS, the Synod has benefited from the participation of a more representative number of people on various committees, e.g., the expanded Committee for Convention Nominations; and

WHEREAS, the Synod could benefit by allowing a more representative group of individuals to participate in the selection of national Synod Convention floor committees; and

WHEREAS, the Presidents of the Districts of the Synod comprise such a representative group; and

WHEREAS, the Presidents of the Districts of the Synod are aware of the qualifications and capabilities of the delegates from the various Districts; and

WHEREAS, that awareness is of benefit in selecting the members of the various floor committees; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Northwest District submit an Overture to the 2004 Convention of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod that requests the Synod to revise Bylaw 3.19(g) to read as follows:

All reports and overtures accepted by the President in accordance with the foregoing paragraphs shall be referred by him to convention committees appointed by him in the name of the convention. The membership of these committees shall be selected from a list of voting delegates (Bylaw 3.03), advisory delegates (Bylaw 3.09) and advisory representatives (Bylaw 3.13) submitted to the President by a committee appointed by the Council of Presidents. Committee chairpersons shall be appointed by the President with the advice and consent of the Council of Presidents from a list of nominees provided to the President by the Council of Presidents. Ordained ministers, commissioned ministers, and laypersons shall be represented on all floor committees. [The rest of the Bylaw continues as written in the current Handbook.]

Current Synod Bylaw 3.09 (g) reads:

All reports and overtures accepted by the President in accordance with the foregoing paragraphs shall be referred by him to convention committees appointed by him in

RESOLUTION 4-01A(continued)

the name of the convention from among the voting delegates (Bylaw 3.03), advisory delegates (Bylaw 3.09), and advisory representatives (Bylaw 3.13). Ordained ministers, commissioned ministers, and laypersons shall be represented on all committees. The President shall notify committee members of their appointment and of the time and place of their first meeting no later than 12 weeks before the start of the convention. The committee rosters shall be published in an official periodical at least 10 weeks before the convention. After due consideration of the matters referred to it, each committee is to report its findings and recommendations to the convention. If the President deems it advisable, he may convene any committees prior to the opening of the convention. The first issue of *Today's Business* shall be issued containing tentative resolutions. This issue of *Today's Business* shall be sent to all registered delegates of the convention and to each congregation of the Synod.

FLOOR COMMITTEE NO. 4
Rev. J. Michael Donnan, Chairman

(cf Overture 4-07; To Memorialize the Synod To Revise the Selection of National Synod Convention Floor Committees, page 6-66)

ACTION: Adopted

RESOLUTION 4-02

TO MEMORIALIZE THE SYNOD TO REVISE BYLAW 2.33 ON REINSTATEMENT

WHEREAS, District Presidents shall “especially exercise supervision over the doctrine, life, and administration of office of the ordained and commissioned ministers of their District...” (Constitution, Art. XII, 7); and

WHEREAS, District Presidents “are empowered to suspend from membership ordained and commissioned ministers for persistently adhering to false doctrine or for having given offense by an ungodly life” (Constitution, Art. XII, 8); and

WHEREAS, the Vice-Presidents of the Synod do not normally “exercise supervision over the doctrine, life, and administration of office of the ordained and commissioned ministers” of a District; and

WHEREAS, the Vice-Presidents of the Synod are not “empowered to suspend from membership ordained and commissioned ministers for persistently adhering to false doctrine or for having given offense by an ungodly life”; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Northwest District memorialize the Synod to affirm that the decision to reinstate an individual into membership in the Synod shall be the responsibility solely of District Presidents; and be it finally

RESOLVED, that the Northwest District memorialize the Synod to change Bylaw 2.33 to read as follows (new wording is in bold; deleted wording is struck-out):

All applications by individuals for reinstatement into membership in the Synod shall be addressed to the President of the District in which the applicant last held membership. Procedures for investigating and processing requests for reinstatement which are generally applicable to all situations shall be the responsibility of **District Presidents** ~~the Council of Presidents~~. The President of the District shall review the matter and shall ordinarily make a recommendation to **the District Presidents at a meeting of the Council of Presidents**, but may be excused by **the District Presidents** ~~the Council~~ from making such a recommendation where circumstances warrant. A decision to reinstate shall require an affirmative vote of at least 75 percent of the District Presidents present and voting, and shall be by written ballot. If the applicant is reinstated, the District President shall publish this fact in an official periodical of the Synod. A decision not to reinstate shall be unappealable, but the individual may reapply for reinstatement three or more years after his or her last preceding application has been denied.

FLOOR COMMITTEE NO. 4
Rev. J. Michael Donnan, Chairman

(cf Overture 4-04; To Memorialize the Synod To Revise Bylaw 2.33 On Reinstatement, page 6-63)

ACTION: Adopted

RESOLUTION 4-03A

TO MEMORIALIZE THE SYNOD TO REVISE BYLAWS 2.27 AND 6.47

WHEREAS, Matthew 18:15-20 provides the basis for resolving disagreements, disputes, and offenses that arise among members of the Body of Christ; and

WHEREAS, Timothy was instructed never to accept “an accusation against an elder unless it is supported by two or three witnesses” (1 Tim. 5:19); and

WHEREAS, under Bylaw 2.27 the one bringing an accusation against a member of the Synod may appeal the decision of the District president to the Synod President and Vice-Presidents so that in effect the accuser has two opportunities to prosecute a member of the Synod (“double-jeopardy”); and

WHEREAS, there is a recognized need to change Bylaw 2.27 to provide for better protection for members of the Synod and to establish a system of justice which is more just and loving than the secular society in which we live (cf. 2001 *Proceedings*, adopted Resolution 7-19, “To Have Council of Presidents Discuss and Report on Bylaw 2.27,” p. 173); and

WHEREAS, Bylaw 2.27 does not define what “a written complaint” is; and

WHEREAS, Bylaw 2.27 does not contain explicit reference to Bylaws 6.43, 6.45, and 6.47; and

WHEREAS, Bylaw 2.27 does not provide explicit due process (in accordance with Bylaws 6.43, 6.45, and 6.47) for an accused member of Synod who also is a faculty member or administrator at one of the accredited colleges or universities of the LCMS; and

WHEREAS, questions have been raised regarding the final two sentences of Bylaw 2.27 g, since the Synod President “has the supervision regarding the doctrine and administration of all officers, employees, individual Districts, and District Presidents of the Synod (Constitution XI B) and since he “has and *always shall have* the power to advise, admonish, and reprove” (ibid.; emphasis added); and

WHEREAS, under Bylaw 6.47 a person is assumed guilty until he or she proves himself or herself otherwise at three different levels of adjudication: the Board of Regents (6.47a-f), the District President (6.47g), and the Synod Praesidium (2.27b). That is, under Bylaw 6.47, the one bringing an accusation against a member of the Synod may appeal the decisions of the Board of Regents and the District President so that in effect the accuser has three opportunities to prosecute a member of the Synod (“triple-jeopardy”); and

RESOLUTION 4-03A (continued)

WHEREAS, Bylaws 6.43, 6.45, and 6.47 delineate LCMS Board of Regents responsibilities, including the responsibility of doctrinal supervision of faculty members (cf. Bylaw 6.43 c 6, Bylaw 6.45 a, and Bylaw 6.47); and

WHEREAS, Bylaw 6.45 states, “The Board of Regents shall have authority to investigate, hear, and act on any complaint arising out of Bylaw 6.43 c 1-6”; and

WHEREAS, local accrediting agencies of LCMS colleges and universities are concerned that local college and university Boards of Regents actually have, and responsibly exercise, supervision of their institutions; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the NW District of the LCMS memorialize the Synod to revise Bylaws 2.27 and 6.47 as follows:
Proposed Changes (wording unchanged is in normal type; new wording is in bold; old wording to be deleted is crossed out)

I. Bylaw 2.27:

a. The words of Jesus in Matthew 18:15-20 provide the church with teaching that should be heeded in matters of disputes, disagreements, and offenses that arise among members of the Body of Christ. (See also the Preamble of Chapter VIII of these Bylaws.) The goal of conflict resolution in the church is reconciliation and restoration of the erring member in a spirit of gentleness and Christian love for the member of the church. Therefore, if a potential complainant perceives that a member of the Synod is guilty of conduct or of some persistent condition that could lead to the member’s expulsion from the Synod under Article XIII, then the complainant shall seek out the erring member in a private and informal manner in order to understand if the member is truly in error and, if so, to set the matter straight and to restore the erring member to fellowship. Throughout the reconciliation process, the complainant shall protect the honor and reputation of the member.

b. If these informal efforts do not result in repentance and reconciliation then the complainant shall take along one or two others, who shall act as witnesses and intermediaries for the sake of resolving the matter quickly and justly and restoring the erring member (the respondent) to the fellowship.

c. If the complainant is convinced that such repeated efforts at informal and private reconciliation have failed, then the complainant shall present a formal written complaint to the respondent and to the respondent’s District President. However, if the respondent is a faculty member or administrator in one of the Synod’s accredited colleges or universities, then the complainant shall present his or her complaint to the respondent and to the respondent’s Board of Regents and shall hereafter follow the procedure given in Bylaw 6.47 a-g. The formal written complaint shall include a summary of the facts

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that form the basis for the allegations that could lead to the member's expulsion from the Synod under Article XIII, a clear statement of the official charges to be brought against the member on the basis of factual evidence and evidential support from the Scriptures and the Confessions, and a summary of the failed efforts the complainant has taken informally and privately to lead the respondent to repentance and reconciliation (Matthew 18:15-16).

d. When, either by a **formal** written complaint of any person or by his own personal knowledge, facts which could lead to the expulsion of a member from the Synod under Article XIII of the Constitution are made known to the District President who has ecclesiastical supervision of such member, the District President shall

1. thoroughly investigate whether the allegations can be substantiated **(see 1 Tim. 5:19). If the District President learns of these allegations by his own personal knowledge, then the District President shall present to the respondent a formal written complaint that shall include the necessary elements listed in 2.27 c.** In the event the District President is disqualified because he is a party to the matter in dispute, has a conflict of interest, or is unable to act, the First Vice-President or the next qualified District officer to function in this instance shall act in the place of the District President. Any challenge to the eligibility of the District President to act, which is not agreed to by the District President, shall be determined by the ~~Præsidium of the Synod~~ **the President and Vice-Presidents of the Synod.**
2. **direct the complainant to meet face to face with the respondent, in the company of the District President or an official District reconciler, in another attempt to resolve the issue according to the Lord's mandate in Matt. 18:15-16.**
3. ~~follow guidelines of Matt. 18:15-16 and~~ appoint a small committee to assist in reconciliation efforts, **if needed.**

e. Within 90 days of receiving the formal written complaint, the District President must render a judgment about the allegations and write a formal letter to the complainant and respondent that states his judgment. If the District President determines that the allegations cannot be substantiated, he will inform the complainant and the respondent that the matter is terminated.

f. If the District President concludes that the allegations and facts form a basis for expulsion of the member under Article XIII of the Constitution, the District President shall:

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1. prepare a written statement of the matter in dispute which sets forth the alleged facts and states that he is requesting expulsion of the member from the Synod in accord with Article XIII of the Constitution.
2. provide the member with...

(The contents of Bylaw 2.27c2a through 2.27f remain unchanged.)

g. Because the President of the Synod has ecclesiastical supervision of all District Presidents, the President of the Synod shall proceed **as follows** ~~in the same fashion as a District President~~ if he receives a **formal written** complaint relative to a District President:

1. The Synod President or someone he appoints shall thoroughly investigate whether the allegations can be substantiated. As a part of this investigation, the Synod President or his appointee shall follow Matthew 18:15-20, 1 Tim. 5:19, and seek to resolve the issue by working together with the District President's Board of Directors and the other district presidents of the Synod.

2. Within 90 days of receiving the formal written complaint, the Synod President must render a judgment about the allegations and write a formal letter to the complainant and respondent that states his judgment. If the Synod President determines that the allegations cannot be substantiated, he will inform the complainant and the respondent that the matter is terminated. If the Synod President concludes that the facts form a basis for expulsion of the member under Article XIII of the Constitution, the Synod President shall act in the same fashion as a District President and follow the procedure set forth in 2.27 f above. ~~In cases under this subparagraph the synodical president shall not participate as a member of the Praesidium (section a, 1 and b). If disqualified for the reasons set forth in section b, the next qualified officer of the Synod shall function in the place of the President.~~

II. Bylaw 6.47

a. If the Board of Regents receives a **formal written** complaint against a member of that institution's faculty or administration concerning any matter, including those specified under Bylaw 6.43 c 1-6, it **shall determine if the facts warrant an official investigation into the complaint. A formal written complaint shall include a summary of the facts that form the basis for the allegations that could lead to the member's removal from office (Bylaw 6.43 c), a clear statement of the official charges to be brought against the member on the basis of evidential support from the Scriptures and the Confessions, and a summary of the failed efforts the complainant has taken informally and privately to lead the respondent to repentance and reconciliation (Matthew 18:15-16).**

b. **Within 90 days of receiving the formal written complaint, the Board of Regents shall render its judgment about the allegations and so inform both**

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the complainant and the member of the institution. If the Board of Regents determines that the allegations cannot be substantiated, it shall conclude that the matter is terminated and so inform both the complainant and the member of the institution. The complainant shall not be eligible to appeal this decision.

c. If the Board of Regents concludes that the allegations and facts form a basis for the member's removal from office, the Board of Regents shall so inform the complainant and the member of the institution (the respondent) in writing. This letter will inform the respondent of the Board's understanding of the matter in dispute.

d. Within 21 days after receipt of the letter from the Board of Regents, the respondent shall submit a written reply to the Board of Regents and the complainant. If the respondent fails to reply, the allegations of the statement of the matter in dispute shall be deemed accepted.

e. Upon receipt of a reply from the respondent or if no reply is received, and the Board of Regents determines that all informal reconciliation efforts have failed, the Board of Regents shall act as follows:

1. If the complaint involves conduct under Bylaw 6.43 c 5-6, then the Board of Regents shall submit the complaint to the District President, who shall follow the procedure set forth in Bylaw 2.27 d-f.

2. If the complaint involves causes under 6.43 c 1-4, then the Board of Regents shall form a Review Committee of five persons (Matt. 18:16), which shall be chosen as follows:

a) Each party shall select one faculty member and one regent.

b) The fifth member shall be selected by blind draw from the synodical roster of reconcilers and shall serve as chairman.

c) The selection shall be completed within one month of the date on which the board decides to form the Review Committee.

f. If the board decides that the matter is of such a nature that the interests of the institution will best be served, it may limit the activities of the respondent. It may do so by relieving the respondent of teaching and/or administrative duties pending final resolution of the conflict. However, contractual obligations of the institution shall continue until the matter is resolved.

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- g.** The Review and Adjudication Committee shall proceed as follows:
(The process remains the same as current 6.47 f 1-5)
~~g. However, if the complaint involves conduct under Bylaw 6.43 c 5 and 6, the complainant may take the complaint to the District President, who shall follow the procedure set forth in Bylaw 2.27.~~
- h.** If the committee decides there is a valid complaint ~~(1)~~ regarding matters under Bylaw 6.43 c 1-4, it may take whatever action it deems appropriate, including recommendation for termination of the employment contract; ~~(2) regarding matters under Bylaw 6.43 c 5-6, it must refer the complaint to the District president, who shall follow the procedure set forth in Bylaw 2.27.~~

FLOOR COMMITTEE NO. 4
Rev. J. Michael Donnan, Chairman

(cf Overture 4-03; To Memorialize the Synod To Revise Bylaws 2.27 and 6.47, page 6-57)

ACTION: Adopted

RESOLUTION 4-04

TO REVISE THE SYNOD'S CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS TO INCLUDE COMMISSIONED MINISTERS AS VOTING DELEGATES AT DISTRICT AND SYNODICAL CONVENTIONS

- WHEREAS, the national Synodical Convention "shall afford an opportunity for worship, nurture, inspiration, fellowship, and the communication of vital information"; and
- WHEREAS, the national Synodical Convention "is the principal legislative assembly, which amends the Constitution and Bylaws, considers and takes action on reports and overtures, and handles appropriate appeals"; and
- WHEREAS, the national Synodical Convention "establishes general Synodical positions and policies, provides overall program direction and priorities, and evaluates all such positions, programs, policies, directions and priorities in order to provide responsible service for and on behalf of its members"; and
- WHEREAS, Synod's Commissioned Ministers are members of Synod, just as are congregations and ordained ministers, yet they are not represented among the voting delegates at District and Synod Conventions; and
- WHEREAS, these members of Synod should be permitted both voice and vote at District and Synodical Conventions; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED, that the Northwest District in Convention memorialize the 2004 Convention of the LCMS to revise LCMS Constitution Article V, Section A to read that voting delegates to District Conventions shall consist of one pastor and one layperson from each congregation or parish and one commissioned minister for every 60 commissioned ministers in the District; and be it further
- RESOLVED, that the LCMS revise Article III of the Synod's Bylaws to read that voting delegates to Synodical Conventions shall consist of one pastor and one layperson from each electoral circuit, and one commissioned minister for every 60 commissioned ministers in the District; and be it finally

RESOLUTION 4-04 (continued)

RESOLVED, that the LCMS revise Chapters IV and V of the Synod's Bylaws so that commissioned ministers in the District will, during their official District conferences, elect from among themselves one person for every 60 commissioned ministers in the District to serve as a voting delegate at the forthcoming District or Synodical Convention.

FLOOR COMMITTEE NO. 4
Rev. J. Michael Donnan, Chairman

(cf Overture 4:01; To Memorialize the Synod to Revise Chapters III, IV, and V of the Synod's Bylaws to Include Commissioned Ministers as Voting Delegates at District and Synod Conventions, page 6-54; Overture 4:02; To Revise the Synod's Constitution and Bylaws to Include Commissioned Ministers as Voting Delegates at District and Synodical Conventions, page 6-55)

ACTION: Declined

RESOLUTION 4-05

TO ACCEPT REPORTS

WHEREAS, the Administration Floor Committee has reviewed the reports of the District President, Executive Staff Reports to the Office of the District President, Board of Directors Report, Official Acts and Roster of Members of Synod; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that we accept these reports with thanksgiving to God for the contributions of these committees to the life and mission of the District during the past triennium; and be it finally

RESOLVED, that we encourage their continuing efforts in the Lord's service during the next three years.

FLOOR COMMITTEE NO. 4
Rev. J. Michael Donnan, Chairman

(cf District President's Report, pages 3-1 to 3-31; Executive Staff Reports to the Office of the District President, pages 3-32 to 3-44; Board of Directors Report, pages 3-45 to 3-47; Official Acts and Roster of Members of Synod, pages 3-48 to 3-71)

ACTION: Adopted

RESOLUTION 4-06A

TO RESPECTFULLY DECLINE OVERTURES

WHEREAS, the Floor Committee has considered all overtures assigned to it and has concluded, for various reasons, that certain overtures should be declined; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the following overtures be respectfully declined for the reason given:

<u>Overture</u>	<u>Page</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Reason</u>
Ov. 4-05	6-64	Publish Exceptions to Delegate Allotment	Unnecessary; Present system is fair and democratic
Ov. 4-08	6-67	To Take Action to Keep our Colleges in Synod	One-third of the members of the Board of Regents are ordained ministers
Ov. 4-09	6-69	To Decrease Politics in the Church by Adopting the Acts 1 Model	It does not decrease the politicking, it merely re-locates it to the nominating process
Ov. 4-12	6-75	To View "Prayer for America" Videotape Before Passing Any Resolutions Regarding The Matter	The case referenced in the Overture is closed and final.
Ov. 4-13	6-76	To Recognize Official Transcript of the Prayer for America as Basis for Accurate Discussion	The case referenced in the Overture is closed and final.
Ov. 4-14	6-77	To Declare Invalid Opinions 02-2296; 02-2320 and 02-2309	The Overture is predicated on misunderstandings of the opinions cited.

FLOOR COMMITTEE NO. 4
Rev. J. Michael Donnan, Chairman

ACTION: Adopted

RESOLUTION 4-07

TO SEEK WAYS TO IMPROVE OUR STEWARDSHIP AND ADMINISTRATIVE FUNCTION FOR THE SAKE OF MISSIONS

WHEREAS, job one in our District and Synod should be mission and outreach, as wonderfully explained by our Synodical President, Dr. Gerald Kieschnick, when he wrote to all our church workers that, “The mission of Christ’s church on earth is critical. It is critical for the four billion people in the world who do not yet know that they have been rescued from sin, death and eternal damnation by the blood of Jesus Christ, critical for the two billion individuals who know and accept Christ as their Lord and Savior from sin, and critical for our church body, The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod”; and

WHEREAS, our Synodical President, Dr. Gerald Kieschnick has correctly and passionately stated, “If the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod is going to continue to be a vital part of the Body of Christ, it is necessary that we rededicate ourselves to the mission of the church”; and

WHEREAS, many people are dying every day not having heard about Jesus and therefore eternally lost; and

WHEREAS, as Dr. Kieschnick has expressed it so well, “we must begin to honestly view as SIMPLY UNACCEPTABLE the fact that we are surrounded by people who do not know and accept Jesus as their Lord and Savior from sin. It must be of the utmost concern to our Synod and to each one of us that such individuals are on their way to eternal condemnation”; and

WHEREAS, we are according to Dr. Kieschnick failing in job one since, “statistically, the LCMS is a graying and declining church body. In the past thirty years, we have declined by almost 500,000 baptized members”; and

WHEREAS, we are also failing in job one in the Northwest District since according to Dr. Matthew Becker, “If we compare ... 1990 and 1998 figures with those from 1980, we learn that the number of LCMS congregations in the NW District increased slightly, from 239 to 262; however, the number of baptized members in LCMS congregations in the NW District decreased from 87,916 to 85,705. This decrease in membership is more significant when one considers the tremendous population growth that Washington and Oregon have experienced in the past twenty years. The population of Washington went from 4.1 million in 1980 to 5.7 million in 1999 and that of Oregon went from 2.6 million to 3.3 million in the same period. Yet during the same period the net loss in baptized membership in LCMS congregations in the NW District was 2,211;” therefore, be it

RESOLUTION 4-07 (continued)

RESOLVED, in Convention to commend the congregations, District, and Synod for their continuing re-evaluation of priorities and be encouraged to improve efficiency and effectiveness of administration at the congregational, District, and Synod level so that our precious mission money might be more directly used to save those who otherwise will be lost to hell.

FLOOR COMMITTEE NO. 4
Rev. J. Michael Donnan, Chairman

(cf Overture 4-11; To Seek Ways to Cut Our Growing Bureaucracy for the Sake of Missions, page 6-72)

ACTION: Adopted as amended

RESOLUTION 4-08

LUTHERAN INNER CITY MISSION

WHEREAS, Lutheran Inner City Mission (LICM) was created in 1989 to provide for an ethnic ministry for the Northeast Portland community and was initiated by the Board of Directors of the Northwest District of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod and consequently supported by the congregations of the Northwest District to provide a Lutheran ethnic ministry to Northeast Portland; and

WHEREAS, the effort to secure the site and build the facility was overwhelmingly endorsed by contributions from churches, individuals, businesses, and foundations in a program in a successful funding effort called Operation Cornerstone; and

WHEREAS, the Lutheran Inner City Mission provided leadership and support to establish Martin Luther Memorial Lutheran Church, served by Rev. Rozell Gilmore and then Rev. Herman Hawkins; and

WHEREAS, the congregation disbanded in January 2001 and the Board of Directors of LICM suspended or terminated operations effective June 30, 2003 without debt; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the congregations and individual members of the Northwest District of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod recognize and celebrate in the name of our Almighty Lord, the wonderful ministry of Lutheran Inner City Mission over these past 12 years, and the number of lives that have been touched in the name of Jesus; and be it further

RESOLVED, that while the LICM ministry comes to a close as of June 30, 2003, the spirit of ethnic ministry in the Northwest continues to thrive in other places and in other kinds for which the remaining assets of LICM will be distributed; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the site and facilities will be turned over to the Northwest District by July 30, 2003 to be used at the discretion of the District President and the District Board of Directors; and be it finally

RESOLVED, that we celebrate in the name of our victorious Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, the mission and ministry of LICM these past 12 years.

FLOOR COMMITTEE NO. 4
Rev. J. Michael Donnan, Chairman

(cf. late Overture accepted by the Northwest District Board of Directors, May 2, 2003)

ACTION: Adopted as amended

OMNIBUS RESOLUTION A

RATIONALE, Many overtures request action which is the responsibility of various boards, commissions, or individuals to study and to implement; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the following overtures be placed in Resolution A and be referred to the designated board, commission, or individual:

<u>Overture</u>	<u>Page</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Board, Commission, or Individual</u>
Ov 2-04	6-15	Lowering Minimum Age for Lay Assistant Program	Already under consideration in the LAP task force/board
Ov. 2-11	6-26	To Establish the Northwest District Presidents Office As Part-Time So He Is Able To Serve As A Congregations Pastor	Synod Commission on Structure
Ov. 2-12	6-28	To Implement the Benke Model Of Ministry For District Presidents	Synod Commission on Structure
Ov 4-06	6-65	Removal of a District President	Board of Directors to review and republish if they deem appropriate

ACTION: Adopted

OMNIBUS RESOLUTION B

RATIONALE, Over the years the District in convention has spoken to many issues. At times it has found it necessary to restate its position because of misunderstanding or because there was an expressed desire to change the stated position of the District, and

It is clearly not physically possible to debate and discuss, in detail, every issue which has been decided in one or more previous conventions of the District. Again at this convention a number of issues have been presented through overtures to which the District, in convention, has previously spoken. After careful consideration of these matters, there appears to be no valid reason to change or alter the stated position of the District; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That petitioners offering the following overtures be referred to previous convention action as indicated:

<u>Overture</u>	<u>Page</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Previous Action</u>
4-10	6-71	To Make Districts More Reflective of Local Concerns	Matter has been addressed at several previous District Conventions

ACTION: Adopted

Elected Officers of the Northwest District

President (Term - 2003 - 2006)

Dr. Warren Schumacher

Vice Presidents (Term - 2003 - 2006)

First Vice President - Clemens Pera

Second Vice President - Puget Sound - Keith Eilers

Third Vice President - Oregon - Ty Miles

Fourth Vice President – South Idaho – Michael Donnan

Fifth Vice President - Inland Empire - Laurence Meyer

Sixth Vice President – Alaska – Jonathan Rockey

Secretary (Term - 2003 - 2006)

Rev. Dr. Matthew Becker

Board of Directors (* = Newly or **=Re-elected)

	Term
Dr. Lois Banke**	2003 - 2009
Rev. Dr. Matthew Becker**	2003 - 2006
Rev. Michael Donnan*	2003 - 2006
Rev. Keith Eilers**	2003 - 2006
Mr. Arthur Freitag	2000 - 2006
Mr. Robert Kaestner	2000 - 2006
Mrs. Linda Kuhlmann **	2003 - 2006
Rev. Laurence Meyer **	2003 – 2006
Mr. Richard Mikkelsen	2000 - 2006
Rev. Tyrus Miles **	2003 - 2006
Mr. Keith Nyman	2003 – 2006
Rev. Clemens Pera **	2003 - 2006
Rev. Jonathan Rockey **	2003 - 2006
Mr. David Schilling**	2003 - 2009
Dr. Warren Schumacher **	2003 - 2006
Mr. Robert Templin	2000 - 2006
Mr. M. Scott Wolfram	2000 - 2006

District Nominating Committee (* newly elected) Term

Rev. Richard Rist	2000 - 2006
Rev. Jonathan Dinger*	2003 - 2009
Dan Seim*	2003 - 2009
Ms. Nancy Tagge	2000 - 2006
Mr. Robert Zagel	2000 - 2006
Fred Beierle	2003 - 2009

Circuit Counselors (Term 2003 - 2006)

Circuit Name	Circuit #	Circuit Counselor
<u>Oregon Conference</u>		
Southern Oregon	01	Rev. Tony Schultz
Myrtlewood	02	Rev. Wilbur Gehrke
Upper Willamette	03	Rev. John Luther
Willamette South	04	Rev. David Chamberlain
Capitol	05	Rev. John Luttmann
Mt. Hood	06	Rev. Eric Lange
West Hills	07	Rev. Paul Linnemann
Interstate	08	Rev. Mark Hoelter
Pacific	09	Rev. Tim Huber
<u>South Idaho Conference</u>		
Boise Valley	10	Rev. Phil Bohlken
Magic Valley	11	Rev. Lawrence Vedder
Yellowstone	12	Rev. Gerald Reinke
<u>Inland Empire Conference</u>		
Intervalley	13	Rev. Victor Lillich
Blue Mountain	14	Rev. Arthur Werfelmann
Inland Empire West	15	Rev. David Jensen
Panhandle	16	Rev. Luther Gutz
Columbia Basin	17	Rev. Grant Francis
<u>Puget Sound Conference</u>		
Mt. Baker	18	Rev. Dennis Wildermuth
Peninsula	19	Rev. Jeffrey Pulse
North Seattle	20	Rev. Michael Schuessler
Lake Washington	21	Rev. Roger Dallman
Duwamish	22	Rev. Georg Burza
Nisqually	23	Rev. James Markus
Rainier	24	Rev. Theodore Werfelmann
<u>Alaska Conference</u>		
Alaska	25	Rev. Ken Schauer

Concordia University Board of Regents

Ordained Minister - Phil Streufert	2000 - 2006
Commissioned Minister - Bob Christian	2000 - 2006
Lay - Marilyn Ludke	2000 - 2006

2003 District Convention Delegates

Current as of July 30, 2003

Circuit No: 1

Circuit Name: *Southern Oregon*

Alan Sippola	Faith, Rogue River, OR	Lay Delegate
Rev. Norman Nibblett	Faith, Rogue River, OR	Pastor Delegate
Jason Sechrist	Faith, Rogue River, OR	Youth Rep.
Arlan Pfohl	Gloria Dei, Central Point, OR	Lay Delegate
Dr. Lois Banke	Grace, Ashland, OR	Lay Delegate
Rev. Tony Schultz	Grace, Ashland, OR	Pastor Delegate
Steven Hubler	St. Peter's, Medford, OR	Lay Delegate
Rev. William Lehmann III	St. Peter's, Medford, OR	Pastor Delegate
Ken Bahr	Zion, Klamath Falls, OR	Lay Delegate
Rev. Paul Frerichs	Zion, Klamath Falls, OR	Pastor Delegate
Thomas Miller	Zion, Klamath Falls, OR	Youth Rep.

Circuit No: 2

Circuit Name: *Myrtlewood*

Darrell Barr	Beautiful Savior, Reedsport, OR	Lay Delegate
Rev. Wilbur Gehrke	Beautiful Savior, Reedsport, OR	Pastor Delegate
Rex Zeebuyth	Christ, Coos Bay, OR	Lay Delegate
Rev. Jim Wilson	Christ, Coos Bay, OR	Pastor Delegate
Brad Henshaw	St. James, Myrtle Point, OR	Lay Delegate
Rev. Dan Martin	St. James, Myrtle Point, OR	Pastor Delegate
Gene White	St. Paul, Roseburg, OR	Lay Delegate
Rev. Phillip Brandt	St. Paul, Roseburg, OR	Pastor Delegate
Mr. Bill Gurney	St. John, Sutherlin, OR	Lay Delegate
Judd Van Gorder	Trinity, Cottage Grove, OR	Lay Delegate

2003 District Convention Delegates

Current as of July 30, 2003

Circuit No: 3

Circuit Name: Upper Willamette

Matt Wilson	Christ, Veneta, OR	Lay Delegate
Rev. Roger Sylwester	Christ, Veneta, OR and Shepherd of the Valley, Junction City, OR	Pastor Delegate
Keith Lucas	Emmaus, Redmond, OR	Lay Delegate
Rev. Willis Jenson	Emmaus, Redmond, OR	Pastor Delegate
Jim Anderson	Faith, LaPine, OR	Lay Delegate
Rev. Peter Pagel	Faith, LaPine, OR	Pastor Delegate
Timothy Hovet	Grace, Eugene, OR	Lay Delegate
Rev. Philip Schoenherr	Grace, Eugene, OR	Pastor Delegate
Patricia Daletas	Hope, Springfield, OR	Lay Delegate
Rev. John Luther	Hope, Springfield, OR	Pastor Delegate
Mike Williams	Pleasant Hill, Pleasant Hill, OR	Lay Delegate
Rev Chris Curry	Pleasant Hill, Pleasant Hill, OR	Pastor Delegate
Russell Pease	Shepherd of the Valley, Junction City, OR	Lay Delegate
Jeanne Leder	St. Luke, Oakridge, OR	Lay Delegate
Rev. Ron Leder	St. Luke, Oakridge, OR	Pastor Delegate
Chris Barth	Trinity, Bend, OR	Lay Delegate
Rev. Robert Luinstra	Trinity, Bend, OR	Pastor Delegate

Circuit No: 4

Circuit Name: Willamette South

Keith Freeman	All Nations, Newport, OR	Lay Delegate
Rev. Tim Renstrom	All Nations, Newport, OR	Pastor Delegate
Jon Cohrs	Bethel, Sweet Home, OR	Lay Delegate
Rev. Philip Ebert	Bethel, Sweet Home, OR	Pastor Delegate
Patrick Burkett	Bethlehem, Lebanon, OR	Lay Delegate
Rev. Edwin Rumerfield	Bethlehem, Lebanon, OR	Pastor Delegate
Rev. Bruce Ley	Holy Cross, Albany, OR	Pastor Delegate
Craig Karageorge	Holy Cross, Albany, OR	Lay Delegate
Ralph Gotta	Immanuel, Albany, OR	Lay Delegate
Rev. Terry Merrill	Immanuel, Albany, OR	Pastor Delegate
Orval Prothe	Our Savior, Waldport, OR	Lay Delegate
Rev. David Chamberlain	Our Savior, Waldport, OR	Pastor Delegate
Bob Glathar	Peace, Philomath, OR	Lay Delegate
Rev. Jack Flachsbart	Peace, Philomath, OR	Pastor Delegate
Jeremy Galvin	Peace, Philomath, OR	Youth Rep.
Terry Jackson	Shepherd of the Valley, Corvallis OR	Lay Delegate
Bert Haase	Zion, Corvallis, OR	Lay Delegate
Dr. Raymond Waetjen	Zion, Corvallis, OR	Pastor Delegate

2003 District Convention Delegates

Current as of July 30, 2003

Circuit No: 5

Circuit Name: Capitol

Larry McKinley	Calvary, Stayton, OR	Lay Delegate
Rev. Joel Nickel	Calvary, Stayton, OR	Pastor Delegate
Lindsey McKinley	Calvary, Stayton, OR	Youth Rep.
Carl Brandhorst	Faith, Monmouth, OR	Lay Delegate
Rev. Larry Kribs	Faith, Monmouth, OR	Pastor Delegate
Rev. Leroy C Rittenbach	Grace, Molalla, OR	Pastor Delegate
Richard Hawley	Hope, Woodburn, OR	Lay Delegate
Rev. Bruce Zagel	Hope, Woodburn, OR	Pastor Delegate
Roger Trygstad	Peace, Salem, OR	Lay Delegate
Rev. Robert Bjornstad	Peace, Salem, OR	Pastor Delegate
David Resinger	Redeemer, Salem, OR	Lay Delegate
Rev. Joel Brauer	Redeemer, Salem, OR	Pastor Delegate
Patty MacInnes	St. John, Salem, OR	Lay Delegate
Rev. John Luttmann	St. John, Salem, OR	Pastor Delegate
Dr. Richard Barkalow	St. Peter the Fisherman, Lincoln City, OR	Lay Delegate
Rev. Dr. Steve Waterman	St. Peter the Fisherman, Lincoln City, OR	Pastor Delegate
Jim Hues	Trinity, Mt. Angel, OR	Lay Delegate
Rev. Ronald Hues	Trinity, Mt. Angel, OR	Pastor Delegate

2003 District Convention Delegates

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Circuit No: 6

Circuit Name: Mt. Hood

Charles "Chuck" Abshire	Ascension, Portland, OR	Lay Delegate
Rev. Dennis Bohren	Ascension, Portland, OR	Pastor Delegate
Arlee Holm	Beautiful Savior, Portland, OR	Lay Delegate
Rev. Peter Luedemann	Beautiful Savior, Portland, OR	Pastor Delegate
Robert Kerbs	Calvary, Portland, OR	Lay Delegate
Don Miller	Christ the Vine, Clackamas, OR	Lay Delegate
Rev. Kalvin Waetzig	Christ the Vine, Clackamas, OR	Pastor Delegate
Rev. John Westhafer	Faith, The Dalles, OR	Pastor Delegate
Velma Mullaley	Holy Cross, Portland, OR	Lay Delegate
Rev. A. R. Olsen	Holy Cross, Portland, OR	Pastor Delegate
Ilene Anderson	Immanuel, Hood River, OR	Lay Delegate
Rev. Jerrold Collins	Immanuel, Hood River, OR	Pastor Delegate
Ervin Schroeder	Immanuel, Sandy, OR	Lay Delegate
Rev. Matthew Hempeck	Immanuel, Sandy, OR	Pastor Delegate
Jonathan Krenz	Our Savior, Bingen, WA	Lay Delegate
Rev. Paul Bundschuh	Our Savior, Bingen, WA and Grace, Klickitat, WA	Pastor Delegate
Rev. Stan Aufderheide	Our Savior, Portland, OR	Pastor Delegate
Ron Koenig	Peace, Estacada, OR	Lay Delegate
Rev. Gerald Rabe	Peace, Estacada, OR	Pastor Delegate
Sam Smith	Redeemer, Gresham, OR	Lay Delegate
Rev. Eric Lange	Redeemer, Gresham, OR	Pastor Delegate
Christian Smith	Redeemer, Gresham, OR	Youth Rep.
Ed Grassel	River of Life, Troutdale, OR	Lay Delegate
Rev. Kirk Hille	River of Life, Troutdale, OR	Pastor Delegate
Elise Chaffin	River of Life, Troutdale, OR	Youth Rep.
Ted Phillips	Trinity, Oregon City, OR	Lay Delegate
Rev. Michael Kasting	Trinity, Oregon City, OR	Pastor Delegate
Sarah Forsythe	Trinity, Oregon City, OR	Youth Rep.

2003 District Convention Delegates

Current as of July 30, 2003

Circuit No: 7

Circuit Name: West Hills

Dena Bindewald	Bethlehem, Aloha, OR	Lay Delegate
Rev. Jonathan Dinger	Bethlehem, Aloha, OR	Pastor Delegate
Rev. Edwin Rosenthal	Calvary, St Helens, OR	Pastor Delegate
Ed Nuhring	Good Shepherd, Portland, OR	Lay Delegate
Carole Covlin	Grace, Scappoose, OR	Lay Delegate
Rev. Thomas Schoenborn	Grace, Scappoose, OR	Pastor Delegate
Richard Bittner	Living Savior, Tualatin OR	Lay Delegate
Rev. Nathan Brandt	Living Savior, Tualatin, OR	Pastor Delegate
Erin Macauley	Living Savior, Tualatin, OR	Youth Rep.
Robert (Bob) Hilken	Our Redeemer, Tigard, OR	Lay Delegate
Rev. Paul Linnemann	Our Redeemer, Tigard, OR	Pastor Delegate
Carol Hofelmann	Pilgrim, Beaverton, OR	Lay Delegate
Rev. Michael Bailey	Pilgrim, Beaverton, OR	Pastor Delegate
George Thurston	Prince of Peace, Portland, OR	Lay Delegate
Don Wachlin	St. Paul, Sherwood, OR	Lay Delegate
Rev. Vernon Sandersfeld	St. Paul, Sherwood, OR	Pastor Delegate
Lois Stutheit	Triumphant King, Lake Oswego, OR	Lay Delegate
Rev. Daniel Faragalli	Triumphant King, Lake Oswego, OR	Pastor Delegate

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Circuit No: 8

Circuit Name: Interstate

Brad Neitzke	Christ Community, Vancouver, WA	Lay Delegate
Donna Koehneke	Church of All Nations, Repulse Bay, HK	Lay Delegate
Rev. Dale Koehneke	Church of All Nations, Repulse Bay, HK	Pastor Delegate
David Rush	Good Shepherd, Vancouver, WA	Lay Delegate
Rev. Ted Moeller	Good Shepherd, Vancouver, WA	Pastor Delegate
Harlan Medack	Grace, Longview, WA	Lay Delegate
Rev. Barry Stueve	Grace, Longview, WA	Pastor Delegate
Nathan Stueve	Grace, Longview, WA	Youth Rep.
Dick F Zander JR	Grace, Vancouver, WA	Lay Delegate
Rev Tim Brandt	Grace, Vancouver, WA	Pastor Delegate
Ronald Madding	Hope Deaf, Portland, OR	Lay Delegate
Rev. David Carstens	Hope Deaf, Portland, OR	Pastor Delegate
Rev. Sid Johnson	Immanuel, Portland, OR	Pastor Delegate
Cyndy Lail	Memorial, Vancouver, WA	Lay Delegate
Rev. Daniel Adams	Memorial, Vancouver, WA	Pastor Delegate
Gary Doss	Prince of Peace, Battleground, WA	Lay Delegate
Robert Dienstel	St. John, Portland, OR	Lay Delegate
Rev. Tyrus Miles	St. John, Portland, OR	Pastor Delegate
Bill Garton	St. John, Portland, OR	Youth Rep.
James (Jim) H Isaak	St. John, Vancouver, WA	Lay Delegate
Gary Hagen	St. John, Vancouver, WA	Pastor Delegate
Justin Tanner	St. John, Vancouver, WA	Youth Rep.
Ron Hagen	St. Matthew, Washougal, WA	Lay Delegate
Rev. Larry Locke	St. Matthew, Washougal, WA	Pastor Delegate
Mary Hood	St. Michael's, Portland, OR	Lay Delegate
Rev. Orlie Trier	St. Michael's, Portland, OR	Pastor Delegate
Dan Lorenz	Trinity, Portland, OR	Lay Delegate
Rev. Mark Hoelster	Trinity, Portland, OR	Pastor Delegate

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Circuit No: 9

Circuit Name: Pacific

Frank Royston	Faith, Seaside, OR	Lay Delegate
Julie Lambert	Mt Olive, Forest Grove, OR	Lay Delegate
Rev. Daniel Bohlken	Mt Olive, Forest Grove, OR	Pastor Delegate
Robert Gragert	Redeemer, Tillamook, OR	Lay Delegate
Dr. Allan Johnston	Redeemer, Tillamook, OR	Pastor Delegate
Ty Hegna	St. John, McMinnville, OR	Lay Delegate
Rev. Glenn Zander	St. John, McMinnville, OR	Pastor Delegate
Jennifer Schindler	St. John, McMinnville, OR	Youth Rep.
Edna E Otto	St. John, Seaview, WA	Lay Delegate
Rev. Harold Bauder	St. John, Seaview, WA	Pastor Delegate
Derald Schliebe	St. Peter, Cornelius, OR	Lay Delegate
Rev. Michael Warmbier	St. Peter, Cornelius, OR	Pastor Delegate
Ryan McIvor	Trinity, Hillsboro, OR	Lay Delegate
Rev. Bruce Rumsch	Trinity, Hillsboro, OR	Pastor Delegate
Bill Howden	Trinity, Sheridan, OR	Lay Delegate
Rev. Fred Storteboom	Trinity, Sheridan, OR	Pastor Delegate
Lincoln Monroe	Trinity, Sheridan, OR	Youth Rep.
LeRoy Schultz	Zion, Hillsboro, OR	Lay Delegate
Eric Schultz	Zion, Hillsboro, OR	Youth Rep.

Circuit No: 10

Circuit Name: Boise Valley

Wesley Smith	Christ, Meridian, ID	Lay Delegate
Rev. Robert Cutler	Christ, Meridian, ID	Pastor Delegate
Charles B Matson	Faith, Mountain Home, ID	Lay Delegate
Rev. Craig Kellerman	Faith, Mountain Home, ID	Pastor Delegate
Erik Nystrom	Good Shepherd, Boise, ID	Lay Delegate
Rev. Tim Pauls	Good Shepherd, Boise, ID	Pastor Delegate
Charles Rowen	Grace, Caldwell, ID	Lay Delegate
Rev. Philip Bohlken	Grace, Caldwell, ID	Pastor Delegate
Judy McCoy	Our Redeemer, Emmett, ID	Lay Delegate
Rev. Michael McCoy	Our Redeemer, Emmett, ID	Pastor Delegate
John Lund	Our Savior, McCall, ID	Lay Delegate
Rev. Randy Benscoter	Our Savior, McCall, ID	Pastor Delegate
David E Schorzmann	Pilgrim, Ontario, OR	Lay Delegate
Rev. Martin Frusti	Pilgrim, Ontario, OR	Pastor Delegate
Carol Schumacher	Zion, Nampa, ID	Lay Delegate
Rev. Michael Schumacher	Zion, Nampa, ID	Pastor Delegate

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Circuit No: 11

Circuit Name: *Magic Valley*

Glen Gier	Clover Trinity, Buhl, ID	Lay Delegate
Rev. Mark Christ	Clover Trinity, Buhl, ID	Pastor Delegate
Alan Hieb	Immanuel, Twin Falls, ID	Lay Delegate
Rev. Lawrence Vedder	Immanuel, Twin Falls, ID	Pastor Delegate
Susan Lehman	Peace, Filer, ID	Lay Delegate
Lewis Eilers	Redeemer, Kimberly, ID	Lay Delegate
Rev. Bryon Sunderman	Redeemer, Kimberly, ID	Pastor Delegate
Wendy Walter	St. Paul, Jerome, ID	Lay Delegate
Donna Peterson	St. John, Buhl, ID	Lay Delegate
Rev. Mark Latham	St. John, Buhl, ID	Pastor Delegate
Rev. Baldwin Camin	St. Paul, Jerome, ID	Pastor Delegate
Erich Buschhorn	Trinity, Eden, ID	Lay Delegate
Rev. Don Adolf	Trinity, Eden, ID	Pastor Delegate
Jacob Wolters	Trinity, Eden, ID	Youth Rep.
Kevin Smyer	Trinity, Rupert, ID	Lay Delegate
Rev. David Poovey	Trinity, Rupert, ID	Pastor Delegate
Jacob Fulcher	Trinity, Rupert, ID	Youth Rep.
George Brandon	Valley of Peace, Hailey, ID	Lay Delegate
Harold Bumann	Zion, Burley, ID	Lay Delegate
Rev. Michael Donnan	Zion, Burley, ID	Pastor Delegate

Circuit No: 12

Circuit Name: *Yellowstone*

Naomi Schilling	Crown of Life, Rigby, ID	Lay Delegate
Don Fredericksen	Grace, Pocatello, ID	Lay Delegate
Rev. Bernhard Huesmann	Grace, Pocatello, ID	Pastor Delegate
Lane Adams	Hope, Soda Springs, ID	Lay Delegate
Jane Kaestner	St. John, Idaho Falls, ID	Lay Delegate
Rev. Richard Collin	St. John, Idaho Falls, ID	Pastor Delegate
Cheryl Orme	Zion, Ashton, ID	Lay Delegate
Rev. Bruce Kolasch	Zion, Ashton, ID	Pastor Delegate

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Circuit No: 13

Circuit Name: *Intervalley*

James (Jim) Martin	Calvary, Sunnyside, WA	Lay Delegate
Joan Lillich	Cristo Del Valle, Toppenish, WA	Lay Delegate
Joseph Seckel	Messiah, Prosser, WA	Lay Delegate
Rev. Stephen Larson	Messiah, Prosser, WA	Pastor Delegate
Vern Burke	Mt Olive, Yakima, WA	Lay Delegate
Rev. Toby Joeckel	Mt Olive, Yakima, WA	Pastor Delegate
Chris Larsen	Paradise, Othello, WA	Lay Delegate
Anna Kugler	Paradise, Othello, WA	Youth Rep.
Stephen Sinclair	Peace, Selah, WA	Lay Delegate
Rev Robert Porterfield	Peace, Selah, WA	Pastor Delegate
Kyle Freeborn	Peace, Selah, WA	Youth Rep.
Tom Kiefer	St. John, Benton City, WA	Lay Delegate

Circuit No: 14

Circuit Name: *Blue Mountain*

Edgar Neilsen	Bethlehem, Hermiston, OR	Lay Delegate
Rev. Mark Adams	Bethlehem, Hermiston, OR	Pastor Delegate
Rebekah Adams	Bethlehem, Hermiston, OR	Youth Rep.
Richard Wyer	Bethlehem, Kennewick, WA	Lay Delegate
Eric Nelson	Faith, LaGrande, OR	Lay Delegate
John Strege	Redeemer, Richland, WA	Lay Delegate
Rev. Laurence Meyer	Redeemer, Richland, WA	Pastor Delegate
Erica Beitz	Redeemer, Richland, WA	Youth Rep.
Adrienne Ham	Trinity, Pasco, WA	Lay Delegate
Andrea Sutherland	Trinity, Pasco, WA	Youth Rep.
Rev. Arthur Werfelmann	Trinity, Pasco, WA and Messiah, Basin City (Mesa)	Pastor Delegate
Donald J Schack	Trinity, Walla Walla, WA	Lay Delegate
Dr. Stephen P Juergensen	Trinity, Walla Walla, WA	Pastor Delegate

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Circuit No: 15

Circuit Name: *Inland Empire West*

Randall Benson	Beautiful Savior, Spokane, WA	Lay Delegate
Rev. Timothy Cartwright	Beautiful Savior, Spokane, WA	Pastor Delegate
Mark Werfelmann	Holy Cross, Spokane, WA	Lay Delegate
Rev. Mark Benning	Holy Cross, Spokane, WA	Pastor Delegate
Justin Waltz	Holy Cross, Spokane, WA	Youth Rep.
Karl Johnson	Hope, Greenacres, WA	Lay Delegate
Rev. Craig Wulf	Hope, Greenacres, WA	Pastor Delegate
Alex Johnson	Hope, Greenacres, WA	Youth Rep.
Wayne Clemens	Pilgrim, Spokane, WA	Lay Delegate
Rev. Ken Goodfellow	Pilgrim, Spokane, WA	Pastor Delegate
Betty Kempff	Redeemer, Spokane, WA	Lay Delegate
Rev. David Stuenkel	Redeemer, Spokane, WA	Pastor Delegate
Brian Albrecht	St. John, Spokane, WA	Lay Delegate
Rev. David Jensen	St. John, Spokane, WA	Pastor Delegate

Circuit No: 16

Circuit Name: *Panhandle*

Alan Roach	Christ Our Redeemer, Sandpoint, ID	Lay Delegate
Rev. Steve Nickodemus	Christ Our Redeemer, Sandpoint, ID	Pastor Delegate
Steve MacAskill	Christ The King, Coeur d'Alene, ID	Lay Delegate
Rev. John L. Schmidt	Christ the King, Coeur d'Alene, ID	Pastor Delegate
Brianne MacAskill	Christ the King, Coeur d'Alene, ID	Youth Rep.
Andrew T White	Concordia, Pullman, WA	Lay Delegate
Rev. Dudley Nolting	Concordia, Pullman, WA	Pastor Delegate
Richard (Toby) Heldreth	First, Spirit Lake, ID	Lay Delegate
Rev. Karl Petzke	First, Spirit Lake, ID	Pastor Delegate

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Circuit No: 17

Circuit Name: Columbia Basin

Anthony Leibelt	Christ the Savior, George, WA	Lay Delegate
Rev. Jeffrey Berndt	Christ the Savior, George, WA	Pastor Delegate
Merle Wischnofske	Faith, East Wenatchee, WA	Lay Delegate
Rev. "Mick" Marquardt	Faith, East Wenatchee, WA	Pastor Delegate
David Wildermuth	Faith, Oroville, WA	Lay Delegate
Joan Jacobson	Faith, Oroville, WA	Youth Rep.
Rev. Dan Kunkel	Grace, Moses Lake, WA	Pastor Delegate
Cynthia Einspahr	Hope, Brewster, WA	Lay Delegate
Wes Visser	Hope, Tonasket, WA	Lay Delegate
Rev. Vince Larson	Hope, Tonasket, WA and Immanuel, Havillah, WA and Faith, Oroville, WA	Pastor Delegate
Mr. Ray G Visser	Immanuel, Tonasket, WA	Lay Delegate
Erwin Jungck	Our Savior, Ephrata, WA	Lay Delegate
Rev. Grant Francis	Our Savior, Ephrata, WA	Pastor Delegate
Danny Walker	Our Savior, Ephrata, WA	Youth Rep.
Lee Skaarvold	Our Savior, Okanogan, WA	Lay Delegate
Rebecca Skaarvold	Our Savior, Okanogan, WA	Youth Rep.
Leslie Sramek	St Paul, Wenatchee, WA	Lay Delegate
Rev. Mark Hein	St. Paul, Wenatchee, WA	Pastor Delegate
Josh Diede	St. Paul, Wenatchee, WA	Youth Rep.
Linda Goodin	Zion, Grand Coulee, WA	Lay Delegate
Dr. Bill Goodin	Zion, Grand Coulee, WA and Bethel, Coulee City, WA	Pastor Delegate

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Circuit No: 18

Circuit Name: Mt. Baker

Bob Gudmestad	Concordia, Oak Harbor, WA	Lay Delegate
Art Weidner, Jr.	Grace, Everett, WA	Lay Delegate
Rev. Dwight Schultz	Grace, Everett, WA	Pastor Delegate
Jennifer Sterkel	Grace, Everett, WA	Youth Rep.
Kathleen Pemberton	Immanuel, Everett, WA	Lay Delegate
Rev. Kyle Heck	Immanuel, Everett, WA	Pastor Delegate
Dan Bartelheimer	Lamb of God, Lake Stevens, WA	Lay Delegate
Rev. Sam Wiseman	Lamb of God, Lake Stevens, WA	Pastor Delegate
Jacque Wiseman	Lamb of God, Lake Stevens, WA	Youth Rep.
Edree Rutherford	Lutheran Chapel on the Hill, Granite Falls, WA	Lay Delegate
Rev. Kyle Castens	Lutheran Chapel on the Hill, Granite Falls, WA	Pastor Delegate
Samantha Hodge	Lutheran Chapel on the Hill, Granite Falls, WA	Youth Rep.
Barry Pellegrini	Messiah, Marysville, WA	Lay Delegate
Rev. Kurt Onken	Messiah, Marysville, WA	Pastor Delegate
Robert W Johnson	Peace, Monroe WA	Lay Delegate
Rev. Mark Griesse	Peace, Monroe, WA	Pastor Delegate
Timothy Pitcher	Redeemer, Bellingham, WA	Lay Delegate
Rev. David Meyer	Redeemer, Bellingham, WA	Pastor Delegate
Web Berger	Shepherd of the Hills, Snohomish, WA	Lay Delegate
Kristina Berger	Shepherd of the Hills, Snohomish, WA	Youth Rep.
Frank Hunt	Trinity, Bellingham, WA	Lay Delegate
Dr. Douglas Iben	Trinity, Bellingham, WA	Pastor Delegate
Andrew Hansen	Trinity, Mount Vernon, WA	Youth Rep.
Al Peraino	Trinity, Mt. Vernon, WA	Lay Delegate
Bob Hanewinckel	Zion, Snohomish, WA	Lay Delegate
Rev. Richard Flath	Zion, Snohomish, WA	Pastor Delegate

Circuit No: 19

Circuit Name: Peninsula

Reynold Abbe	Faith, Kingston, WA	Lay Delegate
Rev. Joel Wood	Faith, Kingston, WA	Pastor Delegate
Paul Perlwitz	Faith, Sequim, WA	Lay Delegate
Rev. Steve Eaton	Faith, Sequim, WA	Pastor Delegate
Jonathan Eaton	Faith, Sequim, WA	Youth Rep.
Chuck Laguna	King of Glory, Gig Harbor, WA	Lay Delegate
Rev. Ron Norris	King of Glory, Gig Harbor, WA	Pastor Delegate
Rev. Dale Heinlein	Makah, Neah Bay, WA	Pastor Delegate
Steve Malloy	Memorial, Bremerton, WA	Lay Delegate
Eugene Gihring	Peace, Bremerton, WA	Lay Delegate
Rev. Jeffrey Pulse	Peace, Bremerton, WA	Pastor Delegate
Brian Pettyjohn	St. Matthew, Port Angeles, WA	Lay Delegate
Rev. Philip Ritter	St. Matthew, Port Angeles, WA	Pastor Delegate

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Circuit No: 20

Circuit Name: North Seattle

Chris Bartels	Agape, Seattle, WA	Lay Delegate
Rev. Ted Wuerffel	Agape, Seattle, WA	Pastor Delegate
Greg Roger	Epiphany, Kenmore, WA	Lay Delegate
Rev. Mark Lieske	Epiphany, Kenmore, WA	Pastor Delegate
Annie Lamb	Good Shepherd, Seattle, WA	Lay Delegate
Martin Estergreen	Messiah, Seattle, WA	Lay Delegate
Rev. Ernie Lassman	Messiah, Seattle, WA	Pastor Delegate
Mike Larson	Mt. Olive, Seattle, WA	Lay Delegate
Rev. Grant Knepper	Mt. Olive, Seattle, WA	Pastor Delegate
Amanda Schaff	Mt. Olive, Seattle, WA	Youth Rep.
Rev. Richard Green	Mt. Zion, Mountlake Terrace, WA	Pastor Delegate
Benjamin Green	Mt. Zion, Mountlake Terrace, WA	Lay Delegate
Judy Peterson	Our Savior, Seattle, WA	Lay Delegate
Rev. David Peterson	Our Savior, Seattle, WA	Pastor Delegate
Hal Siemer Jr.	St. James, Bothell, WA	Lay Delegate
Rev. James Jenson	St. James, Bothell, WA	Pastor Delegate
Gehrig Loree	St. Timothy, Edmonds, WA	Lay Delegate
Rev. Michael Schuessler	St. Timothy, Edmonds, WA	Pastor Delegate
Bryan McEntire	St. Timothy, Edmonds, WA	Youth Rep.
Karl J Brunner	Trinity, Seattle, WA	Lay Delegate
Rev. Don Schatz	Trinity, Seattle, WA	Pastor Delegate
Michael Snyder	Zion, Seattle, WA	Lay Delegate
Rev. Lloyd Willweber	Zion, Seattle, WA	Pastor Delegate

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Circuit No: 21

Circuit Name: Lake Washington

Dr. David Bales	All Saints, Bellevue, WA	Lay Delegate
Dr. Roger Dallman	All Saints, Bellevue, WA	Pastor Delegate
Ronald D Muller	Bethlehem, Renton, WA	Lay Delegate
Rev. Eugene Baade	Bethlehem, Renton, WA	Pastor Delegate
Chenee Holcomb	Bethlehem, Renton, WA	Youth Rep.
Judith Graham	Christ the King, Bellevue, WA	Lay Delegate
Rev. Phil Sievers	Christ the King, Bellevue, WA	Pastor Delegate
Julia Nordsieck	Christ the King, Bellevue, WA	Youth Rep.
Amy Hart	Friends in Christ, Woodinville, WA	Lay Delegate
Rev. Warren Malach	Friends in Christ, Woodinville, WA	Pastor Delegate
Geoffrey Hart	Friends in Christ, Woodinville, WA	Youth Rep.
Scott Hunziker	King of Kings, Renton, WA	Lay Delegate
Rev. Ken Wyneken	King of Kings, Renton, WA	Pastor Delegate
Jennifer Hunziker	King of Kings, Renton, WA	Youth Rep.
Kenneth Wright	Lutheran Church of the Cross, Kent, WA	Lay Delegate
Bob Borchers	Pilgrim, Bellevue, WA	Lay Delegate
Rev. James Rehder	Pilgrim, Bellevue, WA	Pastor Delegate
Wendy Wendland	Redeemer, Mercer Island, WA	Lay Delegate
Rev. William Clements	Redeemer, Mercer Island, WA	Pastor Delegate
Norbert Schmidt	Zion, Auburn, WA	Lay Delegate
Rev. Terence Dill	Zion, Auburn, WA	Pastor Delegate

Circuit No: 22

Circuit Name: Duwamish

Dr. David-Paul Zimmerman	Amazing Grace, Seattle, WA	Pastor Delegate
Rev. George Burza	Beautiful Savior, Sea Tac, WA	Pastor Delegate
Claudia Graham	Calvary, Seattle, WA	Lay Delegate
Rev. Paul Winterstein	Calvary, Seattle, WA	Pastor Delegate
Marvin Rockwell	Church of the Atonement, Seattle, WA	Lay Delegate
Dr. Andrew Northrop	Church of the Atonement, Seattle, WA	Pastor Delegate
Anna Northrop	Church of the Atonement, Seattle, WA	Youth Rep.
Jillian Herzog	Church of the Atonement, Seattle, WA	Youth Rep.
Bil Hood	Hope, Seattle WA	Lay Delegate
Rev. Keith Eilers	Hope, Seattle, WA	Pastor Delegate
Ron Bergman	Resurrection, Des Moines, WA	Lay Delegate
Rev. Ray Hagan	Resurrection, Des Moines, WA	Pastor Delegate

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Circuit No: 23

Circuit Name: Nisqually

Ron Graham	Calvary, Aberdeen, WA	Lay Delegate
Rev. Richard Peterson	Calvary, Aberdeen, WA	Pastor Delegate
Gerald "Jerry" Buchanan	Faith, Lacey, WA	Lay Delegate
Rev. Charles Keogh	Faith, Lacey, WA	Pastor Delegate
Rev. Dong Kie Lee	First Korean, Tacoma, WA	Pastor Delegate
Joseph Morton	Good Shepherd, Tacoma, WA	Lay Delegate
Rev. Dan Gerken	Good Shepherd, Tacoma, WA	Pastor Delegate
Donald Maples	Good Shepherd, Tacoma, WA	Youth Rep.
LaShawnnta Ervin	Good Shepherd, Tacoma, WA	Youth Rep.
Bert Stibbe	Grace, Tacoma, WA	Lay Delegate
Rev. Richard Tietjen	Grace, Tacoma, WA	Pastor Delegate
Brendon Mix	Grace, Tacoma, WA	Youth Rep.
Walter Lux	Mt. Olive, Shelton, WA	Lay Delegate
Rev. James Markus	Mt. Olive, Shelton, WA	Pastor Delegate
Selena Green	Mt. Olive, Shelton, WA	Youth Rep.
Bruce Hood	Peace, Chehalis, WA	Lay Delegate
Rev. Daniel Freeman	Peace, Chehalis, WA	Pastor Delegate
Jonathan Eriksen	Peace, Chehalis, WA	Youth Rep.
Rick Winterstein	Prince of Peace, Tacoma, WA	Lay Delegate
Rev. John D. Schmidt	Prince of Peace, Tacoma, WA	Pastor Delegate
Phillip Aasen	Prince of Peace, Tacoma, WA	Youth Rep.
Katie Jacobson	Prince of Peace, Tacoma, WA	Youth Rep.
Ted Rex	Trinity, Olympia, WA	Lay Delegate
Rev. Michael Wenzel	Trinity, Olympia, WA	Pastor Delegate
James M Coker	Zion, Tacoma, WA	Lay Delegate
Rev. David Schmidt	Zion, Tacoma, WA	Pastor Delegate
Micah Schmidt	Zion, Tacoma, WA	Youth Rep.

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Circuit No: 24

Circuit Name: Rainier

Ray James	Beautiful Savior, Milton, WA	Lay Delegate
Rev. Douglas Good	Beautiful Savior, Milton, WA	Pastor Delegate
Sharlee Biermann	Immanuel, Puyallup, WA	Lay Delegate
Rev. John Biermann	Immanuel, Puyallup, WA	Pastor Delegate
Matthew Hultman	Light of Christ, Federal Way, WA	Lay Delegate
Rev. Ted Werfelmann	Light of Christ, Federal Way, WA	Pastor Delegate
Jon Rasmussen	Lutheran Church of St Paul, Graham, WA	Lay Delegate
Rev James Freitag	Lutheran Church of St Paul, Graham, WA	Pastor Delegate
Rory Sparhawk	New Hope, Pacific, WA	Lay Delegate
Rev. Mark Gause	New Hope, Pacific, WA	Pastor Delegate
James Senger	Our Redeemer, Bonney Lake, WA	Lay Delegate
Rev. Rodney Riveness	Our Redeemer, Bonney Lake, WA	Pastor Delegate
Thomas Lane	Our Savior, Tacoma, WA	Lay Delegate
Dr. Robert Nordlie	Our Savior, Tacoma, WA	Pastor Delegate
Jay Gordon	St. Luke, Federal Way WA	Lay Delegate
Dr. Vic Hippe	St. Luke, Federal Way, WA	Pastor Delegate

Circuit No: 25

Circuit Name: Alaska

Steven Hartung	Anchorage, Anchorage, AK	Lay Delegate
Rev. Bill Warren	Anchorage, Anchorage, AK	Pastor Delegate
Jerry Kudenov	Beautiful Savior, Anchorage, AK	Lay Delegate
Rev Dennis Morner	Beautiful Savior, Anchorage, AK	Pastor Delegate
Ladonna Herbert	Denali, Chugiak, AK	Lay Delegate
Rev. Ken Schauer	Denali, Chugiak, AK	Pastor Delegate
Dr. Marilyn P Clark	Faith, Juneau, AK	Lay Delegate
Rick Moore	Faith, Homer, AK	Lay Delegate
Rev. Dennis Neels	Faith, Homer, AK	Pastor Delegate
Janet McCullough	Our Redeemer, Chugiak, AK	Lay Delegate
Rev. Thomas Frizelle	Our Redeemer, Chugiak, AK	Pastor Delegate
Kathy Rockey	St. John, Palmer, AK	Lay Delegate
Rev. Jonathan Rockey	St. John, Palmer, AK	Pastor Delegate
Katlyn Griese	St. John, Palmer, AK	Youth Rep.
Mary Mize	Star of the North, Kenai, AK	Lay Delegate
Rev. Robert Deardoff	Star of the North, Kenai, AK	Pastor Delegate
Rev. Richard Rist	Zion, Anchorage, AK	Pastor Delegate
Brian Carter	Zion, Fairbanks, AK	Lay Delegate
Dr. Philip Kuehnert	Zion, Fairbanks, AK	Pastor Delegate

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