



# DELEGATE DAILY CHANGE REPORT

## Today's Business, Issue 3

Morning Alert and Detailed Convention Intelligence Briefing

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### ■ How to use this briefing

Read the Morning Alert first. Use the detailed report as a reference during debate. Current A and B versions replace earlier wording, and the convention minutes remain the controlling record.

## Morning Alert

MONDAY, JULY 20 | READ IN UNDER TWO MINUTES

### No schedule changes

Monday's Issue 3 schedule matches the earlier published schedule. The first major business is the Consent Calendar at 8:30 a.m., followed by Floor Committee 6 at 8:55 a.m.<sup>1</sup>

### THE FIVE THINGS THAT MATTER MOST

- Consent calendar:** Twelve resolutions are proposed for adoption without separate debate. Seven involve bylaws or organizational structure. A resolution needs support from at least 10 percent of voting delegates to be removed.
- Revised resolutions:** Issue 3 contains 28 revised resolutions. The highest-impact changes are 5-09A, 6-04A, 8-02A, 10-02A, and 10-03A.
- Proposed amendments:** Six amendments are printed. Several refer to earlier versions, so delegates should listen for how the chair applies them to the current A versions.
- New delegate resolution:** A new resolution would require Council of Presidents reporting within 60 days and compliance within 180 days with portions of 2023 Resolution 10-03A.
- Elections:** At 10:00 a.m., delegates ballot for Secretary of the Synod and the Synod Board of Directors. At 1:50 p.m., nominations begin for other boards, CTCR, boards of regents, and synodwide entities.<sup>2</sup>

| Time  | Business         | Immediate preparation                              |
|-------|------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| 8:30  | Consent Calendar | Review all 12 items, especially 9-01A and 9-02A.   |
| 8:55  | Committee 6      | Read 6-04A and its two narrowing amendments.       |
| 10:00 | Elections        | Secretary and Synod Board of Directors.            |
| 11:20 | Committee 4      | Current text includes revised 4-04B.               |
| 1:50  | Nominations      | Other boards, CTCR, regents, and entities.         |
| 2:50  | Committee 2      | Issue 3 does not identify the additional business. |
| 3:35  | Committee 9      | Watch consent items and Res. 9-18.                 |
| 5:15  | Committee 1      | Four Committee 1 items are on consent.             |

### Sunday business now recorded

Issue 3's unofficial action report records 13 committee resolutions and all three omnibus resolutions as adopted during Sunday's sessions. The official convention minutes remain controlling.<sup>3</sup>

## ■ Report Scope and Verification

This briefing compares the supplied Today's Business Issue 3 with the supplied Issue 1 and Issue 2B. The audience is assumed to have read the earlier editions, so the report concentrates on changes, new material, current versions, and practical preparation.<sup>4</sup>

### Source boundary

Issue 2A is referenced by the cumulative pagination but was not separately supplied as a standalone comparison file. Not provided. No change is claimed here that requires unseen Issue 2A wording.

Verification standard: factual statements are limited to the supplied Today's Business documents. Analysis is labeled as analysis. The Resolution Action Report is useful for planning but is expressly unofficial; the convention minutes control the final record.<sup>5</sup>

## ■ Executive Alert

*Highest-priority changes before the first session begins*

| Category                        | Monday status                                                                                            |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Schedule changes                | No significant changes.                                                                                  |
| New resolutions                 | One new delegate resolution concerning COP compliance with 2023 Res. 10-03A.                             |
| New floor committee resolutions | No significant changes. None newly printed.                                                              |
| New amendments                  | Six proposed amendments.                                                                                 |
| Revised resolutions             | Twenty-eight revised resolutions across Committees 4 through 10.                                         |
| Procedural changes              | No new standing-rule amendment. A 12-item consent calendar comes before the body at 8:30.                |
| Election changes                | Vice-presidential results and rankings are now recorded; Secretary and Synod BOD balloting occurs today. |
| Candidate updates               | No separate withdrawal or substitution notice. Election results are inserted into the slate.             |
| Consent Calendar                | Twelve new entries replace Sunday's three-item calendar. Seven are structural or bylaw-related.          |
| Formal notices                  | No significant changes. Issue 3 contains no separate Notices section.                                    |
| Before the first session        | Review 9-01A, 9-02A, 6-04A, the amendments, and the Secretary/BOD slate.                                 |

Source: see note <sup>6</sup>

## Schedule and Sunday Actions

### Schedule comparison

Monday's Issue 3 schedule is materially identical to the Monday schedule printed in Issue 1. No events were added, removed, retimed, reordered, or canceled.<sup>7</sup>

| Change type    | Previous version         | Issue 3                           | Delegate impact                                    |
|----------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| Added events   | None                     | None                              | No adjustment required.                            |
| Removed events | None                     | None                              | No adjustment required.                            |
| Time changes   | None                     | None                              | Previously planned preparation times remain valid. |
| Order changes  | None                     | None                              | Committee sequence remains 6, 4, 2, 9, 1.          |
| Voting changes | None to Monday timetable | Secretary and BOD remain at 10:00 | Be seated and voting-ready before 10:00.           |
| Cancellations  | None                     | None                              | Full day remains scheduled.                        |

#### Preparation note

The schedule identifies committee blocks, not the exact order of individual resolutions. A committee time slot does not guarantee that every pending resolution will reach debate.

### Sunday actions newly recorded

| Committee             | Resolution  | Recorded action                  |
|-----------------------|-------------|----------------------------------|
| National Witness      | 1-01A       | Adopted as amended               |
| National Witness      | 1-02        | Adopted as amended               |
| National Witness      | 1-03A       | Adopted                          |
| National Witness      | 1-04        | Adopted through Consent Calendar |
| International Witness | 2-01A       | Adopted through Consent Calendar |
| International Witness | 2-02A       | Adopted                          |
| International Witness | 2-03A       | Adopted                          |
| International Witness | 2-04        | Adopted                          |
| International Witness | 2-05        | Adopted                          |
| Life Together         | 4-01        | Adopted                          |
| Life Together         | 4-02A       | Adopted                          |
| Life Together         | 4-03        | Adopted                          |
| Life Together         | 4-06A       | Adopted                          |
| Omnibus               | A, B, and C | Each recorded as adopted         |

Source: see note <sup>8</sup>

#### Practical significance

Remove these items from active preparation lists unless a later motion brings one back before the assembly. The report does not show the separately printed Sunday amendment to 2-05 as producing an "adopted as amended" result.

## New Business and Consent Calendar

### New business added in Issue 3

| Item                                | Location | What it adds                                                              | Practical significance                                                         |
|-------------------------------------|----------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Daily worship and essay information | 310-311  | Monday preacher, essayist, responder, and prayer leadership               | Reference material; no legislative action.                                     |
| President's Report, Part 3          | 312-316  | Presidential convention address and procedural framing                    | Includes explanation of consent and advocacy concerning presidential election. |
| Opening Divine Service sermon       | 317-318  | Convention sermon text                                                    | Pastoral and theological reference.                                            |
| CCM opinion                         | 319-320  | District Church Extension Funds classified as agencies under Synod bylaws | Relevant to CEF governance and future bylaw interpretation.                    |
| Resolution Action Report            | 321-322  | Sunday actions                                                            | Working status sheet; minutes control.                                         |
| Monday Consent Calendar             | 323      | Twelve resolutions                                                        | Immediate action at 8:30.                                                      |
| Revised resolutions                 | 324-354  | Twenty-eight current texts                                                | A and B versions replace earlier wording.                                      |
| New delegate resolution             | 355      | COP transparency and compliance deadlines                                 | New accountability proposal; no debate time stated.                            |
| Proposed amendments                 | 356-358  | Six delegate amendments                                                   | Possible floor action; several need version clarification.                     |
| Updated candidate slate             | 359-367  | VP results and Monday election slates                                     | Voting preparation.                                                            |

Source: see note <sup>9</sup>

### Consent calendar changes

Sunday's calendar contained 1-04, 2-01A, and 2-05. Issue 3 records 1-04 and 2-01A as adopted through consent and 2-05 as adopted during Session 2. None reappears Monday.<sup>10</sup>

| Resolution | Subject                                        | Type                       |
|------------|------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1-05A      | Congregational revitalization                  | Mission                    |
| 1-08A      | Educating young people                         | Ministry                   |
| 1-13A      | Digital witness and congregational connections | Mission/communications     |
| 1-14       | Lutheran Hour Ministries collaboration         | Recognition/mission        |
| 6-03       | Office of the Holy Ministry and pastors        | Thanksgiving               |
| 9-01A      | Committee regulations                          | Bylaw/structure            |
| 9-02A      | Service expectations and conflicts of interest | Bylaw/governance           |
| 9-03       | Doctrinal review bylaws                        | Bylaw/doctrinal governance |
| 9-04       | Various bylaw clarifications                   | Bylaw                      |
| 9-05       | Increase LCEF directors elected by convention  | Bylaw/board structure      |
| 9-06       | Two-thirds approval calculation                | Bylaw/voting procedure     |
| 9-07       | District concentration among LCEF directors    | Bylaw/representation       |

Source: see note <sup>11</sup>

#### Consent-calendar caution

Seven of the twelve Monday items alter or clarify bylaws and organizational authority. If an item is not successfully removed, it stands adopted without separate floor action.

## ■ Revised Resolutions

Material changes from the previously supplied text

### Version rule

Use the current A or B text printed in Issue 3. Earlier wording remains useful for comparison but is no longer the operative proposal.

### ■ Committee 4 - Life Together

| Resolution | Exact change                                                                                                    | Effect                                                |
|------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| 4-04B      | Changes "Proceedings" to "Proc." and cleans up "role of and faithful work" to "role and work of faithful RSOs." | Editorial only. No resolve or implementation changed. |

Source: see note <sup>12</sup>

### ■ Committee 5 - Theology and Church Relations

| Resolution | Exact change                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Effect                                                                                                                      |
|------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 5-09A      | Adds recognition of multiple views; deletes the assertion that reading cannot clearly be separated from leading worship; deletes the immediate recommendation to reserve readings for pastors; replaces separate seminary opinions with a jointly appointed seminary committee, COP discussion by 2028, and a report before the next convention. | Major theological and practice change. Moves from immediate recommendation to study, discussion, and later recommendations. |

Source: see note <sup>13</sup>

### ■ Committee 6 - Pastoral Ministry and Seminaries

| Resolution | What changed                                                                                                                                                                  | Effect                                                                                         |
|------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 6-01A      | Recasts a warning against treating confession as a discrete subject into an affirmative statement that the Confessions should shape all pastoral instruction.                 | Tone softened; purpose retained.                                                               |
| 6-04A      | Adds John 10 flock language; changes "incapable" to "unwilling"; standardizes Residential Alternate Route; expands the final rejection to online M.Div. and RAR education.    | Major scope change. Could affect online components, hybrid programs, and certification routes. |
| 6-05A      | Adds "as a rule" and replaces an absolute future-pathway assertion with the statement that current bylaws do not permit the path and Synod has no present plans to change it. | Moderate legal and rhetorical softening.                                                       |
| 6-06A      | Changes "feasible" to "possible," urges emphasis on residential formation benefits, and states that contextual limitations do not diminish the dignity of the one Office.     | Pastoral clarification without removing SMP restrictions.                                      |
| 6-07A      | Changes a direct funding expectation into encouragement that congregation, district, and seminary work collaboratively.                                                       | Reduces mandatory force.                                                                       |
| 6-09A      | Changes the description from guidelines not being completed or distributed to guidelines being in process and needing publication.                                            | Factual/status correction.                                                                     |
| 6-12A      | Removes a category cross-reference and clarifies the no-valid-objection standard.                                                                                             | Technical bylaw clarification.                                                                 |

Source: see note <sup>14</sup>

## ■ Committee 7 - University Education

| Resolution | What changed                                                                                                                                                                        | Effect                                                               |
|------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 7-02A      | Requires comprehensive regent training after each Synod convention, annual continuing training, and completion within six months after training is offered or the regent is seated. | Stronger compliance timetable.                                       |
| 7-03A      | Changes "ministries approved by Synod" to "ministries of Synod" and simplifies authority concerning commissioned-ministry programs.                                                 | Clarifies CUS Board authority and scope.                             |
| 7-06A      | Adds constitutional language affirming responsible variety in practices and customs consistent with the common confession.                                                          | Meaningful Christian-freedom safeguard.                              |
| 7-07A      | Deletes "and how it should be understood" from the study directive.                                                                                                                 | Minor narrowing.                                                     |
| 7-08A      | Makes the Synod BOD and CUS BOD joint participants and changes the entity description from "synodwide corporate entity" to "corporation."                                           | Shared-governance clarification; \$75,000 estimate remains.          |
| 7-09A      | Adds explicit acknowledgement of grief and sorrow over current program reductions.                                                                                                  | Relationally significant; basic action remains thanksgiving/support. |

Source: see note <sup>15</sup>

## ■ Committee 8 - Finance

| Resolution | What changed                                                                                                                                                                                       | Effect                                                                  |
|------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 8-02A      | Retains six months notice for creating a new entity, establishes 60 days for assigning a new responsibility to an existing entity, and requires the BOD to propose corresponding bylaw amendments. | Major governance change; differentiated notice and less BOD discretion. |
| 8-04A      | Changes "primary objectives" to objectives that "include," changes "the generally preferred" edition to "a generally preferred" edition, and corrects edition/name details.                        | Mainly factual and editorial.                                           |
| 8-05A      | Adds that Crossway changed portions of the ESV and that CPH has permission to omit those changes in later printings, retaining the edition used with LSB.                                          | Substantive factual clarification; no major implementation shift.       |

Source: see note <sup>16</sup>

## ■ Committee 9 - Structure and Administration

| Resolution | What changed                                                                                                                                                    | Effect                                                          |
|------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|
| 9-01A      | Allows executive committee action in times of "necessity" rather than only "emergency" and recognizes authority delegated through bylaw, policy, or resolution. | Substantive expansion of committee authority. Also on consent.  |
| 9-02A      | Adds that conflict-of-interest details may be elaborated through Synod BOD policy.                                                                              | Delegates implementation detail to BOD policy. Also on consent. |
| 9-10A      | Requires the presidential appointee to be an ordained minister serving as a parish pastor.                                                                      | Narrows eligibility and ensures active parish representation.   |
| 9-14A      | Corrects "district presidents" to singular "district president."                                                                                                | Minor textual correction in constitutional language.            |
| 9-17A      | Adds explicit statements that the committee disagrees with conclusions of several overtures.                                                                    | No action change; rationale becomes more direct.                |

Source: see note <sup>17</sup>

## ■ Committee 10 - Ecclesiastical Supervision and Dispute Resolution

| Resolution | What changed                                                                                   | Effect                      |
|------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 10-01A     | Expands the study beyond Matthew 18 alone to other passages addressing public and private sin. | Broadens theological scope. |



| Resolution | What changed                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Effect                                                                       |
|------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 10-02A     | Replaces the original leadership-heavy membership with seven specified members, including four laypersons; adds due-process and evidence concerns; removes the nine-month circulation requirement.                  | Major governance rewrite affecting representation, review, and transparency. |
| 10-03A     | Creates a six-person task force with equal rostered and lay representation, requires at least two women, strengthens outside expertise and survivor testimony, adds transparency concerns, and redirects reporting. | Major pastoral-care and accountability change.                               |
| 10-04A     | Adds distribution to congregations and professional church workers and specifies completion for the 2029 convention.                                                                                                | Improves implementation and deadline clarity.                                |
| 10-05A     | Adds an exception for "extenuating circumstances" to the expectation that installation occur before the district convention concludes.                                                                              | Adds practical flexibility.                                                  |

Source: see note <sup>18</sup>

### Key takeaway

The most consequential revisions are not cosmetic. They alter immediate recommendations, task-force membership, due-process review, notice periods, online formation language, and the balance between convention action and later study.

## New Proposed Amendments

| Amendment                | Language or purpose                                                                                                                                                                | Practical effect                                                                                               | Substantial? |
|--------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| Daniel Fienen to 5-09    | Adds the priesthood-of-believers case for male or female lay readers, changes absolute wording, restores the 1989 Christian-judgment framing, and requests future recommendations. | Strengthens the case that lay reading may be locally permitted and ensures the study produces recommendations. | Yes          |
| Luke Elowsky to 6-04A    | Inserts "certification for the pastoral office in the LCMS through" before online M.Div. and RAR education.                                                                        | Narrows the resolution so it rejects certification through those forms rather than online education as such.   | Yes          |
| Jason Moreno to 6-04A    | Inserts "fully" before "online M.Div. education."                                                                                                                                  | Protects hybrid or partly online formation from the resolution's rejection.                                    | Yes          |
| David Oberdieck to 6-06A | Urges seminaries to reduce SMP costs and report their decision and supporting financial details to the next convention.                                                            | Adds cost accountability and reporting.                                                                        | Yes          |
| Mark Stern to 6-10       | Bars seminary teaching by persons removed from or resigned from the Synod roster, or without two years of communicant membership in the LCMS or a fellowship church body.          | Creates a strict faculty and adjunct eligibility rule.                                                         | Yes          |
| Jason Moreno to 10-04    | Replaces "disagreements" with "conflicts" in the social-media resolve.                                                                                                             | Narrows the type of online expression discouraged.                                                             | Moderate     |

Source: see note <sup>19</sup>

### Version watch

The printed amendments to 5-09, one version of 6-04, and 10-04 cite earlier Issue 1 wording even though Issue 3 presents 5-09A, 6-04A, and 10-04A. Listen for whether each amendment is conformed to the current text, revised, or ruled out of order.

## ■ Today's Committee Preparation

### ■ 8:30 a.m. - Consent Calendar

All twelve listed resolutions are directly scheduled for action. Delegates should assume adoption unless an item receives the required removal support.<sup>20</sup>

#### Primary watch

The calendar is unusually governance-heavy. Read 9-01A and 9-02A before the body reaches the calendar, not while the chair is already counting removal support.

### ■ 8:55 a.m. - Committee 6

- Current revised texts: 6-01A, 6-04A, 6-05A, 6-06A, 6-07A, 6-09A, and 6-12A.
- Printed amendments affect 6-04A, 6-06A, and 6-10.
- Primary question: Does 6-04A oppose all online elements, fully online education, or certification through an online pathway?

### ■ 11:20 a.m. - Committee 4

The newly printed current text is 4-04B concerning RSOs. Its changes from 4-04A are editorial. Other Committee 4 business may be presented, but Issue 3 does not publish the resolution order.

### ■ 2:50 p.m. - Committee 2

Issue 3 records Resolutions 2-01 through 2-05 as adopted Sunday. It does not print an additional Committee 2 resolution or identify the business intended for this block.

#### Delegate posture

Listen for a committee report, additional pending material, or a scheduling adjustment. Do not assume a particular resolution from the supplied documents.

### ■ 3:35 p.m. - Committee 9

- Seven Committee 9 resolutions appear on the consent calendar.
- Revised texts include 9-10A, 9-14A, and 9-17A.
- Resolution 9-18 from Issue 2B concerns electing the Synod president at convention.
- Several Committee 9 bylaw items may already be adopted before the committee's regular floor block.

### ■ 5:15 p.m. - Committee 1

Four Committee 1 resolutions appear on the consent calendar: 1-05A, 1-08A, 1-13A, and 1-14. Issue 3 does not state which remaining Committee 1 resolution will be introduced at 5:15.

### ■ Committee activity summary

| Committee | Scheduled business | Changes since prior issue                                                   | Preparation point                                        |
|-----------|--------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| 6         | 8:55               | Seven revised resolutions and three amendments affecting committee material | Read 6-04A and distinguish education from certification. |
| 4         | 11:20              | 4-04B replaces 4-04A with editorial cleanup                                 | Current RSO text is 4-04B.                               |
| 2         | 2:50               | Published resolutions are recorded as adopted                               | Await identification of remaining business.              |
| 9         | 3:35               | Five revised resolutions; seven consent-calendar items                      | Review delegated authority before 8:30.                  |
| 1         | 5:15               | Four items moved to Monday consent                                          | Separate disposed consent items from remaining debate.   |

## Election and Procedural Updates

### Vice-presidential results

| Office                                 | Elected              |
|----------------------------------------|----------------------|
| First Vice-President                   | Peter K. Lange       |
| Central Regional Vice-President        | Benjamin T. Ball     |
| East-Southeast Regional Vice-President | Christopher S. Esget |
| Great Lakes Regional Vice-President    | Eric C. Skovgaard    |
| Great Plains Regional Vice-President   | Nabil S. Nour        |
| West-Southwest Regional Vice-President | Alfonso O. Espinosa  |

Source: see note <sup>21</sup>

### Vice-presidential ranking

1. Second Vice-President - Benjamin T. Ball
2. Third Vice-President - Alfonso O. Espinosa
3. Fourth Vice-President - Christopher S. Esget
4. Fifth Vice-President - Nabil S. Nour
5. Sixth Vice-President - Eric C. Skovgaard

### Monday ballot

At 10:00 a.m., the printed Secretary candidates are Richard C. Rudowske Jr. and John W. Sias. The same block includes Synod Board of Directors elections. At 1:50 p.m., the Committee for Convention Nominations presents other boards, CTCR, boards of regents, and synodwide entity slates.<sup>22</sup>

#### Candidate update

No separate candidate-withdrawal or substitution notice appears in Issue 3.

### CCM opinion on district Church Extension Funds

The newly printed Commission on Constitutional Matters opinion concludes that district Church Extension Funds qualify as agencies under Synod bylaws. Separate incorporation does not remove agency status; funds predating the term "agency" are not grandfathered out; and an agency cannot create an instrumentality free from restrictions applying to the agency itself.<sup>23</sup>

#### Analysis

The opinion may affect how district CEF governance, reporting, authority, and future bylaw proposals are framed. It is not itself a convention resolution printed for adoption.

### Other procedural notes

- The Resolution Action Report is expressly unofficial; convention minutes control.
- Issue 3 contains no revised standing rules or new procedural rule.
- The consent-calendar process remains the one previously adopted.

## ■ Delegate Action Items

### Before 8:30 a.m.

- Review the seven structural and bylaw resolutions on consent.
- Decide whether 9-01A or 9-02A requires separate explanation or debate.
- Be in the hall early enough to participate in any removal vote.

### Before Committee 6

- Read the final resolve of 6-04A.
- Compare the Elowsky amendment with the Moreno amendment.
- Decide whether the concern is online education generally, fully online education, or certification through an online pathway.
- Review the proposed SMP cost-reporting amendment.

### Before the 10:00 ballot

- Review the Secretary and Synod BOD candidate slate.
- Confirm voting-device readiness.

### Before Committee 9

- Review 9-18 concerning presidential election at convention.
- Note that several Committee 9 bylaw items may already have been adopted through consent.

### Throughout the day

- Treat current A and B versions as controlling.
- Listen for amendments being conformed to revised texts.
- Record formal actions, not informal explanations or promises.
- Keep Issue 1 and Issue 2B available when earlier wording is referenced.

## Risk Assessment and Quick Reference

### Changes most likely to influence proceedings

| Change                      | Why it stands out                                                                              | What to monitor                                                                    | Type                          |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 12-item consent calendar    | Seven items change or clarify bylaws and authority.                                            | Whether structural effects are understood before adoption.                         | Procedural/governance         |
| 5-09A                       | Removes the immediate recommendation that readings be reserved to pastors.                     | Scope of study, differing views, and future recommendations.                       | Theological/practice          |
| 6-04A plus amendments       | Current wording may reach online M.Div. and RAR education broadly.                             | Whether language distinguishes fully online, hybrid, education, and certification. | Pastoral formation            |
| 8-02A                       | Requires BOD to propose bylaws after creating entities or assigning responsibilities.          | Notice periods and limits on BOD discretion.                                       | Governance                    |
| 9-01A                       | Expands committee action from emergencies to necessity and recognizes authority by resolution. | Definition of necessity and accountability.                                        | Organizational/bylaw          |
| 10-02A                      | Reconstitutes the dispute-resolution task force and removes a circulation period.              | Lay representation, due process, transparency, and review.                         | Governance/legal process      |
| 10-03A                      | Changes sexual-misconduct review membership and reporting path.                                | Survivor input, outside expertise, women's representation, accountability.         | Pastoral/administrative       |
| New COP deadline resolution | Adds 60-day and 180-day deadlines to prior convention action.                                  | Assignment, admissibility, and whether it reaches the floor.                       | Accountability                |
| CCM opinion on CEFs         | Classifies district CEFs as agencies.                                                          | Application to district structures and future resolutions.                         | Constitutional/administrative |

Source: see note <sup>24</sup>

### Quick reference

| Category            | Number of changes                    | Highest priority                                    |
|---------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| Schedule            | 0 material changes                   | Consent at 8:30 and elections at 10:00.             |
| New resolutions     | 1                                    | COP transparency and compliance deadlines.          |
| Revised resolutions | 28                                   | 5-09A, 6-04A, 8-02A, 10-02A, 10-03A.                |
| Amendments          | 6                                    | Competing amendments to 6-04A.                      |
| Elections           | 6 office results plus ranking update | Secretary and Synod BOD ballots today.              |
| Consent Calendar    | 12 new entries                       | Seven structural/bylaw items.                       |
| Notices             | 0 formal notice changes              | Action report is unofficial.                        |
| Floor Committees    | 5 scheduled                          | Committees 6 and 9 carry the heaviest new material. |

#### Delegate synthesis

The day's biggest practical challenge is version control. The day's biggest governance challenge is consent. The day's biggest substantive debate is likely to be the scope of pastoral formation language.

## ■ Full Footnotes and Sources

Citation system: superscript numbers in the report correspond to the numbered entries below. No unused or orphan notes are included.

1. The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, Today's Business, Issue 3, Monday, July 20, 2026, cover schedule and table of contents, PDF p. 1.
2. Today's Business, Issue 3, pp. 323-358, covering the Monday consent calendar, revised resolutions, new delegate resolution, and proposed amendments.
3. Today's Business, Issue 3, pp. 321-322, "Resolution Action Report." The report itself states that it is unofficial and that the convention minutes control.
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9. Today's Business, Issue 3, table of contents and pp. 310-367.
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11. Today's Business, Issue 3, p. 323.
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13. Today's Business, Issue 3, p. 325, Resolution 5-09A; compared with Today's Business, Issue 1, Resolution 5-09.
14. Today's Business, Issue 3, pp. 326-333, revised resolutions of Floor Committee 6.
15. Today's Business, Issue 3, pp. 334-338, revised resolutions of Floor Committee 7.
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17. Today's Business, Issue 3, pp. 343-349, revised resolutions of Floor Committee 9.
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## ■ Closing Gospel Frame

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**"But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead,  
the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep."**

**1 Corinthians 15:20**

### **Final summary**

Today's revisions matter. Wording matters. Bylaws, elections, accountability, pastoral formation, and church practice deserve careful attention. Yet no consent calendar, amendment, or convention vote preserves Christ's Church. Christ crucified and risen preserves His Church through His Word and Sacraments. Convention work is faithful when it serves that Gospel, strengthens the church's confession, and sends Christ's people joyfully into the harvest.

**CHRIST IS RISEN INDEED.**