

Minutes of the 2009 Convention of the Northwest District of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod

Session 1

Thursday, June 18, 2009

Convention Song

Kelly Dobbin led the convention in singing and taught the delegates the song she wrote for the convention, "The Spirit Gives Life to All."

Opening Prayer

Chaplain Rev. Richard Peterson opened the convention in prayer.

Call to Order

Dr. Warren Schumacher declared the 62nd 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.

Introductions and Recognitions

Dr. Schumacher introduced special guests President Emeritus Erhart Bauer and his wife, Anita as we prepare to celebrate the 50th anniversary of his ordination. He then introduced his wife, Judy Schumacher, and those seated on the dais.

President Schumacher then introduced District staff and the youth pages for the convention.

Registration and Credentials

Rev. Paul Linnemann, District Secretary, reported that as of 3:00 pm, June 18, 2009, there were 133 voting pastors and 173 voting laypersons present at the convention. The total number of voting delegates present was 306. A quorum was thus present. Also registered were 42 advisory delegates and 42 youth delegates. A total registration of delegates was 390.

Rev. Peterson led the convention in a prayer for the elections process of the convention.
Dick Weniger guided the convention through a practice ballot with the electronic voting devices.

Convention Schedule

It was moved and seconded to adopt the Tentative Schedule as the Convention schedule. The delegates voted to adopt the schedule for the convention as printed on pages 1-4A through 1-5A of the included in the registration packet as the approved schedule for the convention. [yes (91.9%) no (8.1%)]

Ground Rules

The chairman read the Ground Rules. The delegates voted to adopt the standing rules of the convention as printed on page 1-2a. [yes (96.9%) no (3.1%)]

Elections Committee Report

District Secretary Paul Linnemann took the convention through the candidates for the positions of District President, 1st Vice President, and regional vice-presidents. The delegates voted to add Rev Kerry Reese to the slate for Puget Sound Regional Vice-President. [yes (79%) no (21%)]

Rev. Jonathon Dinger took the convention through the nominees for the candidates of District Secretary, District Board of Directors, District Nominating Committee, Synod Nominating Committee, and Concordia University Board of Regents. No candidates were nominated from the floor.

Secretary Linnemann reported that as of 3:30pm there were 151 Clergy delegates, 189 lay delegates, 44 youth delegates and 53 advisory delegates for a total of 340 voting delegates registered and 437 present at the convention.

Election of the District President

Rev. Eric Lange	49 votes	14.8%
Rev. Paul Linnemann	178 votes	53.6%
Rev. Kerry Reese	39 votes	11.8%
Rev. Dr. Jonathan Rockey	44 votes	13.3%
Rev. Tony Schultz	22 votes	6.6%

President Schumacher declared Rev. Paul Linnemann elected as District President.

Election of First Vice President

No candidate was elected on the first ballot.

First Ballot

Jonathan Dinger	77 votes	23.7%
Keith Eilers	64 votes	19.7%
Eric Lange	64 votes	19.7%
Kerry Reese	43 votes	13.2%
Jonathan Rockey	77 votes	23.7%

Second Ballot

Jonathan Dinger	94 votes	28.6%
Keith Eilers	63 votes	19.2%
Eric Lange	78 votes	23.7%
Jonathan Rockey	94 votes	28.6%

Third Ballot

Jonathan Dinger	127 votes	39.1%
Eric Lange	81 votes	24.9%
Jonathan Rockey	117 votes	36%

Fourth Ballot

Jonathon Dinger	186 votes	57.2%
Jonathan Rockey	139 votes	42.8%

President Schumacher declared Rev. Jonathan Dinger elected as District 1st Vice President.

Election of Regional Vice-Presidents

Alaska

Joseph Baumgarten	73 votes	23.6%
Jonathan Rockey	237 votes	76.5%

President Schumacher declared Rev. Dr. Jonathan Rockey elected as Alaska Regional Vice President.

Inland Empire

Dan Kunkel	193 votes	61.3%
Toby Joeckel	122 votes	38.7%

President Schumacher declared Rev. Dan Kunkel elected as Inland Empire Regional Vice President.

Oregon

Dennis Bohren	140 votes	47%
Mark Hoelter	158 votes	53%

President Schumacher declared Rev. Mark Hoelter elected as Oregon Regional Vice President.

Puget Sound		
Keith Eilers	104 votes	33.7%
Kerry Reese	93 votes	30.1%
Ted Werfelmann	112 votes	36.3%

Second Ballot		
Keith Eilers	129 votes	41.8%
Ted Werfelmann	180 votes	58.3%

President Schumacher declared Rev. Ted Werfelmann elected as Puget Sound Regional Vice President.

South Idaho		
Phil Bohlken	303 votes	93.8%

President Schumacher declared Rev. Phil Bohlken elected as South Idaho Regional Vice President.

Ranking the Vice-Presidents

Phil Bohlken	41 votes	12.9%
Mark Hoelter	44 votes	13.9%
Dan Kunkel	36 votes	11.4%
Jonathan Rockey	121 votes	38.2%
Ted Werfelmann	75 votes	23.7%

President Schumacher declared Rev. Dr. Jonathan Rockey elected as 2nd Vice President.

Phil Bohlken	54 votes	16.8%
Mark Hoelter	66 votes	20.6%
Dan Kunkel	60 votes	18.7%
Ted Werfelmann	141 votes	43.9%

President Schumacher declared Rev. Ted Werfelmann elected as 3rd Vice President.

Phil Bohlken	76 votes	24%
Mark Hoelter	122 votes	38.5%
Dan Kunkel	119 votes	37.5%

President Schumacher declared Rev. Mark Hoelter elected as 4th Vice President.

Phil Bohlken	122 votes	39.1%
Dan Kunkel	190 votes	60.9%

President Schumacher declared Rev. Dan Kunkel elected as 5th Vice President and Rev. Phil Bohlken as 6th Vice President.

Election of District Secretary

Grant Knepper	114 votes	38.8%
Langdon Reinke	180 votes	61.2%

President Schumacher declared Rev. Langdon Reinke elected as District Secretary.

Election of District Board of Directors

Linda Borecki	205 votes	64.3%
Tom Buuck	141 votes	44.2%
Roy Kravitz	89 votes	27.9%
Julia Reiss	184 votes	57.7%
Dave Schilling	169 votes	53%
Phil Schneider	96 votes	30.1%
Jim Trost	102 votes	32%
Scott Wolfram	206 votes	64.6%

President Schumacher declared Linda Borecki, Julia Reiss, Dave Schilling, and Scott Wolfram elected as lay members of the Northwest District Board of Directors.

Election of District Board of Directors – Commissioned Minister

Paul Bethke	75 votes	24.3%
Robin Fossum	62 votes	20.1%
Linda Kuhlmann	101 votes	32.7%
Dan Seim	71 votes	23%

Second Ballot

Paul Bethke	73 votes	23.9%
Linda Kuhlmann	155 votes	50.7%
Dan Seim	78 votes	25.5%

President Schumacher declared Linda Kuhlmann elected as the Commissioned Minister member of the Northwest District Board of Directors.

Election of District Nominating Committee

Ordained Minister Bruce Rumsch	316 votes	96.1%
Commissioned Minister Bob Fossum	300 votes	94.9%
Lay Person Jim Cullen	305 votes	94.7%

President Schumacher declared Rev. Bruce Rumsch, Bob Fossum, and Jim Cullen elected as members of the Northwest District Nominating Committee.

First Vice President Clem Pera took the gavel from President Warren Schumacher.

Election of Synod Nominating Committee - PCW representative

Warren Schumacher	289 votes	88.1%
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First Vice President Pera declared Rev. Dr. Warren Schumacher elected as the Northwest District representative to the Synod Nominating Committee.

Concordia University Board of Regents

Ordained Minister		
Rev. Bruce Biesenthal	295 votes	91.3%

President Schumacher declared Rev. Bruce Biesenthal elected to the Concordia University Board of Regents.

Commissioned Minister

Anne Bopp	82 votes	28.5%
Bob Fowls	114 votes	39.6%
Joseph Tensmeyer	92 votes	31.9%

Second Ballot

Bob Fowls	166 votes	57.6%
Joseph Tensmeyer	122 votes	42.4%

President Schumacher declared Bob Fowls elected to the Concordia University Board of Regents.
Lay Person

Jack Menashe	309 votes	96.9%
Terry Wilson	294 votes	94.8%

President Schumacher declared Jack Menashe and Terry Wilson elected to the Concordia University Board of Regents.

The session concluded with prayer by the Convention Chaplains Revs. Richard Peterson and Richard Kiessling.

Session 2

Thursday, June 18, 2009 evening session

District President's Report

President Schumacher introduced the Northwest District Board of Directors to the convention. Rev. Clem Pera, Chairman of the Board of Directors, acknowledged the service of the present Board members.

President Jerry and Mrs. Terry Kieschnick were introduced and welcomed to the convention.

President Schumacher shared a brief history of his journey as District President, beginning in the summer of 1994 and concluding this summer. He shared how the Book of Acts influenced this journey and shaped his view of ministry. The convention walked with him through the District conventions that have been celebrated under his leadership. Rev. Carl Fischer was introduced to the convention as President Schumacher's bishop when he was a vicar in Bellingham, WA. Rev. Phil Meyer was introduced to the convention as the most recently ordained pastor in the District and one who has served in many different ministry roles, being ordained June 12th.

President Schumacher then introduced the District staff, who were thanked by the convention for their service.

The delegates were given a look ahead at the remaining activities of the convention. He offered the delegates his thoughts about 45 years of ministry in the context of the new knowledge and discoveries that challenge our world view as we serve the cause of the Gospel.

Omnibus Resolutions

Secretary Linnemann introduced Omnibus Resolution A.

Omnibus Resolution A was adopted. [216 yes (70.6%) 90 no (29.6%)]

Secretary Linnemann introduced Omnibus Resolution C.

An amendment to the resolution was proposed to refer the resolution back to the floor committee.

The amendment was adopted. [201 yes (62.4%) 121 no (37.6%)]

Floor Committee One

Floor Committee One Chairman Rev. Dr. Jonathon Rockey introduced the members of Floor Committee One.

Mr. Jim Kuhlmann read Resolution 1-01a to the convention.

An amendment was proposed and seconded to strike out the words after "in His kingdom" in first whereas. The amendment was defeated.

Resolution 1-01a was adopted. [224 yes (67.9%) 106 no (32.1%)]

The orders of the day were called.

Concordia Report

President Schumacher introduced Bob Fowls, Chairman of Concordia University's Board of Regents. Bob introduced Concordia University - Portland President Dr. Chuck Schlimpert. President Schlimpert shared an update of the past, present and future vision for Concordia University. Concordia is currently under construction, building a new dormitory and a new Library and Learning Center. President Schlimpert shared the story of Celeste Calvin, a student from Xavier University, who was displaced by Hurricane Katrina. Celeste was embraced by the Concordia community and is now working as a servant in the Portland community.

The George R. White Library and Learning Center is nearing completion housing many new educational resources. In an effort to better serve the Concordia neighborhood this building has two front doors – one for the campus and one for the community. An example of this partnership is the Concordia Teacher Corps. The Concordia Teacher Corps is a group of CU students who contribute their time tutoring children in the community. Erin McKee was a member of this organization and was recently accepted into the Teach For America program.

President Schlimpert showed pictures of the planned athletic field, north of the new Library and Learning Center and the new throws center for the Concordia track team located near the Portland Airport.

President Schlimpert then described the vision for the Art and Carol Wahlers Center for Applied Lutheran Leadership. The focus of this effort is to study and propose new strategies for leadership formation and spiritual development.

President Schlimpert then thanked Warren Schumacher for his influence in forging a partnership between the ministry of the District and Concordia University. He then presented President Schumacher with the Christi Crux award.

The delegates sang The Concordia Hymn.

Chaplains Peterson and Kiessling closed the session with prayer.

The evening session adjourned for the day.

Session 3

Friday, June 19, 2009 – morning session

Convention Worship

The convention gathered for worship and the celebration of the Lord's Supper with LCMS President Gerald Kieschnick preaching. The convention worship service offering is for CALL and is being doubled by a donor.

Synod President's Report

President Gerald Kieschnick shared his report with the convention. He directed the delegates to recognize the unity of doctrine within the Synod and the fellowship we share. A video message from the President was displayed that pointed to the challenge of being God's people in the context of an increasingly challenging culture that is indifferent and even hostile to the Christian message. This video shared the story of a number of LCMS congregations and particular aspects of their ministry.

- Memorial Lutheran Church in Katy, Texas and their outreach to the community
- Peace Lutheran Church in Racine and Ebenezer in Milwaukee, WI and their partnership in ministry with Hales Corners Lutheran Church and their efforts to bring the Gospel message to people of their area
- St. John Newhall, IA and their emphasis in finding lost sheep

The heart of President Kieschnick's message was an encouragement that each person be committed to and involved in the effort to reach people with the saving message of the Gospel.

Puget Sound Regional Vice President Keith Eilers moderated the question and answer portion of President Kieschnick's interaction with the convention.

Session 4

Friday, June 19, 2009 – afternoon session

Bible Study

Rev. Phil Brandt, professor of theology at Concordia University, led the convention in Bible Study of the Convention theme verse – 2nd Corinthians 3:4-11.

Credentials report: 161 clergy 197 lay 53 advisory 44 youth, 358 voting delegates and 455 delegates present.

Election of Circuit Counselors

The slate for Circuit Counselors was presented to the convention for election. The circuit counselors were declared elected.

Circuit 1 – Rev. Gary Clark

Circuit 2 – Rev. Wilbur Gehrke

Circuit 3 – Rev. Peter Pagel

Circuit 4 – Rev. Terry Merrill

Circuit 5 – Rev. John Luttmann

Circuit 6 – Rev. Eric Lange

Circuit 7 – Rev. Richard Kiessling

Circuit 8 – Rev. Tony Schultz – replaced Mark Hoelter on original ballot due to election as Oregon VP

Circuit 9 – Rev. Michael Warmbier

Circuit 10 – Rev. Robert Cutler

Circuit 11 – Rev. Baldwin Camin

Circuit 12 – Rev. Gerald Reinke

Circuit 13 – Rev. Allan Johnston

Circuit 14 – Rev. Mark Adams

Circuit 15 – Rev. Stephen Brehmer

Circuit 16 – Rev. Steve Nickodemus

Circuit 17 – Rev. Jeffrey Berndt

Circuit 18 – Rev. Kyle Heck

Circuit 19 – Rev. August Lubkeman

Circuit 20 – Rev. Ernie Lassman

Circuit 21 – Rev. Roger Dallman

Circuit 22 – Rev. Ray Hagan

Circuit 23 – Rev. Richard Peterson

Circuit 24 – Rev. Mario Ancira

Circuit 25 – Rev. Dennis Morner

President Schumacher declared the Circuit Counselor slate elected. [yes – 311 (97%), no – 9 (3%)]

National LWML Convention

Host chair of the LWML convention and member of the Northwest District Board of Directors, Julia Reiss, invited delegates to next week's national convention. She thanked President Schumacher for his support and encouragement in the preparation of the Convention. This is the chance of a lifetime, and she encouraged all to participate.

Committee Two Business

President Schumacher introduced the chairman of Floor Committee Two, Rev. Paul Doellinger, to the convention. Rev. Doellinger introduced the remaining members of his committee.

Rev. Doellinger informed the convention that Resolution 2-04 is being combined with Resolution 1-03 and committee 1 will present it to the convention.

The committee offered a minor amendment to Resolution 2-01, striking "definition of church" in line 20 and adding "of church" between the words "definition" and "that."

Rev. Terry Merrill read Resolution 2-01.

An amendment was proposed and seconded to:

Replace on line 33: "is conversion growth" with "is sharing the Gospel with all"

The amendment was accepted. [yes – 297 (91.1%), no – 29 (8.9%)]

An amendment was proposed to line 27 deleting "personal" and adding the words "by the power of the Gospel and the Spirit" after "transformation." The amendment was accepted. [yes – 248 (70.2%), no – 65 (29.8%)]

Resolution 2-01as amended was adopted. [yes – 273 (81.3%), no – 63 (18.8%)]

Resolution 2-02 was read by Rev. Toby Joeckel
Minor changes made by the committee:
Line 7 change “overshadowed” to “corrupted”
Line 12 “Shadow” to “curse”
Line 22 “Many” to “some”

An amendment was proposed and seconded to insert line 44 “living wills and their consequences;” after “last stages of life.” The amendment is adopted. [yes – 253 (76.2%), no – 79 (23.8%)]

An amendment was proposed and seconded in line 48 strike “the last” and insert “a”. Strike “of” and insert “in” to read “annually on a Sunday in January.” The amendment was adopted. [yes – 306 (95.9%), no – 13 (4.1%)]

An amendment was proposed and seconded to add on line 44 after “end of life issues;” “our public and democratic rights to oppose physician assisted suicide as public policy.” The amendment was defeated. [yes – 172 (91.1%), no – 154 (8.9%)]

An amendment was proposed and seconded on line 15 “care for and extend”.

The orders of the day were called.

Faithfully Departed: Vice-President Larry Meyer introduced a presentation commemorating those servants of the District who have died in the past triennium.

The orders of the day were called. We closed in prayer.

Session 5

Friday, June 19, 2009 – afternoon session

Committee Two Business Continued

The committee agreed to have line 15 read “to care, relieve pain, and...”

The previous question was called and passed.

Resolution 2-02 was adopted as amended.

A motion was made and seconded to omit the reading of the Whereas and simply read the resolveds. The motion was adopted.

Mr. Ed Grassel read Resolution 2-03.

An amendment to the resolution was offered and seconded:

Add a final RESOLVED, To commend cutting edge organizations such as Higher Things and Issues, Etc, for pioneering this effort to utilize multimedia means, while remaining faithful to Scripture and the Lutheran Confessions.”

The amendment was adopted.

A motion was made and seconded to recommit the resolution to the committee asking them to redo the verbs that more accurately reflects the authority of the convention. The motion was defeated.

An amendment was moved add “we encourage” and add the word “to” in appropriate places after the word that in lines 18,22,26,30,33,38. The committee accepted the amendment. The amendment was adopted.

An amendment was made and seconded to strike lines 33-36. The amendment was defeated.

The amended Resolution 2-03 was adopted.

Resolution 2-05 was read by Art Freitag.

An amendment was made and seconded to strike all the words in the second whereas after the word "age." The amendment was defeated.

Resolution 2-05 was adopted.

Committee Two was excused.

Rev. Larry Reinhart was invited to address the convention.

Roberta Nestaas, Executive Director of Lutheran Community Services, addressed the convention, drawing the delegates' attention to the shared ministry we have in caring for the needs of the people of our community. She also thanked Warren and Judy Schumacher for their support and service to Lutheran Community Services.

President Schumacher thanked Laurie Bredehoft for her contribution of the banner for the District Convention.

President Schumacher introduced Rev. Phil Streufert, new director of Consultation to Clergy, to the convention. The bishops of the Oregon, ... synods were introduced.

John Nunes addressed the convention.

Prayers for the day included the family of lay delegate Bill Brackman who had fallen on arrival at the convention and been hospitalized, it was announced he passed away this afternoon. A prayer shawl was dedicated to Myrna, his wife.

Session 6

Saturday, June 20, 2009

President Schumacher called the convention to order at 8:00am.

The President reminded the convention that the triennial offering figure to be matched by several donors is open until June 30, 2009. He also charged the delegates with the responsibility of telling the story of the convention at home. They are the letter that goes back to the people.

Youth Presentation

Dr. Larry Stoterau, President of the Pacific Southwest District and the Chairman of the Council of Presidents, shared the report of the Blue Ribbon Task Force on Synod Structure and Governance. A video presentation from President Gerald Kieschnick was shown, asking the delegates to provide their feedback to the ideas and issues the task force is considering at this time. The present system of governance is inefficient and appears to present obstacles in accomplishing our mission.

A question and answer time was set aside for delegates to interact with Dr. Stoterau.

Rev. Langdon Reinke shared the story of the What A Way initiative on behalf of Rev. L. Dean Hempelmann in his absence. A video presentation describing the What a Way initiative was shown to the convention. This initiative is an effort to support current and future ordained and commissioned ministers of the LCMS.

Presentation of the St. Martin of Tours Award

Rev. Bruce Rumsch presented Rev. Lance Jennings with the St. Martin of Tours medal for 20 years of service in the United States Air Force.

Steve Henderson introduced David Birner, Associate Director of Missions Services. David directed the convention to the shared ministries we have across the world. He shared the story of ministry in Viet Nam for the past 14 years. Ted Englebrecht, a son of the District, is our representative there. The Vietnamese government has asked us to establish an International School in the city of Hanoi. He encouraged the delegates to continue to be a part of our joint work across the world on behalf of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Committee Two

Resolution 2-10 was presented by Committee Chairman, Rev. Paul Doellinger, and affirmed by the convention in the singing of the Common Doxology. A walk down memory lane through the presentation of photos and music was shared. Gifts were shared and the appreciation and love and blessing.

Committee Two moved to designate the title President Emeritus to President Warren Schumacher. Committee Two yielded to Committee One.

Committee One

Committee Chairman, Rev. Jonathan Rockey, brought forward Resolution 1-02a, read by Rev. Jim Sprengle. An amendment was made and seconded to strike the final resolved (lines 29 and 20.) The amendment was defeated. The previous question was moved and approved. Resolution 1-02a was adopted.

Resolution 1-03a was read to convention by committee member Sharon Melheim. This resolution has been combined with Resolution 2-04. An amendment was moved and seconded add a final resolved: RESOLVED, that all graduates of LAP who are called upon publically preach and/or administer the sacraments be permitted to serve, according to Article XIV of the Augsburg Confession, and thus be ordained to the office of the Public Ministry; be rostered in the LCMS as “ministers of Religion – Ordained;” and no longer be denied “a regular call.” The amendment was defeated.

Resolution 1-03a was adopted.

Resolution 1-05a was read to the convention by Rev. Mark Hoelter. The resolution was adopted.

Committee One yielded the floor to Committee Two.

Resolution 2-06a was read by Delegate James Lee. The resolution was adopted.

Resolution 2-08 was read by Linda Kuhlman. An amendment was moved and seconded to strike the 5th whereas (lines 20-23). The amendment was defeated. Resolution 2-08 was adopted.

Resolution 2-09 was read by Committee Chairman Rev. Paul Doellinger. Resolution 2-09 was adopted.

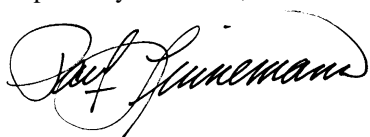
Resolution 2-11 was read by Committee Chairman Rev. Paul Doellinger. Resolution 2-11 was adopted.

Resolution 2-07 was read by Rev. Gary Clark. An amendment was moved and seconded to Resolution 2-07. The chair ruled the amendment was not a substitute motion and this ruling was challenged from the floor. The chair’s ruling was affirmed by a delegate vote.

The orders of the day were called by the Chair.

The new officers and circuit counselors were installed into their positions.

Respectfully submitted,



Rev. Paul Linnemann, Secretary

Northwest Convention 2009 Resolution Results

Resolution	Title	Convention Action
1-01a	To Allow Ministers Of Religion–Commissioned To Serve As Delegates At Conventions	Adopted as amended
1-02a	To Support The Work Of The Blue Ribbon Task Force On Synod Structure & Governance	Adopted as amended
1-03a	To Retain Licensed Deacon Program	Adopted as amended
1-04	To Memorialize The Synod To Revise Bylaw 4.3.2	
1-05a	To Realign Alaska Into Two Circuits	Adopted as amended
1-06a	To Recognize Synod Trained Church Workers Not On Synod’s Roster For IRS Purposes	Omnibus A
1-07	To Accept Reports A-L	
2-01a	To Continue “Tracking The Spirit” as an Effective Movement of Outreach for the 21st Century	Adopted as amended
2-02a	Resolution Regarding End of Life Issues	Adopted as amended
2-03a	To Minister To Youth In A Post-Church, Postmodern Culture	Adopted as amended
2-04	To Utilize Graduates Of LAP	combined in 1-03
2-05	To Encourage Intentional Outreach To The Older Generation	Adopted
2-06a	To Memorialize The Synod To Include Disabilities Awareness Ministry Training In The Curricula Of Synod's Seminaries & Universities	Adopted as amended
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	Adopted
2-09	To Encourage Operation Barnabas Training Seminars	Adopted
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	Adopted with resolved "president emeritus" be granted
2-11	To Accept Reports M-Z	Adopted
		Adopted as amended, replaced 1-13 with 1-6a
Omnibus Resolution A	Overtures 1-05, 1-06, 1-11, 1-13	
Omnibus Resolution C	Overtures 1-04, 1-07, 1-09, 1-10	Sent by convention back to committee

RESOLUTION: 1-01a

**TO ALLOW MINISTERS OF RELIGION – COMMISSIONED TO SERVE AS
DELEGATES AT CONVENTIONS**

WHEREAS, God has called His people to be workers in His kingdom as Ministers of Religion – Commissioned (Teachers, Directors of Christian Education, Family Life Ministers, etc.); and

WHEREAS, Ministers of Religion - Commissioned are looked upon to provide leadership in many schools, congregations, and agencies of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod; and

WHEREAS, there has been a long tradition of service from such Ministers of Religion - Commissioned; and

WHEREAS, the Synod Handbook does not allow such individuals to serve as voting delegates at either District or Synod Conventions; and

WHEREAS, Ministers of Religion - Commissioned are allowed to be advisory delegates, to the ratio of one Ministers of Religion - Commissioned per sixty (60) rostered Ministers of Religion - Commissioned in each district, at Synod Conventions (2007 Synod Handbook 3.1.3.1); and

WHEREAS, We, the members of the Northwest District, consider this voting privilege to be a high priority because of the ministry of the Ministers of Religion – Commissioned and the issue of equity, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Northwest District in convention urge the Synod in Convention and the Blue Ribbon Task Force on Synod Structure and Governance to provide Commissioned Ministers an opportunity to serve as voting delegates in convention. (Ref. overture 1-05).

Adopted **Yes – 224 No - 106**

RESOLUTION: 1-02a

**TO SUPPORT THE WORK OF THE BLUE RIBBON TASK FORCE ON SYNOD
STRUCTURE AND GOVERNANCE**

WHEREAS, the Gospel is God's precious gift to His people, and sharing this Gospel effectively with the people He loves must be the church's top priority; and

WHEREAS, the Gospel message is unchanging, yet the world in which we live is rapidly changing and requires the organization of the church to adopt practices and structures that enhance the Gospel's proclamation; and,

WHEREAS, the present polity of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod has contributed to strife and a party spirit and inhibits the Gospel witness; and,

WHEREAS, the President's Blue Ribbon Task Force on Synod Structure and Governance has been working with Synod and District leaders to design changes that better support the mission and ministry of the Gospel; and,

WHEREAS, the Northwest District appreciates that the Task Force has been posting its work on Synod's website so Synod is kept actively advised of its work, so that this important report can be available for maximum review and critique throughout the Synod prior to the convention; and be it

RESOLVED, that the Northwest District in convention call upon the people of the Northwest District to be involved in prayer for this important effort; and be it finally

RESOLVED, that the Northwest District in convention support the efforts of the Blue Ribbon Task Force on Synod Structure and Governance.

Adopted **Yes – 227 No - 36**

RESOLUTION: 1-03a

TO RETAIN LICENSED DEACON PROGRAM

(Resolution 1-03 and 2-04 – *Suggested combination.*)

WHEREAS, small congregations and preaching stations in Alaska and other parts of the Northwest District have been wonderfully blessed through the Word and Sacrament ministries of Licensed Deacons; and

WHEREAS, The Northwest District has over 47 congregations with an average of 50 members or less attending church; and

WHEREAS, the licensed Deacon Program removes some barriers of time, distance and expense to service in these small and remote congregations; and

WHEREAS, utilization of trained Licensed Deacons is an effective way to do ministry in small and isolate areas as well as in various congregational ministries; and

WHEREAS, the present Leadership Advancement Process (LAP) program of the Northwest District continues to provide theological education relevant to congregations and preaching stations in the District and for training Licensed Deacons to serve in these settings, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Northwest District congregations, agencies, organizations and ministries recruit and enable faithful laity to enter the Northwest District lay ministry training program, known as the Leadership Advancement Process – LAP; and be it further

RESOLVED, that LAP graduates continue to be utilized by the Northwest District congregations; and be it finally

RESOLVED, that the Northwest District in convention memorialize the Synod at its 2010 convention to retain the use of Licensed Deacons in ministry.

Adopted **Yes – 224 No - 32**

RESOLUTION 1-05a

TO REALIGN ALASKA INTO TWO CIRCUITS

WHEREAS, the 2007 Handbook of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod (LCMS) stipulates “An electoral circuit shall consist either of one or two adjacent visitation circuits, as shall be determined by each district on the basis of the following requirements: each pair of delegates shall represent from 7 to 20 member congregations involving an aggregate communicant membership from 1,500 to 10,000.” (By-law 3.1.2 (a) p. 90; and

WHEREAS, the 2004 Handbook of the LCMS also describes a visitation circuit as “...7 to 20 congregations involving an aggregate communicant membership from 1,500 to 10,000.” (By-law 5.1.1, p. 194); and

WHEREAS, since 1994 five new congregations have been planted in Alaska and received into membership in the Northwest District of the LCMS so that there are now 14 congregations and so that there has been sufficient communicant membership to form two circuits in Alaska (not including the many mission sites of the Alaska Mission for Christ); and

WHEREAS, the size of Alaska, the distance between congregations, and the large area for ministry can be a difficult job for one circuit counselor; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Circuit 25 of the Northwest District, LCMS, the Alaska Circuit, be divided into two visitation circuits for the purpose of working together in the Lord’s Kingdom and as member congregations of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, subject to the approval of the President of the Synod under Bylaw 5.1.1 (b).

Adopted **Yes – 253 No - 5**

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RESOLUTION: 2-01a

TO CONTINUE TRACKING THE SPIRIT AS AN EFFECTIVE MOVEMENT 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, Synod through ABLAZE, has concentrated on critical events of reaching 100 million lost or misdirected people with the Gospel message by 2017; and
- WHEREAS, the Northwest District Board of Directors and leaders have encouraged the continued development of Tracking the Spirit as a movement of pastors, lay leaders, congregations, and individuals; and
- WHEREAS, the Tracking the Spirit movement supports the ABLAZE goal, the Council of Presidents, and the Biblical definition of church that where two or three are gathered; and
- WHEREAS, valid research has shown that culture has modified, society has transformed, and congregations can no longer expect that worship services will automatically attract people who have no connection to Church; and
- WHEREAS, people are not asking, "Is Christianity true?" they are asking, "What works for me?" which means to understand God they need to experience Him through transformation by the power of the Gospel and the Holy Spirit; and
- WHEREAS, the culture of the area included in the Northwest District has been identified as the 'most unchurched and previously churched' area of our country; and
- WHEREAS, professional church workers, lay leaders, congregations, schools and individuals throughout the district have recognized that the primary emphasis of the church is sharing the Gospel with all and identified with these principles through Tracking the Spirit in their daily lives; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED, that we thank the Lord of the harvest for the 29 new church plants which the Holy Spirit has created in the past 3 years through the Tracking the Spirit movement, and be it finally
- RESOLVED, the Northwest District-LCMS will continue to support Tracking the Spirit which encourages the following missional and incarnational models of Gospel outreach:
1. Renewed or continued focus on prayer for the lost; and
 2. Going to the people, not expecting them to come to the churches; and
 3. Transforming lives, not isolating new Christians from their existing network of relationships; and
 4. Emerging within the culture around them rather than ignoring it, adapting to the steady wind of the Holy Spirit as He leads to Gospel opportunities; and
 5. Forming churches of many small groups where members are engaged in the activities based on the mission of the communities while always remaining in the harvest; and
 6. Intentionally planting the seeds of the Gospel in their daily relationships with whomever they meet with the confidence that God, through the power of the Holy Spirit, will grow, prosper and multiply these seeds into thriving, Gospel outreach churches and congregations.

Adopted Yes – 273 No - 63

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RESOLUTION: 2-02a

RESOLUTION REGARDING END OF LIFE ISSUES

- WHEREAS, Life is a gift given by God for God's purposes and to God's glory, and
- WHEREAS, Life is corrupted by sin so that what was intended for good can become a burden and that what was intended to reflect the Creator and an ultimate purpose reveals primarily the creature and immediate concerns, and
- WHEREAS, Life has been redeemed through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, so that even though it continues under the curse of sin, joy is restored, the Creator's hand is seen, and the fullness of redemption awaited in hope, and
- WHEREAS, the benefits of medical science to care, relieve pain, and extend life, can be understood as signs of the Creator's providential care, and the Redeemer's restorative activity, and
- WHEREAS, the last stages of life can become a time of enduring the limitations and frailty of human life, and
- WHEREAS, some would seek to forego these stages of life by taking the matters of life and death into their own hands through suicide, and
- WHEREAS, the states of Oregon and Washington have granted permission for Physician Assisted Suicide, and
- WHEREAS, this elevates death by one's own hand as the response to fear of not being in control of one's own life, and
- WHEREAS, this distorts the healing relationship between physician and individual, the trust relationship among family members and ultimately the faith relationship between God and people, and
- WHEREAS, a subsequent result can be the demeaning of life and death decisions to a level of financial expediency, i.e., so as not to be a financial burden, therefore be it
- RESOLVED, that the 62nd Convention of the Northwest District of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod go on public record against Physician Assisted Suicide, and be it further
- RESOLVED, that we encourage the people of our congregations to become more knowledgeable about end of life issues: the burdens of those living in the last stages of life; living wills and their consequences; the ability of medical science to provide palliative care, the helpfulness of a caring community and the importance of spiritual care, and be it finally
- RESOLVED, that we encourage the leaders of congregations annually on a Sunday in January to provide opportunities for individuals to think about end of life issues prior to the time when these issues arise and give avenues for people to participate actively in a caring ministry to and with those in the last stages of life.

Adopted **Yes – 242 No - 12**

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RESOLUTION: 2-03a

TO MINISTER TO YOUTH IN A POST-CHURCH, POSTMODERN CULTURE

- WHEREAS, youth in the early 21st Century live in a post-church, postmodern world quite different from the modern world in which most church members were raised, and
- WHEREAS, postmodernism contains current manifestations of lies fostered by the Evil One exalting the individual as the measure of all things and maintaining all truth is only subjective and relative, and
- WHEREAS, two key elements of ministry among post-church, postmodern youth are relationships and stories, and
- WHEREAS, post-church, postmodern youth live and breathe technology which many moderns find discomforting, therefore, be it
- RESOLVED, that we encourage moderns seeking to do ministry among post-church, postmodern youth to make friends with technology enough to be aware of current gadgets so they can at least listen in an interested and inviting way as youth talk about their latest devices, and, further, be it
- RESOLVED, that we encourage those in the church to utilize the internet and published books to research the multiple available resources for ministry to youth in a post-church, postmodern world, and be it further
- RESOLVED, that we encourage church people to keep in mind the lies of the Evil One, even in their present versions, are not combated with sociology and with ministry technique, but with the Word of God and the Gospel of Jesus' blood shed for all, and be it further
- RESOLVED, that we encourage church people to work at developing listening, caring relationships with youth inside and outside the church, and be it further
- RESOLVED, that we encourage church people to recognize the importance of listening as youth and others tell their story, and recognize the importance of telling God's truth in story form to a culture that gathers information from narrative more than from propositional statements so common in our usual way of communicating in the church, and be it further
- RESOLVED, that we encourage church people who have always been devoted to a print culture to embrace the personal distribution of God's Word in digital audio forms that youth can hear, copy, and share freely with one another for playing on their personal digital devices, and be it further
- RESOLVED, to request the Center for Applied Lutheran Leadership to develop ministry ideas for outreach in the peculiar mission context of the Pacific Northwest, particularly outreach to alienated young adults, and be it finally
- RESOLVED, to commend cutting edge organizations such as higher things and issues, etc, for pioneering this effort to utilize multimedia means, while remaining faithful to Scripture and the Lutheran Confessions.

(e.g. the World English audio Bible in MP3 available free through Vicki Knutsen at the NOW District Office)

Adopted **Yes – 310 No - 22**

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RESOLUTION: 2-05

TO ENCOURAGE INTENTIONAL OUTREACH TO THE OLDER GENERATION

WHEREAS, the Lord has given us the mandate to “make disciples of all nations,” and

WHEREAS, no one is excluded from “all nations,” regardless of age, gender, ethnicity, orientation, circumstance, condition, or anything else that might be used to define or divide people, and

WHEREAS, older men and women are often more conscious of, and ready to talk about, the end of life and life after death, and

WHEREAS, one’s peer group is an especially open opportunity, for all ages, to share the Good News of God’s love and salvation in Jesus Christ, and

WHEREAS, statistics tell us that our United States is increasing in an older population, and

WHEREAS, many, if not most, of our congregations have a significant number of older adults, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that our congregations give special emphasis, without neglecting other opportunities for sharing the Gospel, to reach out to the older men and women in their community, and be it further

RESOLVED, that our pastors, other professional church workers, and trained lay leaders, give prayerful and diligent attention and follow through to equip the older saints in our congregations to be aware of, and prepared to take opportunities to reach out to their peers with God’s love and the Good News of the saving Gospel of our Lord, and be it further

RESOLVED, that our congregations make it an intentional part of their ministry to be open, look for, create, and take opportunities to serve the older population in their community through various ministries such as health care ministries in the name of Christ; and be it finally

RESOLVED, that the District make available to congregations resources and information to assist them in their outreach to older adults.

Adopted Yes – 308 No - 18

RESOLUTION: 2-06a

**TO MEMORIALIZE THE SYNOD TO INCLUDE DISABILITIES AWARENESS
MINISTRY TRAINING IN THE CURRICULA OF SYNOD'S
SEMINARIES AND UNIVERSITIES**

- WHEREAS, an estimated thirty to forty million Americans experience disabilities of one degree or another; and
- WHEREAS, the ministry of Christ reveals a special care for people with disabilities, and the Christian church throughout the centuries has strived for hospitality to all people in the spirit of Christ;
- WHEREAS, an aging population brings to the local congregation a significant challenge of increasing disabilities; and
- WHEREAS, that number is steadily increasing as American troops serving in foreign wars return with physical, emotional, and mental disabilities; and
- WHEREAS, there is a need to equip professional church workers to minister effectively and confidently with people with disabilities; and
- WHEREAS, ministry with people with disabilities does not appear to be articulated in the core curriculum requirement of our seminaries and universities; and
- WHEREAS, the rich gifts of people with disabilities are thereby not being used in the body of Christ; therefore be it
- RESOLVED, that the Northwest District in convention memorialize the 2010 convention of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod to encourage our seminaries and universities to incorporate in their core curricula of training pastors and other professional church workers an emphasis on ministry to, with, and through people who have disabilities; and be it further
- RESOLVED, that the Synod's Board for Pastoral Education together with Synod's Board for University Education take the responsibility of assisting our seminaries and universities in articulating objectives to be included in the core curriculum within the next triennium; and be it finally
- RESOLVED, that the appropriate commission under the Synod's Board for Human Care Ministries serve as consultants in the establishment of this training for our professional church workers.

Adopted **Yes – 216 No - 23**

RESOLUTION: 2-08

STEWARDS OF CREATION

WHEREAS, we acknowledge God as the almighty maker and sustainer of His gracious gift of creation, and that He entrusts care giving of His creation to humankind; Psalm 24: 1, Genesis 1, Genesis 2: 15, First Article of Apostles' Creed and its Explanation by Martin Luther; and

WHEREAS, the responsibility to be good stewards of the earth serves the sustainability of life and is to reflect God's love and care for the earth which He marvelously made Genesis, 1: 31; and

WHEREAS, care for the earth is not merely a scientific, social, or political issue but is a profoundly spiritual issue; and

WHEREAS, the effects of sin in the world is evident in humankind's neglect and exploitation of the earth and its resources; and

WHEREAS, wasteful use of energy and natural resources, emissions of harmful pollutants, and other failures of stewardship have created serious environmental challenges that threaten the welfare of God's creation and of human communities around the world, be it

RESOLVED, that we as individual Christians commit ourselves to be faithful creation caregivers as we consider such personal matters as the level of our consumption, waste of environmental resources, and any despoiling of creation's beauty and bounty; and be it further

RESOLVED, that congregations challenge themselves to explore the biblical foundations for the stewardship of creation, to be examples of and advocates for caring of God's creation, and to celebrate God's creation and the importance of our caring for it in our prayers and in other liturgical and worship opportunities; and be it finally

RESOLVED, that the District's focus on the stewardship of creation be nurtured by the Center for Applied Lutheran Leadership and that resources, programs and materials be made available to District congregations and schools within one year.

Adopted **Yes – 196 No - 56**

RESOLUTION: 2-09

TO ENCOURAGE OPERATION BARNABAS TRAINING SEMINARS

WHEREAS, The Lutheran Church –Missouri Synod remains supportive of the men and women serving in the United States Armed Forces, and

WHEREAS, the Northwest District has been at the forefront of modeling compassionate ministry to military personnel and their families, and

WHEREAS, the Synod’s Operation Barnabas program provides outstanding resources for enhancing the Ministry to Military Personnel within every one of our congregations; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Northwest District of the LCMS, in convention, reiterate its commitment to caring for military personnel and their families; and be it finally

RESOLVED, that we strongly encourage all of our congregations to participate in upcoming Operation Barnabas training seminars.

Adopted Yes – 249 No - 5

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RESOLUTION: 2-10

TO THANK THE LORD OF THE CHURCH FOR BLESSING PRESIDENT SCHUMACHER WITH GIFTS OF LEADERSHIP AND TO RECOGNIZE HIS USE OF THOSE GIFTS IN DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE DISTRICT AND TO THE CHURCH

- WHEREAS, the Lord of the Church blesses His church with people to serve Him and extend the mission of the church, (Ephesians 4) and
- WHEREAS, the Lord of the Church has, through His people gathered in convention June 24-26, 1994, as an election body, called Dr. Warren W. Schumacher to the Presidency of the Northwest District of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, which he has served with distinguished dedication for 15 years, and
- WHEREAS, we thank the Lord for giving President Schumacher a patient, pastoral and evangelical heart, blessing him with strength and health and keeping him safe during thousands of miles of travel, and
- WHEREAS, President Schumacher has lovingly and faithfully empowered the talented Executive Staff and Support Staff serving in the District Office, and
- WHEREAS, he has used wisdom to deal evangelically, forthrightly and effectively with individuals and congregations in conflict, and
- WHEREAS, he has led the District and the Church with vision in the Lord's Mission in relation to the Church Universal and is highly regarded by leaders of both the LCMS and other church bodies, and
- WHEREAS, the Northwest District Board of Directors, as the elected governing body of the District between conventions, has annually evaluated President Warren Schumacher on the basis of its Ends and Executive Limitations Policies and
- WHEREAS, the Board has determined that in speaking the word of God to District and congregational members, he has served the Northwest District with faithful, effective service, leading it to be in the mission of Jesus Christ to 'seek and save the lost' (Luke 19:10), using the Board's Ends Policies which were developed as a response to Jesus' mission mandate.
- 1.0 The mission of the Northwest District is that more people are disciples of Jesus, in communion with God and with one another, in the Northwest District than the previous year., Matthew 28:19-20; Ephesians 1:9-10
 - 1.0.1 that "Lay leaders and professional church workers are well equipped, supported, encouraged and impelled in their congregation's ministry of reaching lost souls

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- 1.0.2 “LCMS congregations as part of the whole Christian church on earth work with congregations of various Christian bodies to reach the lost.”
- 1.0.3 School teachers and administrators are well equipped, supported, encouraged and impelled to prepare students to be strong leaders in their churches and communities
- 1.0.4 Defenseless, weak and hurting people individually and corporately are cared for and defended as an integral part of our Gospel proclamation,”
and

WHEREAS, Christians are enjoined to “remember your leaders who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith.” (Hebrews 13:7), therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Northwest District assembled in convention in Portland, Oregon on June 18-20, 2009, thank God for the gifts of vision and administration He has given Dr. Warren W. Schumacher which has made him a blessing to the District and to the Church, and be it further

RESOLVED, that we recognize that he has used those gifts in fulfilling the mission of the Presidency of the Northwest District and to the glory of God, and be it finally

RESOLVED, that in praise to God and in recognition of Dr. Schumacher’s dedicated service, the convention rise and sing the common doxology.

Adopted by Acclamation

In addition, Committee Two moved to designate the title of President Emeritus to Dr. Warren Schumacher.

RESOLUTION 2-11

TO ACCEPT REPORTS

WHEREAS, the Theology, Practice and District Ministries Committee has reviewed the reports of the Martha & Mary Lutheran Services, Ministry to Military Personnel, Families, and Congregations (MMPFC), Mount Rainer Lutheran High School, Northwest District PRAYER MINISTRY, NW Parish Nurse Ministries, Ongoing Ambassadors for Christ, Pacific Lutheran University, Pacific Rim Outreach Society, Riverview Retirement Community, Seminary Applicant Interview Committee, Student Aid Task Force, Tacoma Lutheran Retirement Home, Tacoma Seafarer's Center, Theological Consultant for NWD, Trinity Lutheran College, Wheat Ridge Ministries, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that we accept these reports with thanksgiving to God for the contributions of these strategic alliances 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.

COMMITTEE NO. 2: Rev. Paul Doellinger, Chairman

(cf Martha & Mary Lutheran Services, page 4-42; Ministry to Military Personnel, Families, and Congregations (MMPFC), page 4-43; Mount Rainer Lutheran High School, page 4-45; Northwest District PRAYER MINISTRY, page 4-46; NW Parish Nurse Ministries, page 4-47; Ongoing Ambassadors for Christ, page 4-48; Pacific Lutheran University, page 4-49; Pacific Rim Outreach Society, page 4-50; Riverview Retirement Community, page 4-51; Seminary Applicant Interview Committee, page 4-52; Student Aid Task Force, page 4-54; Tacoma Lutheran Retirement Home, page 4-55; Tacoma Seafarer's Center, page 4-56; Theological Consultant for NWD, page 4-57; Trinity Lutheran College, page 4-58; Wheat Ridge Ministries, page 4-60)

Adopted **Yes – 245 No - 3**

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OMNIBUS RESOLUTION A

<u>Overtures</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Board, Commission, or Individual</u>
1-05	To Establish a Process By Which Commissioned Ministers May be Elected Delegates for DISTRICT	Blue Ribbon Task Force on Synod Structure and Governance
1-06	To Establish a Process by Which Commissioned Ministers May be Elected Delegates for SYNOD Conventions	Blue Ribbon Task Force on Synod Structure and Governance
1-11	To Memorialize Synod to Abandon Its 'Guttenberg' Ways and Embrace our 'Google' World	Blue Ribbon Task Force on Synod Structure and Governance
1-13	To Recognize Synod Trained Church Workers Not on Synod's Roster for on IRS Purposes	replaced by Resolution 1-06a and referred to Blue Ribbon Task Force Synod Structure and Governance
<u>Adopted</u>	<u>Yes – 216 No - 90</u>	

Northwest District Convention 2009 Elections Results

District President	Rev. Paul Linnemann
1st VP	Rev. Jonathan Dinger
2nd VP & Alaska Regional VP	Rev. Jonathan Rockey
3rd VP & Puget Sound Regional VP	Rev. Ted Werfelmann
4th VP & Oregon Regional VP	Rev. Mark Hoelter
5th VP & Inland Empire Reg VP	Rev. Dan Kunkel
6th VP & S. Idaho Regional VP	Rev. Phil Bohlken
District Secretary	Rev. Langdon Reinke
Board of Directors-Lay	Linda Borecki
	Julia Riess
	Dave Schilling
	Scott Wolfram
Board of Directors-Commissioned	Linda Kuhlmann
District Nominating Committee-Lay	Jim Cullen
Dist Nom Committee-Commissioned	Bob Fossum
District Nominating Committee-Clergy	Rev. Bruce Rumsch
Synod Nominating Committee	Rev. Dr. Warren Schumacher
Board of Regents-Lay	Jack Menashe
	Terry Wilson
Board of Regents-Commissioned	Bob Fowls
Board of Regents-Clergy	Rev. Bruce (Max) Biesenthal
Circuit 1	Gary Clark
Circuit 2	Wilbur Gehrke
Circuit 3	Peter Pagel
Circuit 4	Terry Merrill
Circuit 5	John Luttmann
Circuit 6	Eric Lange
Circuit 7	Richard Kiessling
Circuit 8	Tony Schultz
Circuit 9	Michael Warmbier
Circuit 10	Robert Cutler
Circuit 11	Baldwin Camin
Circuit 12	Jerry Reinke
Circuit 13	Allan Johnston
Circuit 14	Mark Adams
Circuit 15	Stephen Brehmer
Circuit 16	Steve Nickodemus
Circuit 17	Jeffry Berndt
Circuit 18	Kyle Heck
Circuit 19	August Lubkeman
Circuit 20	Ernie Lassman
Circuit 21	Roger Dallman
Circuit 22	Ray Hagan
Circuit 23	Richard Peterson
Circuit 24	Mario Ancira
Circuit 25	Dennis Morner