

WHO MAY ATTEND:

DELEGATES: Voting Delegates are Pastors and Lay Delegates who have previously been designated as such by their congregations via the "Report on Election of Voting and Alternate Delegates" forms (originally due 12/15/08). **Advisory Delegates** of the District are all nonvoting ordained and commissioned ministers (LCMS Bylaw 4.2.3), including pastors serving non-organized or non-synodical member congregations; assistant pastors (non-voting); retired pastors and commissioned workers; faculty members of Concordia University, Portland (pastors and teachers); NOW District Office Executives; Rostered teachers, DCE's, DCO's, etc. All must be Rostered members of Synod.

ALL OTHER PROFESSIONAL CHURCH WORKERS (non-rostered) of the District (e.g. teachers, lay assistants, youth workers) are urged to attend the Convention.

CONGREGATIONS WITH TWO PASTORS are entitled to only one pastoral voting delegate. The second pastor registers as an Advisory Delegate.

VACANCY PASTORS AND LAY ASSISTANTS serving congregations are not eligible to serve as a Voting Pastoral Delegate unless officially called by their congregation.

YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES have previously been designated as such by their congregations via the "Youth Representative Report Form" (originally due 12/15/08). They will be recognized at the Convention and given Advisory Delegate status with the privilege of speaking on the floor, but not voting privilege. All other youth in attendance are considered youth guests and have no speaking privileges.

CONGREGATIONS ARE EXPECTED TO PAY the registration fee for their retired Pastors, teachers, and all other Rostered Professional Church Workers (either called or contracted). However, the registrant must pay for lodging and meals at the Convention.

DELEGATE INFORMATION:

CREDENTIALS will be handled as they were in 2006. No credential cards will be mailed and verification of your congregation's selection of you as a delegate will be done at registration. This allows for a smooth and efficient registration process. Name tags will reflect your delegate status.

BLUE = Voting	YELLOW = Advisory	
-Pastor	-Teacher	-DCE
-Lay Delegate	-Youth Delegate	-Rostered Emeritus
	-Pastor	-Chaplain
	-Deaconess	-Other

REGISTRATION CONFIRMATION: Each delegate, after submitting his/her registration, will be mailed a registration confirmation and should present it at the registration table at the Convention. ***It is important for all delegates to have your registration confirmation IN HAND when you register at the Convention.*** This will facilitate the registration and credential process. If any questions arise regarding credentials, District Staff will be available at the registration table to resolve your questions.

CONVENTION WORKBOOK: Keeping in mind good financial stewardship, individual copies of the Convention Workbook will not be printed and mailed prior to the Convention, nor will they be provided at the Convention. You will be able to access and download the entire workbook at www.nowlcms.org → **Convention / Conference Resources**.

Specific updated workbook sections will be handed out at registration (such as schedule, elections and delegate information, etc).

If you do not have internet access and need a hard copy or CD of this workbook mailed to you, please contact the District Office at 888-693-5267.

REGISTRATION, LODGING, & MEALS:

ONLINE REGISTRATION ONLY: Paper registration forms have not been included as registration will take place online only at www.nowlcms.org → **Convention / Conference Resources**.

If you are registering through your congregation, please print your online registration confirmation and give it to your Treasurer by May 10th. Otherwise, submit your payment along with a printed copy of the confirmation that you receive when you register online. All registrations are due **May 15th**.

For individuals without internet access, paper copies of the registration form will be provided upon request. Please call the District Office at 888-693-5267 for one to be mailed to you.

After we have received your registration and payment, we will mail you a confirmation letter that will include your lodging information, along with other pertinent information. **Please remember to bring your registration confirmation with you to the Convention.**

LODGING: All lodging will be at the Lloyd Center Doubletree Hotel, which is approximately 3-4 blocks from the Oregon Convention Center and is served by Portland's light rail system (MAX). All room reservations **must** be made through the District Office. **Please do not call the hotel directly to make your reservations.** You will receive, by mail, confirmation of your room and roommate request in your registration confirmation letter.

MEALS: All meals are the responsibility of the delegates and reimbursed by their congregation. We encourage congregations to set daily per diem limits for their delegates. (i.e., a reasonable per diem rate could be \$25 per day). You will be provided a map of the area and a list of restaurants either in the hotel or within easy walking distance from the hotel, and shopping in the Lloyd Center area adjacent to the hotel.

TRANSPORTATION & REIMBURSEMENT:

TRANSPORTATION: The Northwest District will reimburse reasonable costs associated with the transportation of all Voting and Advisory Delegates as well as official Youth Representatives ***provided they are properly registered and all registration and assessment fees have been paid.*** This includes auto mileage reimbursed at 14.0 cents per mile (not to exceed 300 miles one way), bus, train or airfare (if over 300 miles one way). We trust everyone will use prudent Christian stewardship.

Portland's light rail (MAX) system provides an efficient and economical method of transportation from Portland International Airport to the Lloyd Center Doubletree Hotel and Oregon Convention Center. You can read more about MAX at www.trimet.org.

We recommend that after you arrive at the airport that you stop at the hotel first and check in (provided your room is ready) or the alternative would be to entrust your bags to the Bell Captain at the hotel before proceeding to the Oregon Convention Center.

TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT: You may download the Travel Reimbursement Form on the Northwest District website at www.nowlcms.org → **Convention / Conference Resources**. The form may be turned in at the Information Desk at the Convention site or mailed to the District Office. ***No reimbursement will be made without receipts and all assessment and registration fees paid in full.***

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: For insurance reasons, no childcare will be provided at the Convention.

Additionally, power will not be available on the Convention floor for laptops. An established laptop charging area will be set up; however, you will be responsible for staying with and maintaining the security of your laptop.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE CONVENTION:

✠ **Thursday**, June 18, at 3:00 pm, we will officially open the 62nd Convention of the Northwest District at the Oregon Convention Center, Portland, Oregon.

✠ A reception held by **Concordia University, Portland**, will be held **Thursday** night at the Doubletree Hotel. All delegates and guests are invited to attend.

✠ **Friday**, June 19, worship will begin at 8:30 a.m. hosted by **Pastor Bruce Rumsch**, Trinity Lutheran Church, Hillsboro, OR. **LCMS President Rev. Dr. Gerald Kieschnick** will deliver the sermon followed by communion. President Kieschnick will also have a Q&A session on Friday morning during Session 3.

✠ The offering of the 2009 District Convention Triennial Mission Project – **The Art and Carol Wahlers Center for Applied Lutheran Leadership (CALL)** – will be collected during Friday’s worship service. CALL’s objectives are to advance the shared mission of the Northwest District and Concordia University, Portland, to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ effectively so that disciples are made and people come into a life-giving, life-transforming relationship with Jesus. Delegates are encouraged to bring their congregation’s offering to this service. Your gifts will support CALL in providing ministry resources in the Pacific Northwest, International missions, and campus spiritual life.

✠ **Rev. John Nunes**, President of Lutheran World Relief, the jointly sponsored ELCA-LCMS international disaster response arm of the church bodies, will be our guest speaker on Friday afternoon. A well-known and highly regarded pastor, theologian, speaker and community organizer, Rev. Nunes has served as a management consultant, pastor, teacher, youth director, and parish musician.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE CONVENTION (cont):

✠ On **Friday** evening you are invited to a **Presidents’ Reception** at the DoubleTree Hotel in honor of the new President-Elect; the outgoing District President, Warren Schumacher; and the celebration of the 50th Ordination anniversary of President-Emeritus, Erhart Bauer.

✠ On **Saturday**, **Rev. Dr. Larry Stoterau**, Pacific Southwest District President, will highlight the report of the Blue Ribbon Task Force on Synod Structure and Governance. The 2010 Synod Convention will act on the various recommendations of the Task Force.

✠ Later on **Saturday** morning, **Rev. Dr. Tom Zehnder**, Interim Director of LCMS World Missions, will highlight the worldwide missionary activity of the LCMS and the Northwest District’s leadership role, especially in the Pacific Rim.

✠ **Rev. Richard Kiessling** and **Rev. Richard (Pete) Peterson** will share duties as **Convention Chaplains**. Emeritus Pastor Richard Kiessling currently serves as Circuit Counselor (#7) and is the interim Pastor at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Sherwood, OR. Emeritus Pastor Richard “Pete” Peterson currently serves as Circuit Counselor (#23) and is author of the District’s Friday Prayer. Both Pastors, along with Paul Linnemann and Jim Harboldt, are founders of the Center for Prayer Renewal (CPR), which became part of the Northwest District prayer ministries in 2003. CPR is a ministry established to assist individuals who are interested in deepening their Spiritual Formation.

✠ A **Prayer Chapel** will be on-site during the convention. Prayer partners will be available for those desiring specific prayers, meditation, anointing or a quiet place to pray.

CONVENTION MINI-SCHEDULE

THURSDAY – JUNE 18, 2009

10:00am – 3:00pm	Delegate Registration – Oregon Convention Center
12:30 - 2:00pm	Floor Committee Open Hearings
2:00 - 2:30pm	Delegate Orientation
3:00 - 5:30pm	Convention Business – Session # 1
5:30 - 7:30pm	Dinner – on own
7:30 - 9:00pm	Convention Business – Session #2 Concordia University reception following

FRIDAY – JUNE 19, 2009

8:15 -8:30am	Pre-session Music
8:30 - 10:00am	Worship Service with Holy Communion
10:00 – 10:30am	Break and Circuit Caucuses
10:30 – 12:00pm	Convention Business – Session #3
12:00 - 1:30pm	Lunch – on own
1:30 -3:00pm	Convention Business – Session #4
3:00 - 5:00pm	Convention Business – Session #5
5:00 -7:00pm	Dinner – on own
7:00 -9:00pm	Presidents’ Reception

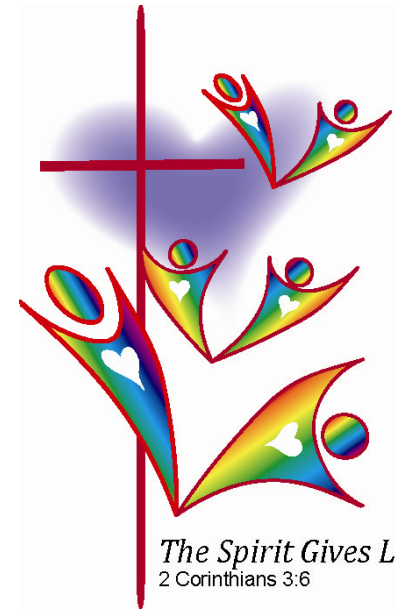
SATURDAY – JUNE 20, 2009

8:15 – 10:00am	Convention Business – Session #6
10:00 – 10:15am	Break
10:15 – 12:00pm	Convention Business – Session #7 to adjournment Installation of newly elected officers
12:00 – 12:30pm	Gavel – closing Sending by District President-elect

**REGISTER FOR THE CONVENTION
ONLINE AT WWW.NOWLCMS.ORG!**

The Northwest District of the
Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod

62nd District Convention



*He has made us competent as ministers of a new covenant—not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.
2 Corinthians 3:6 (NIV)*

Oregon Convention Center
Portland, Oregon
June 18-20, 2009

Convention Purpose: The convention shall “afford opportunities for worship, nurture, inspiration, fellowship, and the communication of vital information (2007 Synod Handbook, Section 4.2.1).