

DELEGATE DAILY CHANGE REPORT

Thursday Morning Alert and Final-Day Intelligence Briefing

Today's Business, Issue 6, compared with all supplied previous issues

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CHRIST IS RISEN INDEED

Unofficial delegate study aid. Current convention text, chair rulings, and approved minutes control.

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How to use this report

Read the Morning Alert before Matins. Use the full report to decide what must be monitored, which texts should remain open, and what can safely be released from active preparation.

Source boundary

Comparison set: Today's Business Issues 1, 2B, 3, 4, 5, and 6. A standalone copy of Issue 2A was not provided. The Resolution Action Report is explicitly unofficial.

■ Delegate Morning Alert

Thursday, July 23, 2026 | Read time: under two minutes

The first decision is the schedule

Issue 6 prints both the adopted noon schedule and a presidential proposal to act only on necessary business and adjourn at 9:45 a.m. The proposal removes elections, Finance, Life Together, and general unfinished business, while moving Mercy to 8:35 and adding National Witness at 9:05.¹

Priority	What changed	Delegate consequence
1	Proposed 9:45 adjournment	Listen for the formal order that determines which schedule controls
2	Consent: 3-03A and 3-05A	Coordinate before 8:20 if the district mandate in 3-03A needs separate consideration
3	New Resolution 10-08	Watch the added phrase assigning the exception decision to the Synod President
4	Three new delegate resolutions	Publication does not guarantee floor action before adjournment
5	No revisions or amendments	No new A/B version or printed amendment supersedes earlier text
6	Most active business disposed	Remove adopted items from preparation; keep 10-08 open because ratification is still required
7	Election slate updated only	No new candidate, withdrawal, or correction notice

Before the session begins

Confirm the operative consent-calendar threshold, determine which schedule is being used, keep Mercy and National Witness materials ready, and do not assume the new delegate resolutions will be reached.

Final-day posture

Urgency should narrow preparation, not weaken accuracy. Know what is formally adopted, what is only proposed, and what still requires action.

Executive Alert

Category	Change today	Highest-priority implication
Schedule	Major proposed compression	Possible adjournment at 9:45 rather than noon
New floor resolutions	1	10-08 assigns the exception determination to the Synod President
New delegate resolutions	3	Martyrdom, seating assignments, religious-worker visas
Revised resolutions	0	No significant changes
New amendments	0	No significant changes
Consent calendar	2	3-03A includes a district requirement
Procedure	15% removal threshold retained	The printed ten-percent inconsistency remains
Elections	Slate updated with results	No new nominee or candidate-change notice
Action report	Extensive Session 7-8 updates	10-08 still requires ratification
Notices	0 significant new notices	Luggage notice repeats prior information

Confirmed fact

Issue 6 labels the shorter timetable as the President's proposed schedule. The adopted schedule remains printed beside it.²

Analysis

The proposed timetable appears designed to limit Thursday to necessary business. The document does not identify the exact Mercy or National Witness resolutions that will be called.

Schedule Changes

Adopted schedule	President's proposal	Effect
8:35 Elections	8:35 Mercy	Election block removed; Mercy advances
8:55 Finance	No Finance block	No scheduled Committee 8 time
9:20 Life Together	9:05 National Witness	Committee 4 removed; Committee 1 added
10:25 Mercy	Mercy moved to 8:35	Committee 3 becomes first committee called
11:05 Unfinished Business	No general unfinished block	Necessary items must fit elsewhere
11:50 Itinerarium	9:35 Itinerarium	Closing begins 2 hours 15 minutes earlier
12:00 Adjournment	9:45 Adjournment	Available business time contracts sharply

The previously adopted schedule matches the Thursday timetable carried in earlier issues. Issue 6 newly adds the proposed alternative.³

Why delegates should care

The procedural question is not merely what appears on paper, but which order is formally established. Do not infer that election, Finance, or Life Together business has vanished until the chair settles the schedule.

Time under proposed plan	Business	Preparation
8:20	Consent Calendar	3-03A and 3-05A
8:30	Minutes	Only substantive corrections from the floor
8:35	Mercy	Exact resolution sequence not printed
9:05	National Witness	Exact resolution sequence not printed
9:35	Itinerarium	Closing worship
9:45	Adjournment	Final-day deadline

■ New Business: Resolution 10-08

Installation of District Presidents

Resolution 10-08 amends Bylaw 4.2.4 and addresses the Synod President's installation or reinstallation of elected district presidents.⁴

Earlier related wording	Issue 6 wording	Exact addition
Except in the case of extenuating circumstance(s), he shall also install or reinstall...	Except in the case of extenuating circumstance(s), as determined by the Synod President, he shall also install or reinstall...	as determined by the Synod President

What changes

The existence of an exception is no longer left as an unassigned factual condition. The bylaw would expressly name the Synod President as the person who determines whether extenuating circumstances exist.

Stake	Delegate watch point
Authority	Who decides whether installation may be omitted or delayed
District practice	How the rule applies before the district convention concludes
Accountability	Whether any explanation, consultation, or review accompanies the determination
Procedure	The action report says the resolution requires ratification, but Issue 6 does not print the time or method

Useful point of information

Mr. Chairman, would the Secretary clarify what ratification is required for Resolution 10-08, when it will occur, and whether the phrase 'as determined by the Synod President' creates sole and unreviewed discretion?

Do not confuse the documents

Resolution 10-08 is a new floor committee resolution, not a formally labeled A or B revision, even though it revisits the same bylaw sentence addressed earlier.

■ New Delegate Resolutions

Resolution	Operative action	Practical significance
Modern Day Martyrdom	Thanks God for persecuted Christians and martyrs; encourages feast-day recognition and preaching; calls for the doxology	Pastoral, commemorative, and theological
Publish Delegate Seat Assignments	Requires future Today's Business issues to publish voting-delegate seats before opening business	Administrative aid for delegate communication
Support Religious Workers	Encourages aid and visa advocacy; directs presidential communication with federal policymakers	Mission, immigration administration, and congregational continuity

All three are newly published in Issue 6. None receives a stated floor time.⁵

To Address Modern Day Martyrdom

- The resolves are thanksgiving, congregational commemoration, pastoral preparation, and a convention doxology.
- The whereases include contemporary examples and claims that could attract more debate than the general resolves.
- Delegate significance: distinguish support for persecuted Christians from agreement with every factual or rhetorical premise.

To Publish Convention Delegate Seat Assignments

- This affects future conventions, not current voting rights or representation.
- The stated purpose is easier communication and coordination among delegates.

To Support Religious Workers Serving the LCMS

- Encourages prayer, pastoral care, practical assistance, and advocacy concerning religious-worker visa restrictions.
- Balances advocacy with national-security and immigration-enforcement responsibilities.
- Directs the Synod President to communicate the encouragement to appropriate federal officials.

Preparation rule

Publication is notice, not a guarantee of consideration. On a compressed final morning, do not spend floor capital on amendments until the chair actually calls an item.

■ Revisions, Amendments, and Consent Calendar

Revised Resolutions

No significant changes

Issue 6 contains no revised-resolution section and no new A, B, C, or substitute text.

New Amendments

No significant changes

Issue 6 contains no proposed-amendments section. References in the action report to resolutions adopted as amended describe Wednesday’s completed actions.

Thursday Consent Calendar

Resolution	Title and effect	Watch point
3-03A	Thanks God for disaster-response work and requires districts to appoint disaster-response coordinators	The mandatory district action is more than courtesy language
3-05A	Commends worker-wellness efforts and encourages Concordia Plan Services participation	Primarily commendatory and encouraging

Standing Rule 10 is printed with a 15 percent removal threshold. The following whereas still says ten percent, continuing the internal inconsistency first seen in Issue 5.⁶

Pre-consent question

Does the district mandate in 3-03A belong on consent, or does it deserve a brief explanation of implementation, accountability, and the role of district bylaws?

Delegate action

Any effort to remove 3-03A must be coordinated before 8:20. The stated threshold is 15 percent, a taller hill than the original ten percent.

■ Wednesday Actions Newly Recorded

Issue 6 updates the unofficial Resolution Action Report through Sessions 7 and 8. Approved convention minutes remain the official record.⁷

Item	New status
5-05	Adopted
5-09A	Adopted as amended
7-08A	Adopted
9-10A	Adopted
9-13	Adopted as amended
9-16A	Adopted by consent
9-18	Declined by substitute
10-05A	Adopted
10-08	Requires ratification

Committee	Practical preparation consequence
3 Mercy	3-03A and 3-05A remain active through Thursday consent
5 Theology	Most previously contested items are disposed; remove them from live floor preparation
7 University Education	Most business was completed in Sessions 7 and 8
8 Finance	Resolutions 8-01 through 8-07 show completed action
9 Structure	Major structural items including 9-18 are no longer pending
10 Supervision	10-05A is adopted; 10-08 remains the live procedural question

Version control

Do not continue speaking or drafting as though a previously active resolution were pending. Separate adopted action, declined action, and a new resolution requiring ratification.

■ Expected Business and Floor Committee Activity

Item	Time under proposal	Certainty
3-03A and 3-05A	8:20	Confirmed consent action
Mercy, Committee 3	8:35	Committee block confirmed; exact resolution order unspecified
National Witness, Committee 1	9:05	Committee block confirmed; exact resolution unspecified
Resolution 10-08 ratification	Not stated	Action report says ratification is required
Three new delegate resolutions	Not stated	Published but unscheduled

Mercy, Committee 3

- Separate the two consent items from any additional Mercy business called afterward.
- Listen for directives to districts, congregations, agencies, or officers.

National Witness, Committee 1

- This block is new to the proposed Thursday schedule.
- Issue 6 does not identify which Committee 1 text will be presented, so keep the unresolved Committee 1 materials available.

Finance and Life Together

- Both remain in the adopted noon schedule and disappear from the 9:45 proposal.
- No new Committee 8 or Committee 4 resolution appears in Issue 6.

Committee 10

- No separate block is printed, yet 10-08 is newly published and requires ratification.
- Delegates should expect the chair or Secretary to explain where the matter fits.

Confirmed versus inferred

The document confirms committee blocks, consent items, publication, and action-report status. It does not confirm a resolution-by-resolution sequence beyond the consent calendar.

■ Elections and Important Notices

Election and Nomination Updates

No candidate-list changes

Issue 6 publishes no new nominee, withdrawal, spelling correction, floor nomination, or revised candidate statement.

Pages 438-447 add completed ballot totals and therefore supersede Issue 5 as the latest consolidated election slate.⁸

Schedule question	Delegate implication
Adopted schedule includes elections at 8:35	Be prepared for a final ballot or report if the adopted schedule controls
Proposed schedule removes elections	Do not infer all election business is complete solely from the proposal
No candidate-change notice	No new biographical review is required before the session

Important Notices

No significant new procedural notice

The luggage-storage notice repeats Wednesday’s information. Use hotel bell service first; Room 106-C is available from 7:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. when hotel storage is unavailable.⁹

ICRC Guests

Issue 6 adds a roster of International Church Relations Conference guests from partner churches in altar and pulpit fellowship with the LCMS. This is new informational material, not legislative business.¹⁰

Practical conclusion

Election preparation is lighter today. Schedule confirmation and Resolution 10-08 deserve more attention than candidate research.

■ Delegate Action Items

Priority	Action
1	Before 8:20, read 3-03A and decide whether its district requirement warrants removal
2	Confirm from the chair whether the adopted noon schedule or proposed 9:45 schedule controls
3	Keep Mercy, National Witness, and Resolution 10-08 texts open
4	Ask what 'Requires Ratification' means, when ratification will occur, and what vote is required
5	Do not assume the new delegate resolutions will be reached
6	Remove adopted Committee 5, 7, 8, 9, and 10 items from active preparation
7	Track what is formally adopted, what is merely announced, and what dies at adjournment

Before the schedule question

Do not leave the hall or reorganize the team around a 9:45 adjournment until the order is formally established.

Resolution 10-08 checklist

- Compare the text with the earlier 10-05A language.
- Identify the effect of adding 'as determined by the Synod President.'
- Ask whether the determination requires explanation, consultation, or review.
- Clarify the ratification procedure before voting.

Consent checklist

- Confirm the operative threshold.
- Coordinate removal requests early.
- Do not treat a mandatory district directive as merely honorific because it appears on consent.

Final-day microphone discipline

Ask one precise question, offer one narrow motion, and stop. The final morning has no room for a five-part speech wearing a parliamentary trench coat.

Risk and Impact Assessment

Change	Type	Why it stands out	Monitor
Proposed 9:45 adjournment	Procedural	Compresses more than two hours of scheduled business	Formal adoption and omitted items
10-08 authority phrase	Governance/bylaw	Names the Synod President as the exception decision-maker	Scope, explanation, and ratification
3-03A on consent	Administrative	Requires district action despite consent placement	Implementation and removal effort
15/10 threshold conflict	Procedural/editorial	Creates avoidable uncertainty	Chair's operative ruling
Religious-worker resolution	Mission/public policy	Directs advocacy and presidential communication	Whether reached and scope of action
Martyrdom resolution	Theological/pastoral	Whereases may draw more controversy than resolves	Factual claims versus pastoral action
Seat assignments	Administrative	Changes future convention information practice	Privacy and implementation
10-08 without a block	Procedural	Ratification needed but timing unstated	Where and how it is called

Highest-risk combination

A compressed schedule plus an unscheduled bylaw ratification can produce hurried consideration. The remedy is not a long speech; it is a precise procedural question before the vote.

Mission lens

Prefer action that equips districts and congregations, clarifies accountability, and advances Gospel witness without enlarging control merely for its own sake.

Trust lens

High trust does not mean undefined discretion. High accountability does not require public combat. Clear authority, clear procedure, and a charitable explanation serve both.

■ Quick Reference

Category	Number of changes	Highest priority
Schedule	7 major effects	Possible 9:45 adjournment
New resolutions	4	Resolution 10-08
Revised resolutions	0	No significant changes
Amendments	0	No significant changes
Elections	1 consolidated update	Confirm whether business is complete
Consent calendar	2	3-03A district requirement
Notices	0 significant	Luggage notice repeated
Floor committees	2 in proposal, 4 in adopted plan	Mercy and National Witness
Action report	Extensive Session 7-8 updates	10-08 requires ratification

■ Final Summary

- The schedule question is the morning's first strategic issue.
- The only newly printed bylaw text is Resolution 10-08.
- The only guaranteed resolution action is the two-item consent calendar.
- No revised resolutions or new amendments were published.
- Most Wednesday controversies have been disposed and should leave the active prep list.
- New delegate resolutions matter as notice, but may never be called.

■ Closing Gospel Frame

Christ is risen indeed

Thursday's urgency must not make the Church careless or uncharitable. Bylaws, districts, congregations, workers, and missions are affected by convention action, but the Church is not preserved by reaching 9:45 with an empty agenda. Christ crucified and risen preserves His Church through His Word and Sacraments. Convention work should serve that Gospel, strengthen Christ's people, and send them into the harvest.

■ Full Footnotes and Sources

1. The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, Today's Business, Issue 6, July 23, 2026, cover schedule, p. 429.
2. Today's Business, Issue 6, p. 429. The document labels one timetable 'Adopted Schedule' and the other 'President's Proposed Schedule to Act on Necessary Business.'
3. Today's Business, Issue 1, pp. 5-6; Issue 2B, pp. 257-258; Issue 5, cover schedule; Issue 6, p. 429.
4. Today's Business, Issue 6, p. 435, Resolution 10-08; compare Today's Business, Issue 3, Resolution 10-05A.
5. Today's Business, Issue 6, pp. 435-437, new delegate resolutions.
6. Today's Business, Issue 6, p. 432, Consent Calendar. The page states 15 percent in the rule text and ten percent in the following whereas.
7. Today's Business, Issue 6, pp. 433-434, Resolution Action Report. The report describes itself as unofficial and directs readers to the convention minutes for the official record.
8. Today's Business, Issue 6, pp. 438-447, Slate of Candidates and recorded ballot totals.
9. Today's Business, Issue 6, p. 448, luggage-storage notice; compare Today's Business, Issue 5, p. 427.
10. Today's Business, Issue 6, p. 431, International Church Relations Conference guest roster.
11. Today's Business, Issue 4, pp. 372-374, revised standing rules, including final-day scheduling authority and the rule that resolutions not acted upon before adjournment die.
12. Today's Business, Issue 5, p. 409, prior consent calendar and the first printed appearance of the 15-percent / ten-percent inconsistency.
13. Primary comparison set: Today's Business, Issue 1; Issue 2B, July 19; Issue 3, July 20; Issue 4, July 21; Issue 5, July 22; Issue 6, July 23, 2026.
14. Standalone Today's Business Issue 2A: Not provided.

■ Cautions and Review Notes

- All analysis is unofficial. Current convention text, chair rulings, and approved minutes control.
- The president's 9:45 timetable is printed as a proposal, not as the adopted schedule.
- Issue 6 does not state a resolution-by-resolution order for Mercy or National Witness.
- The action report says Resolution 10-08 requires ratification but does not print the time or procedure.
- Standalone Today's Business Issue 2A: Not provided.

Footnote audit: 13 body citations, 13 matching notes, plus one source-availability note. No orphan citations.