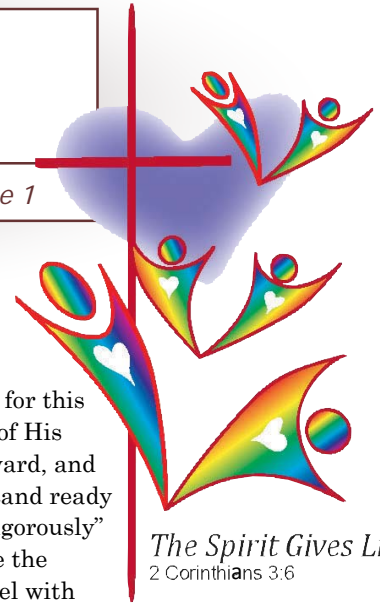


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Welcome from Rev. Dr. Warren Schumacher

Greetings and welcome to the 62nd Convention of the Northwest (NOW) District!

Our theme, **“The Spirit Give Life”** comes from 2 Corinthians 3:6 NIV – *“He has made us competent as ministers of a new covenant—not of the letter but of the*



Dr. Warren Schumacher
Retiring NOW District President

Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.”

Following our NOW District convention, the 33rd Biennial LWML Convention

“Look to the Hills...

God Reigns”, will take over the Oregon Convention Center. Hosted by the three LWML Districts within the NOW District, this convention promises to continue spreading the Spirit throughout the Portland area, the NOW District, and the world.

As I conclude my 15 years of service as your District President, I am honored and privileged to be part of both of these Spirit-filled conventions.

The Northwest District spans three time zones here in the continental United States, and we link over 6,000 miles with our Pacific Rim ministries and preaching stations in Hong Kong, Shanghai, and Hanoi. We train and equip laity and professional church workers to reach the lost in our communities and neighborhoods throughout this vast geographical region. Our Lord has great things in

store for this part of His vineyard, and we stand ready to “vigorously” share the Gospel with all in our region.

Our LCMS Mission statement, adopted twelve years ago, is: “In grateful response to God’s grace and empowered by the Holy Spirit through Word and Sacraments, the mission of the LCMS is vigorously to make known the love of Christ by word and deed within our churches, communities, and the world.”

Welcome to the 62nd Convention of the Northwest District! Welcome to Portland, Oregon!

Dr. Warren Schumacher, President

Rev. Dr. Gerald B. Kieschnick—President Lutheran Church Missouri Synod

Rev. Dr. Gerald B. Kieschnick is serving his third three-year term as president of the 2.45-million-member Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod since July 2001. His vision is “One Mission – One Message – One People. Our One Mission is to seek the lost for Christ by communicating the One Message that Jesus Christ is the Savior of the world as One People united by God’s love in Jesus Christ.”

Prior to his presidency, Kieschnick served the Synod’s Texas District as president for ten years, circuit counselor from 1978-81 and director of public relations from 1977-86.

Prior to his Texas District presidency, Kieschnick was director of development of the Lutheran Foundation of Texas from 1986-88 and then served as its executive director from 1988-91. From 1998 until elected as LCMS president, he chaired the LCMS

Commission on Theology and Church Relations, and served on the executive committee of the LCMS Council of Presidents.

Born in Houston on January 29, 1943, Kieschnick attended Texas A&M University, graduating with a Bachelor of Science degree in 1964. He is a 1970 graduate of Concordia Theological Seminary, Springfield, IL, obtained his Master of Divinity degree in 1977 from Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, IN, and received an honorary Doctor of Laws degree in 1996 from

Concordia University, Austin, TX.

After his ordination in 1970, Kieschnick was pastor of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Biloxi, MS, until 1973; pastor of Redeemer Lutheran Church, Beaumont, TX, 1973-81; and mission developer and pastor of Faith Lutheran Church, Georgetown, TX, 1981-86.

Dr. Kieschnick and his wife of 41 years, Terry, have two grown children, Andrew Kieschnick and Angela (husband Todd) Keith and two grandchildren, Kolby and Kayla Keith — all who live in Texas.



Rev. Dr. Gerald B. Kieschnick
LCMS President

Guest Speaker—Rev. John Nunes, President, Lutheran World Relief

John Arthur Nunes is President and CEO of Lutheran World Relief—an organization that acts to end poverty and uphold human dignity by empowering the world's most impoverished communities to bring about the transformation they need in order to live healthy, safe and secure lives. Combining 63 years of experience, an uncompromising pursuit of excellence, faith and prayer, LWR works with partners in 35 countries to promote sustainable development and increase human flourishing.



A prominent Lutheran leader, thinker and speaker, Nunes is known for his compelling voice applying theological insight to matters from global issues to urban affairs. Prior to joining LWR in 2007 he served as a college professor, management consultant, church musician, community organizer and pastor.

"My call to LWR really gives me a prodigious opportunity to serve in the power of the Spirit, since, as Luther reminds us, 'we should allow no one to suffer harm but show

every kindness and love' (The Large Catechism)."

Nunes holds advanced academic degrees from schools affiliated with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS). He is a PhD candidate at the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago.

Born in Montego Bay, Jamaica, Nunes grew up in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, and lived in the U.S. since 1981. He lives in Baltimore, Maryland with his wife, Monique, who is the principal of Baltimore Lutheran School, and his son, John, Jr. (14), the youngest of their five children.

Guest Speaker—Rev. Dr. Larry Stoterau—Pacific Southwest District President

Rev. Dr. Larry Stoterau has been President of the Pacific Southwest District since September 2000. "We live in one of the most dynamic regions of the country. People come from all over the world, looking for new beginnings. What we have in the Church is hope through Christ and promises for tomorrow."

Before elected President of the Pacific SW District 100,000 + members, Dr. Stoterau was senior pastor of Epiphany Lutheran Church, Chandler, AZ from 1983 - 2000, and Emmaus Lutheran

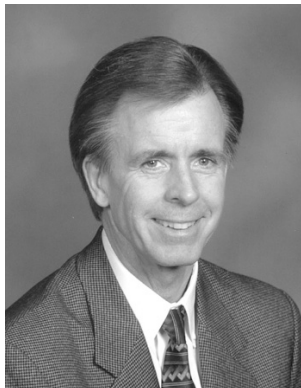
Church, Alhambra, CA 1973-1983, where the District's first Chinese ministry started. Dr. Stoterau has served as the District's first vice president (1997-2000) and on numerous District and Synodical committees. President Stoterau has a strong interest in community involvement and takes an active part in Ecumenical Relationships. He has been an active member of the Board of Directors of the Chamber of Commerce, Community Hospitals and Rotary International.



Dr. Stoterau and his wife Linda have two grown sons, Samuel and Joseph. Linda is an accomplished church musician and worship leader—currently serving the Commission on Worship for the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod.

Guest Speaker—Rev. David Birner Lutheran Church Missouri Synod World Missions

David has served The LCMS Board for Mission Services since 1977. He served as evangelistic missionary in Papua New Guinea until 1991. He then joined the staff in St. Louis as Asia Area Secretary where he supervised people and programs of The LCMS in eleven Asian countries. He provided leadership for new and existing Asian mission fields, projects of humanitarian assistance, and disaster relief through LCMS World Relief. He also served as liaison



between the Synod's Board for Mission Services and its partner churches in Asia. Rev. Birner notes, "As partner churches begin to develop and implement their own mission outreach, we are able to join forces with their efforts to expand mission outreach to more countries and unreached people groups, concentrating on the exploding urban Asian populations." He was deployed to Hong Kong in 2001.

In September 2003, he assumed the position of Associate Executive Director

of International Missions. Birner says his goal is to "serve with and on behalf of the World Mission leadership team to inspire, encourage and work with Lutherans worldwide--through focused planning and action to ignite a global Lutheran mission movement, uniting Lutherans to share the good news with 100 million people by 2017, the 500th anniversary of the Reformation." His responsibilities include oversight and accountability for LCMS World Mission regional directors and missionary teams deployed to international mission fields. He also works with LCMS missionaries and congregations to link mission efforts with Lutheran partners around the world.

Bible Study Speaker—Rev. Phil Brandt

The sixth of seven children born to Pastor M. H. and Mary Brandt, Phil and all his siblings were educated in Lutheran parochial schools, high schools, colleges, and seminaries of the LCMS congregations and Synod. Upon his graduation from Concordia, St Louis, his siblings calculated that they had attended 114 years of Lutheran education between them.



Along the way he was granted an MA in Classics from Washington University in St. Louis. A few weeks before his ordination in 1991 Phil was united in marriage to a native of the northwest, Stephanie Nordling. They are kept quite busy raising their three children in Northeast Portland.

Initially called to serve Cross of Christ in Bountiful, Utah, Phil entered the Northwest District to serve St. Paul Lutheran Church and School in

Roseburg, OR in 2000, and was subsequently called to the faculty of Concordia University in the summer of 2005 where he currently serves as Associate Professor of Theology.

Phil is working on a PhD in Classics at St. Andrews University in Scotland. Every Tuesday evening he hosts an online study of the following Sunday's readings for the licensed Deacons of the Missouri Synod and just about anyone else who is interested.

He invites those interested in receiving his notes to email a request to him at pbrandt@cu-portland.edu

Receptions

Become acquainted with others at these events, both at the Lloyd Center Doubletree Hotel—Lloyd Center Ballroom.

Thursday Welcome Reception

Plan to attend the Thursday evening Welcome Reception which will start after the close of Convention Session #2 from 9pm—10pm. This is a good chance to meet fellow delegates.

Thanks to Concordia University Portland for generously sponsoring this opening Welcome Reception.

Friday Presidents Reception

Friday Presidents Reception will be an exciting event! There will be an opportunity to honor Warren and Judy Schumacher and their service to the Northwest District as outgoing District President, acknowledge Erhart Bauer as a past District President celebrating 50 years since ordination this year, and welcome our newly elected District President. There will be three reception lines to enable everyone in attendance to greet, congratulate and thank these district servants. Please join us!

Triennium Mission Project

The Art & Carol Wahlers

Center for Applied Lutheran Leadership

\$1 Million Challenge Match DOUBLES Congregations Convention Thankoffering! The Art & Carol Wahlers Center for Applied Lutheran Leadership (CALL) is our Northwest District mission focus for the 2009-2012 triennium. CALL, in partnership with

the Northwest District—LCMS, will provide resources and programming to

congregations that will enhance leadership and help create vibrant, healthy congregations that successfully advance their mission as relevant, meaningful, effective Christians in the 21st century. The Northwest District goal for the 2009 District Convention Mission Thankoffering is \$600,000 to help get CALL fully launched and operational.



This goal is within our reach! All of the congregational *thankofferings brought to this convention for CALL will be matched dollar for dollar*, thanks to the generosity of George and Jody Thurston, Bob and Virginia Hilken, Keren Brown Wilson and

Michael DeShane, Janet Clifton, Grieg and Clarice Anderson, and others. Every dollar

helps make the dream a reality.

Ensure your thankoffering gift has twice the impact by making your offering at this District Convention. God is on the move among us! We are a part of what He is doing!! **More info on conducting your campaign is at the CALL website: www.cu-portland.edu/call or call Jim Pressnell at 503-493-6574.**

Convention Banner

Inspired by Susan Olson, Created by Laurie Bredehoft

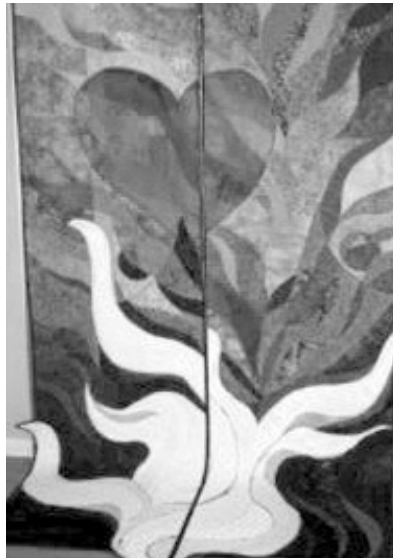


The 2009 District Convention logo, designed by Susan Olson, is called "The Spirit Gives Life." It was inspired by 2 Corinthians 3: 2-6 representing followers of Christ embarking on the life-giving adventure empowered

by the Holy Spirit through the new covenant in Christ. We support one another, not by the letter of the law, but with 'the Spirit of the living God.' His letter of love is written on our hearts, which is "known and read by all men" as a testimony of who we are in Christ – being confident in the message of the Gospel.

Through the work of fabric artist, Laurie Bredehoft, a wall hanging has been created as a visual representation of the logo. It shows the Spirit ever present in our lives working in our hearts, as we reach out to all who have

yet to know the Lord in hopes that they will come to know the message of the Gospel. The cross in the background is a subtle reminder of Christ's great sacrifice for us. The large heart depicted in the logo represents Christ's love & sacrifice for all mankind.



Theme Song—The Spirit of God Gives Life to All by Kelly Dobbin

When asked to write this year's theme song, I immediately said "sure," then began worrying whether I would be able to write something "good enough." I prayed often about it, asking for God's guidance for His words, not mine. Each time I prayed, God's peace and reassur-

ance came over me, but as days turned into weeks I grew anxious. While rocking and singing to my grandson Isaiah, a tune came to me with some of the words now in the refrain. With God's help it eventually all came together.

Trusting in God and His promises is not always easy. While we may not all be evangelists, we all have our own stories to share. No matter what the stories are, God created everyone unique so that we can be "His hands and feet" and share that in Christ we have "hope in despair, peace in our struggles, joy through pain and most importantly the love of Christ." For "the Spirit of God gives life" to all who believe in His Son, Jesus.

In Christ Alone,
Kelly Dobbin



*In Christ we have
hope in despair,
peace in our struggles,
joy through pain and
most importantly, Christ's love.*

Exhibitors

1. Alaska Mission for Christ
2. Ambassadors of Reconciliation
3. Angels in Training
4. Assn of Lutheran Church Musicians
5. Bethesda Lutheran Homes and Services
6. Camp Lutherwood Ministries
7. Center for Prayer Renewal
8. Chapel on the Ave
9. Concordia Plan Services
10. Concordia Publishing House
11. Concordia Seminary - St Louis
12. Concordia Theological Seminary - Ft Wayne
13. Concordia University - Portland
14. Cornerstone Stewardship Ministry
15. Crossways Woodcraft
16. Faith Moments, Inc.
17. Good Shepherd Auxiliary
18. Higher Things, Inc.
19. Intentional Interim Ministry
20. LCMS World Mission
21. Leadership Advancement Process
22. Life Journey Ministries
23. Lutheran Bible Translators
24. Lutheran Church Extension Fund
25. Lutheran Community Services NW
26. Lutheran Heritage Foundation
27. Lutheran Latino Ministries
28. Lutheran Laymen's League
29. Lutheran Ministry Services NW
30. Nickelart
31. Northwest District - LCMS
32. NW District Disability Awareness Task Force
33. NW District Youth Ministry Task Force
34. Pure Life Alliance
35. Recovery Assistance, Inc. Ministries
36. Thrivent Financial for Lutherans

Resolutions – Northwest District Convention 2009

PAGES volunteering their time to serve at convention are young adults wearing green name tags.

With electronic voting this year, fewer pages were required to serve.

When you see them, please thank them for their service.

Floor Committees

Floor Committee 1

Governance and Structure—served by **Jonathan Rockey, Clergy Chair from St John, Palmer, AK.** Other clergy are Jim Sprengle, Mark Heuser, and Mark Hoelter. Lay committee members are Jim Kuhlmann, Sharon Melheim, and Tracey Conteno. Commissioned committee members are Don Lorenz and Dan Seim. Youth delegate is Carolyn Fiorillo.



Floor Committee 2

Theology, Practice and District Ministries—served by **Paul Doellinger, Clergy Chair from Faith, Monmouth, OR.** Other clergy are Gary Clark, Toby Joeckel and Terry Merrill. Lay committee members are Ed Grassel, Art Freitag, and James Lee. Commissioned committee members are Jeff Allen and Linda Kuhlmann.



God bless our Floor Committees as they follow the Spirit to bring Resolutions to a God-pleasing conclusion.

Resolution	Title	Convention Action
1-01	To Allow Ministers Of Religion—Commissioned To Serve As Delegates At Conventions	
1-02	To Support The Work Of The Blue Ribbon Task Force On Synod Structure & Governance	
1-03	To Retain Licensed Deacon Program	
1-04	To Memorialize The Synod To Revise Bylaw 4.3.2	
1-05	To Realign Alaska Into Two Circuits	
1-06	To Recognize Synod Trained Church Workers Not On Synod's Roster For IRS Purposes	
1-07	To Accept Reports A-L	
A & C	Omnibus	
2-01	To Continue "Tracking The Spirit" as an Effective Movement of Outreach for the 21st Century	
2-02	Resolution Regarding End of Life Issues	
2-03	To Minister To Youth In A Post-Church, Post-modern Culture	
2-04	To Utilize Graduates Of LAP	
2-05	To Encourage Intentional Outreach To The Older Generation	
2-06	To Memorialize The Synod To Include Disabilities Awareness Ministry Training In The Curricula Of Synod's Seminaries & Universities	
2-07	To Work With Other Christians To Reach Those Who Do Not Know Christ And Memorialize Synod To Do The Same	
2-08	Stewards Of Creation	
2-09	To Encourage Operation Barnabas Training Seminars	
2-10	To Thank The Lord Of The Church For Blessing President Schumacher With Gifts Of Leadership & To Recognize His Use Of Those Gifts In Dedicated Service To The District & To The Church	
2-11	To Accept Reports M-Z	

Voting—Electronic Voting Replaces Paper Ballots This Year



Padgett wireless keypad

This year at convention, delegate votes will be tallied using a **wireless keypad voting system** provided by Padgett Communications. This voting method came with strong recommendations from other Districts in Synod who have used Padgett wireless keypads in the past for their conventions.

Their price was more economical than their competitors in the field. After District Staff attended a demonstration, the decision was made that this would be a prudent voting method for this year's convention.

Wireless keypads are a significant time

saver compared with paper balloting used in past conventions. Keypads are user friendly and provide fast accurate results. Each keypad is uniquely numbered and recognizable by the system. Only one vote is allowed per keypad per vote called for. Results are instantly visible on overhead screens—no waiting for ballots to be gathered up and counted and no errors in counting.

Padgett is internationally recognized for their dependable equipment and reliable customer service. Two Padgett technicians will be on site throughout the convention for technical support.

Convention Prayer

Gracious Lord of the Church and this Northwest District, as we gather with others from congregations across this District, we thank you for each other as brothers and sisters in Christ. Enable us to see you in each delegate. Lead us by your Holy Spirit so that your will is accomplished in all that we do. In your name we pray. Amen.

Stop by the
'Tent of Prayer and Blessing'
located outside the
Convention floor
to pray, be prayed for
or to learn more about the
NOW Prayer Ministries.



Policy on Distribution of Materials

Only materials requiring convention action (e.g., resolutions, ballots) shall be distributed within the convention hall proper. There shall be no person to person distribution of such materials within the building except for the exhibits planned or approved by the convention committee. The President's Office shall see that these provisions are carried out and that the standards of Christian Decency and constraint are maintained.

Quoted from: Today's Business Synod Convention 2004 page 6.

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Reverend Nunes expenses have been offset by a grant from **THRIVENT FINANCIAL FOR LUTHERANS**.

Thrivent is proud to partner with the benevolent mission of Lutheran World Relief, as well as the congregations, communities and organizations within the Northwest LCMS District.

CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY sponsors the Welcome Reception



Thursday evening at the Double Tree, Lloyd Center. We are grateful!

LCEF provides support and their partnership in a number of areas throughout the convention. We appreciate you!



CHURCH MUTUAL sponsors coffee breaks throughout the Convention. We really appreciate coffee being available. Thanks!

Information for You

An **information table** is set up outside the ballroom where delegates may retrieve telephone messages from the message board. Printed brochures with Portland highlights are available in the Oregon Convention Center foyer.

For **urgent messages**, every effort will be made to locate you at your assigned table on the convention floor.

NEED HELP? District Staff is easily identified by their **RED NAME TAGS**. **Board of Directors** wear **BURGUNDY NAME TAGS**. **Pages** are wearing **GREEN NAME TAGS**.

First Aid needs may be addressed at the information table. They will have first aid kits and be able to obtain additional help if needed.

Because the **convention workbook** and materials are on computer files, delegates may use laptop computers during the convention for referencing them.

There are **no power strips** in the delegate seating areas on the convention

You may use your laptop, but you are responsible for keeping an eye on it

floor. **Computers and cell phones may be recharged** at various electrical outlets in the lobby area, *however, equipment owners are re-*

sponsible for the safety of their own equipment. The Northwest District and the Oregon Convention Center assume no liability in the matter of the safety of your equipment.

MAX and Tri-Met are free surrounding the Convention Center, including to downtown Portland. Maps may be obtained at the information table.

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Farewell—and Thanks for Your Faithful Service Warren & Judy

President, Pastor, Pastor to pastors, Doctor, Leader, Volunteer, Joyful Servant, Husband, Father, Grandpa, Son, Brother, Friend and confidant is but the start of the list of hats worn by Warren Schumacher. Some roles were part of Warren's life long before his call to serve as President of the Northwest District of LCMS, which he has enthusiastically embraced since election to office at the 1994 District Convention.

How do you thank someone who, for over 15 years, sacrificed so much to share his gifts with so many in our district? A highly respected member of the Council of Presidents, Warren has given of his time freely in service to our district, synod and our Lord Jesus Christ. It is a call consumed in endless meetings, long days of travel and compassionate listening and counsel when everyone else has turned to other priorities or turned off their lamps for the evening. He shares a spirit of enthusiasm as he boldly greets others with, "The Lord Be With You!" and a smile that is distinctively his.

Even when confronted with difficult situations Warren shows extraordinary diplomacy and a welcoming heart in an attempt to bring peaceful resolution and benefit to our church body.

Highlights of his tenure include many professional accomplishments. As District President he took reins of a governance process begun by President Erhart Bauer and moved forward with it. At the 2000 convention, bylaws were adopted to support the Carver Model of Board Governance Process. Human care and concern has been a passion for Warren. His involvement with Habitat for Humanity, Lutheran World Relief and

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opened doors to help less fortunate or those ravaged by catastrophe, while working side by side with other Christians with the same heart.

Warren surrounded himself with a team of highly talented people who caught his vision. He is the first to applaud their contributions and holds himself and staff accountable to the Board of Directors. Fiscal responsibility and building the "Kingdom Fund" have been done diligently. "Tracking the Spirit" has equipped many congregations and members to share the Gospel in everyday situations and circumstances as the Holy Spirit leads.

With a shortage of seminary trained pastors and many small churches in our district, Warren led the charge to train licensed deacons in Word and Sacrament ministry. This has allowed many LCMS ministries to continue when unable to afford a full, and in many cases, a part-time pastor.

Warren has worked cooperatively with other Lutherans, with Concordia Portland, Consultation to Clergy, and Lutheran Education and Network Support. The Center for Lutheran Studies has been established on the Concordia Portland campus—a place where archives and resources of the district may be stored safely and accessed by students and leaders for generations to come.

"God Opens Doors" – the 100th Anniver



sary Book of the Northwest District spanning 1899 to 1999 and published during Warren's second triennium – is a treasure which captured our rich history and heritage. The camaraderie of past presidents and the cooperative respect and counsel of Warren's predecessors has been a blessing to him. He has appreciated their friendship and support. Warren has also been a blessing to them and to the leaders of synod.

Lastly, Warren has always been down-to-earth and approachable, enjoying interaction with churches of the Northwest District, being a pastor to pastors, and a member of Christ's family of believers. He is at home in worship, preaching and sharing a good meal with a small handful of Christians in the remote reaches of Alaska or chairing the stresses of the gavel at a district convention.

Special thanks to Judy, your wonderful and supportive helpmate. Without her love and presence, home and family would have suffered during your district devotion and demanding travel schedule these past years.

Thanks Warren! Blessings, health, peace and joy as you and Judy experience the next adventure God has in store for you – "Good and Faithful Servants."

In The Love of Christ,
Your Partners in the Northwest District