

CHRIST IS RISEN

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Wednesday, July 22

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Today's Business Issue 5

Morning Session

- 8:00 Morning Prayer—*Rev. Benjamin T. Ball*
- 8:25 Registration, Credentials, and Elections
- 8:30 Consent Calendar
- 8:40 Greetings—Lutheran Women's Missionary League,
Eden Keefe
- 8:45 Greetings—Lutheran Hour Ministries, *Kurt Buchholz*
- 8:50 Finance (#8)
- 9:40 Structure and Administration (#9)
- 10:35 Convention Essay—*Rev. Kirk M. Clayton,*
"Christ's Resurrection for You"
- 11:00 Essay Responder—*Rev. C. Bryan Wolfmueller*
- 11:10 University Education (#7)
- 12:00 Recess

Afternoon Session

- 1:30 Commemoration of the Faithful Departed
Rev. Dr. Michael E. Gibson
- 2:00 Minutes
- 2:05 Registration, Credentials, and Elections (#11)
(Balloting for other boards, CTCR,
boards of regents, and synodwide entities)
- 3:00 University Education (#7)
- 4:20 Special Recognition—New and Outgoing Officers
- 4:25 Presentation—International Mission: *Showing Mercy*
- 4:45 Mercy (#3)
- 5:15 Theology and Church Relations (#5)
- 5:50 Responsive Prayer
- 6:00 Recess
- 7:30 President Elect's Reception (*North Ballroom 120 A–D*)

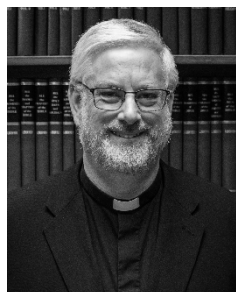


THE
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Missouri Synod
The 69th Regular Convention
Phoenix, AZ — July 18–23, 2026

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DAILY WORSHIP AND ESSAYS

Essayist—“Christ’s Resurrection for You”



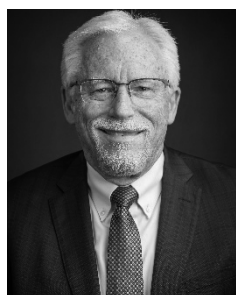
The Rev. Dr. Kirk Clayton, assistant professor of theology at Concordia University Chicago (CUC), specializes in the art of Christian Apologetics, defending the Christian faith from challenges and giving answers to questions posed to the faith. At CUC, Clayton teaches in the area of systematic theology, leads the planning team for CUC’s annual Apologetics Boot Camp, and serves as the director of the pre-seminary program. Prior to serving at CUC, Clayton served for 24 years as a pastor at two congregations in Illinois. Clayton is also a passionate defender of the truth of Scripture and the reality of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. He has been a frequent guest on KFUO Radio and on *Issues, Etc.*, and has spoken regularly at Higher Things Youth Conferences. He has shared his passion for defending the Christian faith at several church-worker conferences, and in the summer of 2025 was able to spend three weeks teaching Apologetics for the Creative Word Fellowship in Australia. Dr. Clayton and his wife, Lori, have been married for 30 years and have been blessed with six children, ranging in age from 25 to 12. His greatest joy is spending time with them as often as possible.

Preacher – Morning Prayer



The Rev. Benjamin T. Ball is The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) second vice-president, representing the Central Region. He has served as a Synod vice-president since 2019. Ball is the senior pastor of St. Paul Lutheran Church and School in Hamel, Ill., where he was called in 2012. He previously served St. Luke’s Lutheran Church, Dedham, Mass. (1999–2004), and St. Paul’s Lutheran Church and School, Brookfield, Ill. (2004–2012). He has also served as the second vice-president of the Southern Illinois District (2018–2019), several terms as a circuit visitor in both the Northern Illinois and Southern Illinois districts, and as chairman of the Synod’s Committee on Nominations (2019–2022). Ball currently serves on the Board of Regents of Concordia University, Nebraska. He formerly served as a member of the Board of Directors of Metro-East Lutheran High School of Edwardsville, Ill. (2017–2019). He is a frequent presenter at conferences discussing preaching, liturgy, the fraternal bonds of pastors, and the pastoral task in the Lutheran school. Ball is also the head coach of the St. Paul Lutheran Squires boys basketball team. Originally from Richmond, Mich., he is a product of LCMS schools since kindergarten. He received a B.A. from Concordia University, River Forest, Ill., in 1995, and in 1999 was granted the M.Div. from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. An avid outdoorsman, he resides in the church parsonage with his wife, Serena, and their five children.

Preacher – Commemoration of the Faithful Departed



The Rev. Dr. Mike Gibson has served as the president of the Pacific Southwest District of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod since 2018. He is an undergraduate of California State University, Sacramento, a 1984 Master of Divinity graduate from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, and was awarded a Doctor of Ministry degree in 1996 from Fuller Seminary, Pasadena, Calif., with an emphasis in church pathology and leadership. He has served as a pastor for 42 years, most recently serving at Christ Lutheran Church and School in Costa Mesa, Calif. He and Kathy were married in 1979 and have two adult sons, Andrew and Tim.

FAITHFUL DEPARTED

2023–2026

These are the names of rostered church workers of the Synod who have departed in the faith (or whose deaths have been reported) since the 2023 convention. This list and photographs of the deceased (when available), assembled from information provided by the districts, will be displayed during various portions of the 1:30 p.m. service on Wednesday.

Atlantic District

Ms. Elizabeth Marie Crowe, 1953–2024
 Dr. Vijayasekaran (Viji) George, 1951–2025
 Rev. Alfred J. Hofler, 1937–2024
 Rev. Roberto Munoz, 1951–2025
 Dr. Ralph C. Schultz, 1932–2024
 Rev. Sam Sundar Singh, 1947–2026
 Rev. Dr. Thomas Richard Sluberski, 1939–2024
 Ms. Janice Auer Williams, 1943–2026
 Rev. Philip Nai Sui Yang, 1926–2023
 Rev. Dr. James C. Zwernemann, 1938–2025

California/Nevada/Hawaii District

Rev. Jerry W. Barnhart, 1938–2023
 Mrs. Norma L. Blank, 1920–2025
 Rev. Leonardo R. Bugtong, 1933–2024
 Mrs. Irene C. Campbell, 1931–2026
 Rev. David T. Chan, 1960–2025
 Rev. Jonathan (Jon) J. Coyne, 1963–2025
 Rev. Eugene D. Davidenas, 1942–2023
 Mr. Stephen Paul Dinger, 1950–2024
 Mr. Edward W. Eskilson, 1939–2025
 Rev. Dean R. Gade, 1937–2023
 Mr. J. Robert (Bob) Golden, 1931–2026
 Rev. Mark W. Haas, 1949–2024
 Mr. William F. Heinicke, 1931–2024
 Rev. Philip H. Ilten, 1935–2023
 Rev. Theodore (Ted) A. Iverson, 1933–2025
 Mr. Joel H. Koerschen, 1949–2024
 Rev. Robert A. Kriger, 1938–2024
 Rev. Dr. John W. Krueger, 1944–2026
 Mr. Rodney Mara, 1951–2023
 Rev. Bruce R. Matzke, 1946–2026
 Rev. Larry A. Miller, 1938–2023
 Rev. Stephen L. Nagler, 1947–2025
 Rev. William (Bill) H. Plath, 1940–2025
 Rev. Bradley D. Roberts, 1958–2022
 Rev. Darrill D. Sandberg, 1935–2024
 Mrs. Marilyn Schinnerer, 1933–2023
 Mr. Charels Schlibe, 1926–2022
 Mrs. Lydia Schroeder, 1942–2022
 Rev. David T. Shoemaker, 1938–2023
 Mrs. Ruth M. Voss, 1951–2024
 Rev. Luther A. Werth, 1939–2023
 Rev. John H. Whaley, 1948–2025
 Mrs. Sharon Alice Willweber, 1936–2024

Rev. Thomas (Tom) J. Windsor, 1943–2025

Central Illinois District

Rev. Alan Holtz, 1932–2024
 Mr. Todd N. Luedtke, 1947–2025
 Rev. Cecil L. Murdock, 1943–2025
 Rev. Frederick Riemer, 1931–2025
 Rev. Stephen Southward, 1954–2023
 Mr. Bruce Tagge, 1947–2025

Eastern District

Rev. Dr. David Stephen Frank Belasic, 1935–2026
 Rev. Kim Edward Bode, 1950–2024
 Rev. Peter A. DeVantier, 1942–2024
 Rev. Dr. Larry Fred Hendricks, 1941–2024
 Rev. Dr. Louis Rudolph Jasper, 1934–2025
 Mr. Wilbur F. Kromphardt, 1929–2024
 Mr. Herbert W. Meissner, 1944–2025
 Rev. Robert Lawrence Rickus, 1939–2025
 Rev. Dr. Delbert C. Tiemann, 1930–2023
 Rev. Robert W. Volkert, 1936–2024

English District

Rev. Dr. Ferdinand O. Bahr, 1933–2024
 Rev. William C. Beckmann Jr., 1934–2024
 Mrs. Marian F. Brockhoff, 1936–2024
 Rev. Howard E. Claycombe Jr., 1928–2023
 Mr. Robert J. Clegg, 1935–2025
 Mr. Martin C. Duchow, 1941–2023
 Mrs. Margaret A. Finley, 1938–2024
 Rev. Robert L. Fitzpatrick, 1944–2024
 Rev. Henry V. Gerike, 1948–2025
 Rev. Richard L. Ingmire, 1940–2024
 Rev. Dr. Keith L. Johnson, 1939–2025
 Rev. Ronald H. Laue, 1937–2026
 Rev. Dr. Peter E. Mealwitz, 1935–2023
 Rev. Glenn A. Mertz, 1961–2025
 Rev. Christian G. Morales, 1946–2023
 Mr. Leslie R. W. Morris, 1942–2025
 Rev. Arthur C. Repp Jr., 1934–2024
 Ms. Christine R. Seiler, 1943–2023
 Rev. Dr. David T. Stein, 1936–2023
 Rev. Charles D. Stuckmeyer, 1935–2023
 Rev. Paul R. Sutterer, 1937–2025

Florida-Georgia District

Rev. Garth L. Baker, 1936–2025
 Rev. Norman B. Barnette Jr., 1940–2023

Rev. Robert C. Besalski, 1933–2023
 Rev. Geary F. Bird, 1931–2023
 Rev. Dr. James G. Bollhagen, 1945–2026
 Rev. Jerrold M. Collins, 1945–2024
 Rev. Larry F. Davis, 1942–2025
 Rev. John Q. Dede, 1931–2025
 Rev. Gary D. Dehnke, 1943–2024
 Rev. Karl J. Dunker, 1941–2025
 Mr. Lawrence R. Eichert, 1940–2024
 Rev. Robert C. Elsner, 1936–2023
 Rev. Jerome C. Figuly, 1932–2025
 Rev. Mark S. Flory, 1950–2024
 Rev. Dr. Paul F. Foelber, 1926–2024
 Mrs. Sara Footlander, 1984–2023
 Mr. Edward C. Gallmeier, 1934–2026
 Rev. Dennis E. Glander, 1935–2025
 Rev. Dr. Erich H. Heintzen, 1933–2024
 Rev. David G. Hinman, 1951–2025
 Rev. Richard A. Holland, 1934–2026
 Rev. Peter L. Kolb, 1951–2024
 Rev. James E. Leggett, 1943–2025
 Rev. Donald W. Lunick, 1936–2025
 Mr. Mark L. Miessler, 1963–2024
 Rev. David A. Mueller, 1938–2023
 Rev. Timothy M. Nickel, 1944–2026
 Rev. Dr. Timothy J. Parsch, 1947–2024
 Rev. Manfred O. Poeppel, 1952–2023
 Rev. George E. Poulos Jr., 1957–2026
 Rev. David W. Raetz, 1936–2024
 Mr. Christian W. Rau, 1942–2025
 Rev. Martin W. Renner, 1933–2023
 Rev. Elmer L. Riffel, 1932–2025
 Rev. Donald S. Roberts, 1946–2024
 Rev. Roland H. Roehrs, 1928–2023
 Dr. Donald G. Ross, 1940–2023
 Rev. Roger P. Schoolcraft, 1942–2025
 Rev. Dr. James E. Shaw, 1928–2023
 Rev. Samuel J. Stilwell, 1933–2023
 Rev. Lee H. Stisser, 1946–2025
 Rev. Robert H. Strickert, 1931–2024
 Mr. Edwin G. Temme, 1933–2025
 Rev. Walter D. Volz, 1936–2025
 Mrs. Laurie Wahner, 1948–2024
 Rev. Dr. Milan G. Weerts, 1936–2024

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Indiana District

Mr. Larry Dean Baack, 1940–2024
 Deaconess Mary Louise Barney, 1945–2026
 Mr. Edgar R. Baumgart, 1927–2023
 Dr. Floyd F. Beherns, 1930–2023
 Mr. William Carl Bonitz, 1928–2025
 Dr. Marvin Jacob Frederick Brandt, 1929–2025
 Mr. Ronald Gregory Burger, 1944–2025
 Ms. Diann Ruth Davidsmeyer, 1951–2024
 Rev. Gary Arthur Dworak, 1940–2025
 Rev. Thomas Elmer Eggold Sr., 1945–2023
 Mr. Eugene R. Falkenstern, 1936–2024
 Rev. Donald Gene Fisher, 1931–2024
 Mr. Karl George Frick, 1953–2025
 Rev. Jeffrey L. Geisler, 1954–2026
 Mrs. Diane Jean Gleitz, 1958–2023
 Rev. Robert Kurtz Hall, 1937–2024
 Mrs. Donata Ruth Haug-Owsley, 1939–2023
 Rev. Charles Michael Henrickson, 1953–2024
 Mrs. Janice Marie Hieber, 1951–2024
 Rev. Marvin R. Hinkle, 1941–2025
 Mr. Robert William Holste, 1931–2023
 Mr. LeRoy August Horst, 1933–2023
 Mrs. Carol Lee Hubacek, 1948–2025
 Rev. Gerard E. Isenberg, 1933–2026
 Rev. Donald William Kleinschmidt, 1938–2025
 Mr. Richard Jon Kruger, 1941–2025
 Rev. Thomas A. Ludwig Sr., 1955–2024
 Mr. Hersey Gene Mangels, 1936–2023
 Rev. Kenneth Donald Mangelsdorf, 1937–2024
 Mrs. Doris M. Mappes, 1936–2026
 Rev. Warren Edward Messmann, 1940–2023
 Rev. Mark Alvin Moog, 1952–2026
 Rev. Leonard C. Neumann, 1939–2024
 Mr. Rabel Fred Newkirk, 1923–2024
 Rev. Roger William Olson, 1936–2025
 Deaconess Joyce Ann Ostermann, 1951–2024
 Mr. Donald Edwin Pape, 1931–2023
 Mrs. Elvira Augusta Preuss, 1923–2024
 Rev. Alan Dea Rork, 1941–2024
 Rev. Sam Isaias Ruiz, 1959–2023
 Rev. Dr. Philip John Schamehorn, 1937–2024
 Mr. Stuart P. Schipper, 1946–2025
 Mr. David John Schlie Jr., 1969–2026
 Mr. Arnold Richard Schroeder, 1938–2023
 Mr. Joseph Lee Skvarenina, 1948–2025
 Rev. Raymond Allen Smith, 1968–2024
 Rev. William Stache, 1936–2025
 Rev. Dr. John Carlson Stube, 1951–2024
 Rev. Donald Hammond Williams, 1939–2024
 Mrs. Judith Ann Woolsey, 1940–2023

Iowa East District

Rev. Leonard H. Aurich, 1930–2024
 Rev. Dale F. Glawatz, 1947–2025
 Mrs. Linda J. Gomez, 1948–2023
 Rev. Jan Horne, 1936–2024
 Rev. Daniel Quill Johnson, 1930–2023
 Mrs. Shirley A. Marolf, 1932–2025
 Mrs. Lavonne L. Sandersfeld, 1937–2023

Iowa West District

Rev. Randall D. Cormeny, 1956–2026
 Rev. Henry W. A. Friedrich, 1928–2026
 Rev. Neil E. Hayen, 1948–2025
 Mrs. Robyn M. Kratz, 1964–2025
 Rev. James R. Tews, 1952–2025
 Rev. Jay R. Wheeler, 1952–2025

Kansas District

Rev. Richard A. Boyer, 1936–2024
 Rev. Garry R. Dassow, 1939–2023
 Rev. Christopher E. Gerdes, 1977–2024
 Rev. Roderick A. Hathaway, 1952–2024
 Rev. Timothy W. Heath Sr., 1959–2023
 Rev. Gene K. Holtorf, 1945–2024
 Rev. Paul T. Hoppe, 1946–2025
 Mr. Charles E. Jedge, 1936–2025
 Mr. Keith R. Jopp, 1942–2025
 Miss Sybil J. Kramer, 1948–2025
 Rev. Darrell E. Matthews, 1936–2024
 Rev. James H. Mayes Jr., 1948–2024
 Rev. George W. Mock, 1929–2024
 Rev. Mark A. Mozeik, 1952–2025
 Rev. John F. Niemann, 1933–2023
 Rev. John M. Pool, 1934–2023
 Rev. Eugene E. Stohs, 1941–2025
 Rev. Dr. Victor B. Streufert, 1926–2023
 Rev. Robert M. Ziegler, 1934–2023

Michigan District

Rev. Kenneth H. Allan, 1932–2025
 Rev. Warren B. Arndt, 1940–2025
 Rev. James G. Balzer, 1939–2024
 Mrs. Nancy K. Bauer, 1949–2023
 Rev. Theodore W. Beiderwieden III, 1939–2024
 Mrs. Linda G. Bresemann, 1947–2026
 Rev. Elroy D. Brockopp, 1925–2025
 Rev. E. Paul Burow, 1938–2024
 Rev. Daniel F. Clemons, 1944–2024
 Rev. Robert J. Conradt, 1953–2026
 Rev. Darowin E. Cordes, 1935–2025
 Mrs. Karen A. Dean, 1946–2025
 Mr. David E. Dembeck, 1952–2025
 Mr. Robert J. Dickhudt, 1935–2023
 Mr. David C. Difatta, 1946–2024
 Rev. Daryl H. Etheridge, 1935–2025

Rev. Ronald R. Farah, 1938–2025
 Mr. Dennis H. Fischer, 1947–2026
 Rev. James E. Fleming, 1941–2025
 Mrs. Eunice E. Florip, 1933–2025
 Rev. Jeffrey M. Fritz, 1942–2023
 Mr. Frederick J. Gast, 1944–2025
 Mr. R. Dwain Grimpo, 1951–2025
 Mr. David H. Groll, 1937–2024
 Ms. Ruth E. Gugel, 1945–2024
 Rev. Dr. Mark J. Hill, 1954–2025
 Rev. Clarence R. Hinz, 1935–2026
 Mr. James A. Hurd, 1947–2023
 Mrs. Karen B. Jones, 1954–2023
 Mr. Kenneth A. Kaschinske, 1945–2025
 Mrs. Mary L. Kell, 1941–2023
 Mr. Delmar A. Kell, 1940–2023
 Mrs. Caroline L. Klausmeier, 1934–2025
 Mr. Fred F. Knuth, 1939–2026
 Rev. Charles J. Koehler, 1949–2024
 Mrs. Vicky L. List, 1960–2025
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 Rev. Robert H. Mann, 1942–2023
 Mr. Quentin M. Marino, 1932–2025
 Rev. Daniel J. McVey, 1952–2026
 Dr. Herbert C. Moldenhauer, 1924–2023
 Rev. Rodney L. Morrison, 1952–2026
 Dr. James D. Pagels, 1941–2025
 Rev. Arthur W. Reich Jr., 1934–2025
 Mr. Larry H. Rockensuess Sr., 1950–2026
 Rev. Paul G. Ruediger, 1940–2025
 Rev. Dr. Rodney R. Rynearson, 1935–2025
 Rev. Roger L. Sassaman, 1934–2024
 Rev. Frederick A. Schmitt, 1951–2026
 Rev. Dan L. Seng, 1939–2024
 Rev. Barry C. Sheldon, 1954–2026
 Rev. M. Samuel Sherouse, 1951–2024
 Rev. David F. Sherry, 1956–2025
 Rev. Dr. Richard J. Shuta, 1942–2025
 Rev. Steven E. Sparks, 1954–2024
 Mrs. Shirley M. Stresman, 1935–2024
 Mr. Kenneth C. Stresman, 1935–2026
 Rev. Michael L. Teuscher, 1951–2024
 Rev. Steven E. Thiel, 1954–2026
 Ms. Rebecca M. Trinklein, 1954–2025
 Rev. James W. Turner, 1936–2025
 Mr. Edward W. Vanick, 1947–2025
 Mrs. Shirley M. Wallace, 1935–2024
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 Rev. Jeffrey B. Walsh, 1956–2024
 Mr. Thomas L. Wegener, 1941–2025
 Rev. Ernest C. Wendt, 1940–2026
 Ms. Valerie J. Winston, 1962–2026

Mr. Duane W. Wuertz, 1935–2025

Rev. Paul V. Young, 1948–2024

Mid-South District

Rev. Peter M. Ave-Lallemant, 1946–2023

Mr. Raymond Peter Hauer Jr., 1942–2025

Ms. Alta M. Hook, 1955–2025

Rev. Erwin L. Leuker Jr., 1944–2023

Rev. John Thomas Lindner, 1949–2025

Rev. William Thomas Moore Jr., 1942–2026

Rev. Dr. Paul E. Muench, 1946–2025

Rev. Marvin D. Otto, 1938–2024

Rev. Daniel D. Otto, 1936–2023

Rev. Monte Chad Philipp, 1967–2023

Ms. Linda J. Schroeder, 1943–2025

Rev. John P. Schulz, 1932–2025

Minnesota North District

Mr. Marlin John Brutlag, 1934–2024

Mrs. Carol Ann Chorley, 1960–2024

Rev. David C. Cloeter, 1935–2023

Rev. David B. Franzmeier, 1940–2024

Rev. Robert Arthur Friedrich, 1935–2023

Rev. Norman Arthur Hanan, 1940–2025

Rev. Harvey Howard Kietzman, 1930–2026

Rev. Roger L. Krebs, 1948–2024

Rev. George A. Krueger, 1937–2026

Rev. Martin Samuel Langemo, 1935–2025

Rev. James Howard Meichsner, 1934–2024

Rev. William F. Moeller Sr., 1934–2023

Rev. David J. Nelson, 1938–2026

Mrs. Amber L. Rousu, 1977–2026

Rev. Dean A. Stolz, 1940–2024

Rev. Arthur P. Weidner, 1938–2024

Rev. Frederick J.H. Wippich Jr., 1929–2024

Minnesota South District

Rev. Alan J. Braun, 1942–2025

Mr. Hubert (Hub) V. Cloeter, 1929–2023

Ms. Annette S. Engelmänn, 1977–2024

Rev. Wilbur C. Franzmeier, 1926–2026

Rev. Fred. W. Golke, 1930–2024

Mr. John R. Gottschalk, 1941–2024

Mr. Richard E. Gottschalk, 1945–2023

Rev. David J. Habermas, 1938–2025

Rev. Gerhardt F. Hallman, 1938–2026

Mr. LeRoy J. Hart, 1929–2024

Rev. David D. Henslin, 1945–2024

Rev. Robert D. Hines, 1954–2024

Mr. Robert (Bob) E. Holtz, 1933–2024

Mr. William (Bill) S. Husberg, 1947–2024

Rev. Donald W. Johnson, 1946–2025

Rev. John M. Kallio, 1940–2023

Mrs. Kathryn A. Keogh, 1952–2025

Rev. Merle P. Kitzman, 1938–2025

Mr. Roy E. Kramer, 1932–2023

Rev. Marvin W. Kuhlman, 1931–2024

Rev. Merle E. Lebahn, 1933–2025

Rev. William (Kurt) K.P. Lehmkuhl, 1943–2026

Rev. Arden H. Malotky, 1928–2024

Rev. Daniel V. Matasovsky, 1935–2025

Mr. Andrew A. Melendez Jr., 1935–2025

Rev. Vance R. Milbrath, 1960–2024

Rev. Martin E. Mueller, 1932–2024

Mr. Glenn W. Offermann, 1936–2023

Mr. Cletus R. Pfeiffer, 1943–2024

Rev. Dr. James H. Pragman, 1938–2024

Rev. Stanley W. Rosenau, 1927–2023

Rev. Dr. Milton L. Rudnick, 1927–2025

Rev. Norman J. Ruthenbeck, 1940–2023

Mr. Ernest P. Schauland, 1923–2024

Mr. Walter R. Schmidt, 1935–2025

Ms. Janice L. Schrader, 1952–2024

Rev. Randolph G. Sherren, 1945–2025

Rev. Norbert A. Streufert, 1928–2024

Ms. Jean G. Thomas, 1950–2024

Deaconess Doris I. Timmer, 1939–2023

Rev. Harold G. Wegner, 1929–2024

Rev. Dr. Harold N. Wendt, 1931–2024

Mr. John W. Wenger, 1937–2026

Rev. Carleton E. Zahn, 1938–2025

Mr. Allan A. Zeitz, 1945–2023

Missouri District

Rev. Thomas A. Baker, 1945–2024

Mrs. Kathryn J. Bredehoeft, 1948–2025

Mr. Paul G. Crisler, 1937–2023

Rev. David V. Dissen, 1933–2026

Rev. William J. Doubek III, 1951–2024

Mr. William D. Dougherty, 1935–2023

Rev. Frank E. Eberhart, 1941–2023

Mr. Jimmy L. Ebers, 1953–2023

Mrs. Vicki L. Fisher, 1953–2024

Rev. Dennis E. Garrels, 1942–2025

Mr. William L. Gasau, 1946–2024

Rev. Barton C. Gray, 1941–2025

Mrs. Jean C. Haake, 1936–2025

Mr. Lloyd W. Haertling, 1932–2023

Mr. Orlyn A. Heimsoth Sr, 1947–2023

Mrs. Ellen M. Hetz, 1940–2024

Rev. Ronald A. Jansen, 1941–2024

Rev. David P. Johnson, 1951–2024

Mr. James C. Johnston, 1945–2023

Rev. Dr. Dennis A. Kastens, 1939–2026

Rev. Howard W. Kramer, 1924–2025

Rev. Dr. Robert T. Kuhn, 1937–2025

Mr. Jesse H. Kunkel, 1932–2025

Dr. Lyle J. Kurth, 1933–2025

Rev. Gary A. Lampe, 1952–2025

Mrs. Jacqueline L. Loontjer, 1947–2025

Rev. Garry A. McCracken, 1960–2026

Mr. Wilfred G. Meyer, 1941–2025

Dr. Carl J. Moser, 1937–2024

Mr. Erich P. Mueller, 1933–2025

Mr. Peter T. Olson, 1974–2025

Mr. Donald T. Petering, 1938–2023

Mr. Roy E. Pfund, 1937–2026

Rev. James W. Rhiver, 1939–2026

Mr. Wilbert H. Rusch Jr., 1940–2023

Rev. Henry L. Schaefer, 1930–2025

Rev. Rudolf C. Schaser, 1939–2024

Rev. Paul A. Scheidt, 1936–2024

Mr. Paul W. Schmalz, 1944–2023

Rev. Warren W. Schmidt, 1936–2025

Dr. Arnold E. Schmidt, 1934–2023

Rev. Walter M. Schoedel, 1926–2023

Rev. Dr. Paul L. Schrieber, 1949–2026

Rev. Ronald H. Schuette, 1937–2024

Rev. Benjamin C. Schumacher, 1943–2024

Rev. Gregory K. Smith, 1949–2024

Rev. Alger J. Tormoehlen, 1932–2025

Rev. Blake G. Wolf, 1950–2024

Montana District

Rev. Eric M. Christiansen, 1949–2024

Rev. Richard F. Green, 1947–2025

Rev. Carl A. Lehmann, 1950–2024

Rev. Erwin C. Sprengeler, 1937–2024

Nebraska District

Mr. Mark W. Baumgartel, 1938–2024

Rev. Donald H. Becker, 1943–2024

Rev. Terry L. Brandenburg, 1948–2024

Rev. Curtis W. Brooks, 1964–2024

Mrs. Kathryn M. Cook, 1943–2023

Rev. John C. Deang, 1974–2024

Mr. Paul S. Duensing, 1954–2024

Rev. Lester H. Dumer, 1928–2024

Dr. Carl H. Everts, 1930–2023

Rev. Norman N. Franzen, 1936–2024

Mrs. Della J. Hartmann, 1928–2024

Mr. Norman G. Hoppmann, 1937–2024

Mrs. Dorothea E. Huebschman, 1940–2024

Rev. David P. Kipp, 1954–2024

Rev. Robert A. Koch, 1948–2025

Dr. Mark A. Lemke, 1954–2024

Rev. Carl R. Lilienkamp, 1951–2024

Dr. Benjamin W. Marxhausen, 1933–2023

Rev. Rodney M. Meske, 1948–2025

Mr. Robert W. Pflieger, 1935–2024

Rev. Robert J. Pierce, 1939–2023

Mr. Marvin H. Plamann, 1934–2024

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Dr. William J. Preuss, 1931–2025
 Mr. Dean W. Raabe, 1946–2024
 Rev. Merlin L. Reith, 1938–2023
 Dr. Leah M. Serck, 1934–2024
 Dr. Gary R. Steinmiller, 1937–2024
 Mr. Stanley H. Wehling, 1942–2025
 Dr. Richard C. Zwick, 1931–2025

New England District

Rev. Edward Balfour, 1946–2025
 Rev. John Beck, 1933–2026
 Rev. David G.L. Fletcher, 1938–2024
 Rev. Ronald Froehlich, 1930–2025
 Mr. Vernon Koch, 1939–2024
 Mr. John H. Matern, 1929–2023
 Rev. Robert J. Mikulastik, 1943–2023
 Rev. Louis Nuechterlein, 1928–2025
 Mr. Richard Polzin, 1928–2023
 Rev. Walter Reuning, 1931–2024
 Rev. Philip Secker, 1937–2024
 Rev. John Skov, 1932–2024

New Jersey District

Mrs. Lois Ruth Doring, 1933–2025
 Rev. Robert Klemm, 1935–2024
 Rev. Andrew Nelson, 1950–2023

North Dakota District

Rev. Irvin Bruenjes, 1934–2024
 Rev. Howard Derr Lyons Sr., 1937–2024

North Wisconsin District

Rev. Dr. Willard L. Burce, 1924–2024
 Rev. Dr. Paul W. Devantier, 1946–2025
 Mrs. Delores J. Guthman, 1948–2026
 Rev. Dr. Paul C. Hunsicker, 1951–2025
 Mrs. Judith A. Kufahl, 1945–2025
 Rev. Paul G. Mueller, 1938–2025
 Mrs. Florence Natzke, 1939–2025
 Rev. Robert W. Paul, 1933–2023
 Rev. Dr. Dennis W. Pegorsch, 1941–2024
 Mrs. Ruth E. Schultz, 1954–2024
 Rev. Donald Sprengler, 1935–2024
 Rev. Erno L. Szedlak, 1935–2025
 Rev. James Vanek, 1938–2025
 Mr. Richard T. Wegner, 1947–2024
 Rev. Dr. Charles E. Yunghans, 1946–2023

Northern Illinois District

Mrs. Sandra S. (Dunker) Oberg, 1957–2023
 Mrs. Rosemary Sue Andermann, 1955–2024
 Mr. Andrew K. Barr, 1938–2026
 Mr. Leon Charles Bierlein, 1941–2023
 Mrs. Janice M. Blatt, 1940–2026
 Rev. Arthur Bodley, 1934–2023
 Rev. Dr. Paul Bruns, 1938–2025
 Rev. William T Chormann, 1943–2023

Rev. Frank Charles Ciprys, 1942–2023
 Mr. Walter Bernard Claassen, 1937–2025
 Rev. Christopher Davis, 1973–2024
 Rev. Burneal W. A. Fick, 1942–2023
 Mr. Paul Guilbert Golz, 1982–2024
 Mrs. Marilyn Helen Gotsch, 1932–2024
 Mrs. Joan R. Gresens, 1935–2024
 Rev. Dr. William Henry Griffin Jr., 1929–2024
 Mr. Nathaniel Mark Grunst, 1939–2024
 Mr. Oliver R. Hemmann, 1950–2023
 Mr. Donald Fred Hermann, 1929–2024
 Rev. Gregory Edward Hoffman, 1956–2025
 Rev. Jeffrey Paul Howell, 1960–2025
 Rev. Dr. John George Huber, 1929–2025
 Rev. James Bruce Ilten, 1932–2024
 Dr. William H. Kammrath, 1942–2024
 Rev. Robert E. Kass, 1926–2023
 Mr. Verner Halfpap Klotz Jr, 1944–2024
 Dr. Paul T. Kreiss, 1926–2026
 Rev. Donald Carl Kretzschmar, 1943–2024
 Mrs. Donna M. Kruse, 1933–2026
 Rev. William A. Kucenski, 1926–2025
 Mrs. Elizabeth Frances Kurth, 1936–2025
 Mrs. Barbara-em Ladwig, 1951–2024
 Mr. E. Theodore (Ted) Lams, 1943–2026
 Mr. Glenn Ronald Mahnke, 1946–2025
 Rev. Bruce W. Meissner, 1936–2025
 Mrs. Linda A. Meyer, 1942–2024
 Dr. Barbara Ellen Morton, 1945–2026
 Rev. George J. Mrochen, 1944–2023
 Rev. Julio A. Orozco, 1941–2023
 Rev. Eldor W. Richter, 1932–2025
 Mrs. Cheryl Evelyn Sanders, 1951–2023
 Rev. Dennis W. Schlecht, 1936–2025
 Mr. Melvin H. Schroeder, 1939–2024
 Mrs. Marcella Marlene Stephens, 1942–2023
 Mr. David W. Swanson, 1948–2024
 Mrs. Susan Marie Volk, 1952–2023
 Mr. Robert Charles Waterman, 1941–2023
 Rev. John Westra, 1945–2024
 Rev. Oliver H. Wetzell, 1931–2025
 Mrs. Beth Arlene Zobel, 1931–2025

Northwest District

Rev. Richard Burton Allen, 1934–2023
 Rev. Joseph E. Atwater Jr, 1949–2025
 Rev. Gary F Borges, 1934–2024
 Mr. Dwaine Charles Brandt, 1935–2026
 Rev. James Allen Brubaker, 1942–2025
 Rev. Dr. David E Campbell, 1942–2024
 Ms. Kathleen Jane Gerling, 1981–2024
 Rev. William Rudolph Gieck, 1932–2025
 Mr. Lorne Ernest Jones, 1945–2023

Rev. Roland Kauth, 1935–2025
 Rev. Gordon Alvin Kloehn, 1936–2024
 Rev. Gary Krumdieck, 1954–2025
 Rev. Bernhard Otto Kube, 1937–2024
 Rev. Robert R. Luinstra, 1945–2023
 Mr. Gary Meyer, 1938–2023
 Mrs. Betty Jean Morse, 1941–2024
 Rev. Kenneth LeRoy Ollek, 1942–2025
 Rev. David Lester Poovey, 1942–2024
 Mr. Ray David Reisig, 1948–2025
 Rev. Jerry Paul Scansen, 1935–2024
 Rev. Fred Paul Schuett, 1939–2025
 Rev. William Edward Schumm, 1934–2026
 Rev. Frederick Arthur Schweim, 1936–2025
 Rev. Fredrick Allen Storteboom, 1935–2025
 Rev. Bruce Strade, 1940–2025
 Rev. Robert L. Weber, 1930–2023
 Rev. Dan Wehrspann, 1949–2024
 Rev. Erwin Wichner, 1942–2025

Ohio District

Rev. Robert Otto Bartz Jr, 1952–2024
 Rev. John George Eiwen, 1942–2023
 Rev. Gerald Paul Heimlich, 1940–2023
 Mrs. Sandra J. Heldman, 1943–2025
 Rev. Robert Neil Hullinger, 1933–2026
 Rev. Kenneth Delwin Kelly Sr, 1933–2025
 Ms. Patricia (Pat) Lee Marshall, 1948–2025
 Ms. Patricia Lee Marshall, 1948–2025
 Rev. Dennis Dean Murawski, 1948–2025
 Rev. Toshio Okamoto, 1931–2026
 Mr. Lowell Keith Petzoldt, 1954–2025
 Rev. Norman J. Rehmer, 1939–2023
 Ms. Gayle D. Schoerverth, 1946–2025
 Rev. Robert Dean Schuler, 1934–2025
 Rev. Dr. Jeffrey B. Stephens, 1948–2025
 Rev. John Glenn Suguitan, 1954–2024
 Rev. Richard Elwin Sweney Jr, 1962–2025
 Mrs. Sandra Kay Walter, 1940–2025
 Rev. Merlen Fred Wegener, 1936–2025
 Rev. Kenneth Woodrow Welsh, 1941–2025
 Mr. Herman Karl Wentzel, 1926–2023
 Rev. Dr. George T. Zoehl, 1949–2024
 Rev. Lanny R. Zup, 1936–2025

Oklahoma District

Rev. Joseph J. Dorsett II, 1959–2024
 Rev. Velmer H. Goebel, 1939–2025
 Rev. George M. Gustke, 1933–2026
 Rev. David D. Heitner, 1950–2026
 Rev. Arthur M. McCormick, 1947–2024
 Mr. Edward W. Morris, 1957–2026
 Rev. Earl D. Philipp, 1938–2025
 Mr. Gerhardt R. Pralle, 1942–2025

Rev. Dr. Paul L. Van Patten Jr., 1946–2025
Mrs. Barbara O. Walton, 1960–2023

Pacific Southwest District

Rev. Dr. James V. Bachman, 1946–2024
Dr. Susan Ortmeier Bachman, 1948–2024
Rev. Dr. Kenneth W. Behnken, 1938–2024
Ms. Deborah Diane Blau, 1963–2023
Rev. Charles N. Brady, 1941–2026
Rev. Dr. Richard D. Burkey, 1959–2023
Ms. Stephanie Lynn Coffin, 1982–2025
Rev. Alfonso Conrado, 1935–2024
Mr. Harry J. Cypher III, 1952–2023
Dr. Dean W. Dammann, 1930–2025
Rev. John G. Durkovic, 1936–2025
Mr. David Henry Elfman, 1946–2025
Rev. Edward (Ted) G. Eng, 1939–2025
Rev. Thomas L. Evens, 1944–2024
Rev. Robert F. Feller, 1932–2024
Mr. Lucas Michael Fitzgerald, 1975–2023
Rev. Scott U. Ganas, 1954–2025
Mrs. Maxine Edith Goldbeck, 1925–2023
Mr. Robert G. Heckman, 1934–2023
Mr. William E. Hodgson Jr., 1950–2026
Rev. Gerald L. Hoemann, 1937–2024
Rev. Robert W. Holstein, 1932–2023
Ms. Kim Rose Imes, 1956–2024
Rev. Kenneth (KC) Jenks, 1937–2025
Rev. Delrich O. King, 1936–2026
Rev. Allen P. Kolkman, 1951–2024
Rev. Victor H. Lehenbauer, 1928–2023
Rev. Kenneth D. Lieber, 1958–2024
Rev. Orville Paul Lohse, 1940–2024
Rev. Lambert E. Loock, 1934–2025
Rev. Carl E. Lutz Jr., 1934–2025
Deac. Barbara Meinzen Manske, 1940–2024
Mrs. Jill Louise Moorman, 1971–2024
Ms. Valerie K. Munoz, 1956–2025
Rev. Dr. Warren L. Naegele, 1933–2024
Rev. Dr. Allan H. Nauss, 1923–2024
Mr. Eldon John Neben, 1935–2024
Rev. Dr. James W. Page, 1941–2024
Rev. Dr. Dustin T. Parker, 1965–2026
Rev. Jon David Peterson, 1932–2024
Rev. Kenneth G. Piepenbrink, 1937–2024
Rev. James P. Poerschke, 1936–2024
Rev. John R. Ramsey, 1933–2024
Mr. Mickie B. Reinertson, 1939–2024
Dr. Ralph L. Reinke, 1927–2023
Rev. John W. Rieck, 1933–2024
Rev. Dr. William Rodney Rosenblatt, 1942–2024
Rev. Paul O. Rosnau, 1931–2024
Rev. Robert L. M. Rotnem, 1943–2024

Mrs.Carolynn W. Rowell, 1940–2023
Mr. Paul Edmund Rupprecht Jr., 1934–2023
Mr. Marvin William Schaus, 1934–2026
Rev. Rodney R. Scheer, 1936–2023
Rev. Dietrich N. Schleef, 1941–2024
Rev. Michael P. Scholz, 1954–2024
Dr. Jack Maurice Schultz, 1957–2024
Mr. Donald Leon Simpson, 1929–2025
Rev. Kwang H. Song, 1967–2020
Rev. Peter J. Spallek, 1952–2026
Rev. Morton P. Talbot, 1932–2024
Ms. Gayle LaVerne Timken, 1941–2024
Rev. Dr. Wallace B. Turner, 1936–2026
Rev. Dr. Dean M. Vieselmeyer, 1948–2023
Rev. Gregory G. Werdin, 1950–2024
Mrs. Karen Kay Whelply, 1943–2024
Rev. Robert E. Wobrock, 1931–2025
Rev. Benedict B. Yaspelkis Jr., 1938–2024
Mrs. Sandra B. Youmans, 1951–2025

Rocky Mountain District

Rev. Edgar W. Bode, 1940–2026
Rev. Kevin J. Cramm, 1955–2025
Rev. Robert D. Eckelman, 1933–2025
Rev. Gordon A. Gross, 1932–2025
Rev. Thomas G. Kent, 1936–2023
Mr. Robert A. Lambeth, 1946–2023
Rev. Rodney W. Loose, 1938–2024
Rev. William G. Marten, 1936–2025
Mr. Marvin P. Oestmann, 1942–2025
Mr. Edgar L. Opel, 1935–2026
Rev. Howard J. Patten, 1935–2025
Mrs. Bernice I. Timmerman, 1932–2024
Rev. Charles A. Vanderhyde, 1934–2025
Mrs. Dolores J.L. VanLaningham, 1929–2024
Mr. Jon M. Wiegand, 1973–2025
Rev. Larry E. Ziegler, 1946–2026

SELCDistrict

Rev. Albert Bielenberg, 1929–2023
Rev. Dr. Douglas Fountain, 1947–2026
Rev. George Plvan, 1929–2023
Rev. Thomas Soltis, 1931–2026
Mrs. Nancy Whitney, 1945–2023
Rev. Dr. Ronald Yergey, 1943–2025

South Dakota District

Rev. Glenn R. Denke, 1949–2026
Rev. Charles F. Kramer, 1945–2024
Rev. Dr. Scott Andrew Lemmermann, 1961–2023
Rev. James Lee Mueller, 1933–2025
Rev. Dr. Dale L. Sattgast, 1949–2025

South Wisconsin District

Rev. Arthur Anacker, 1930–2025
Mr. Willard H. Bellin, 1943–2024

Rev. Richard Boeck, 1952–2023
Rev. Dale Boening, 1950–2023
Ms. Ruth E. Braatz, 1932–2023
Ms. Grace L. Braeger, 1929–2023
Rev. John Breitwisch, 1943–2024
Mrs. Jeanette E. I. Brockdorf, 1931–2023
Rev. John Brogaard, 1940–2024
Mr. Robert Eckert, 1940–2024
Rev. Carl Egloff, 1932–2023
Mr. A. Clifford Fisk, 1936–2025
Ms. Judith Marie Fuchs, 1966–2024
Rev. Wilfred Griesser, 1934–2025
Rev. Daniel Heinert, 1941–2023
Rev. Thomas P. Hintz, 1924–2023
Mrs. Karen J. Howard, 1953–2026
Mrs. Jayne E. Kersten, 1950–2023
Mr. Harold Kinas, 1926–2024
Rev. Dr. Wolf Knappe, 1926–2024
Dr. Mary H. Korte, 1946–2023
Rev. Willard Krueger, 1928–2024
Rev. David Kruse, 1933–2025
Rev. Jon F. Leider, 1944–2023
Mrs. Eunice Pauline Loomans, 1941–2025
Mr. Richard Edgar Maas, 1927–2025
Rev. Roland Meyle, 1935–2025
Rev. Dr. Larry Myers, 1946–2025
Rev. Robert Novotney, 1929–2024
Rev. Donald Oldenburg, 1950–2025
Rev. Arthur Oswald, 1923–2024
Rev. Dr. Daniel Paavola, 1956–2026
Mr. Marcus George Pankow, 1935–2025
Rev. Thomas Piel, 1950–2023
Mr. Ronald W. Pinkepank, 1940–2024
Mr. Arthur L. Preuss Sr., 1932–2025
Rev. Charles Reehl, 1932–2024
Mr. Karl Frederick Roeske, 1962–2023
Rev. H. Edmund Schafer, 1939–2026
Mrs. Mary A. Schwenkhoff, 1942–2023
Mr. Lee H. Stefen, 1939–2025
Rev. Dr. William Wagner, 1940–2025
Rev. Dr. John Wille, 1952–2024
Mr. Dale Wood, 1931–2025
Rev. William Wurm, 1934–2024

Southeastern District

Rev. Zelleke Alemu, 1948–2024
Rev. Gordon Arthur Beck, 1940–2024
Mr. Joel Becker, 1942–2026
Rev. Edward G. Bertram, 1935–2024
Rev. William W. Bloom, 1939–2025
Rev. George Michael Coffman, 1945–2026
Mr. Barry Conover, 1943–2025
Rev. Bruce Lee Crabtree, 1941–2024

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Mrs. Jenny DeMaio, 1956–2025
 Rev. Rudy Allen DeRosa, 1958–2025
 Rev. Robert William Duddleston, 1941–2023
 Rev. Joel R. Fridgen, 1955–2024
 Rev. James Alan Herbolsheimer, 1950–2022
 Rev. Donnie A. Hofman, 1947–2024
 Rev. William J. Hughes, 1934–2024
 Mr. Dennis Janko, 1938–2026
 Rev. Scott David Johnson, 1959–2023
 Rev. John F. Kassouf, 1954–2023
 Rev. Robert James Kretschmar, 1943–2024
 Rev. Carl H. Kruelle Jr., 1938–2024
 Rev. Philip Rudolph Kuehnert, 1944–2025
 Rev. Donald George Little, 1946–2025
 Rev. John Arnold Lober, 1937–2023
 Rev. Phillip Michael MacDonald, 1949–2025
 Rev. Michael R. McFarland, 1957–2023
 Rev. Donald G. Meyer, 1931–2023
 Rev. David Francis Nuss, 1953–2024
 Rev. Jacob Paulino Okwir, 1954–2024
 Rev. William George Olson, 1933–2025
 Rev. James Russell Pierce, 1944–2026
 Rev. Charles A. Rauschek, 1937–2025
 Rev. Otto Alfred Reinbacher, 1938–2026
 Rev. Daryl B. Robarge, 1948–2024
 Rev. Eric R. Ruble, 1973–2025
 Mrs. Jackie Rullman, 1942–2025
 Rev. Marvin Joel Schedler, 1932–2025
 Rev. Dr. Victor L. Schmick, 1930–2023
 Mr. Melvin Schnackenberg, 1933–2026
 Rev. Arthur R. Simon, 1930–2023
 Rev. Robert H. Torgler, 1927–2023
 Rev. Rodger Raland Venzke, 1937–2025
 Rev. Terence J. Weiting, 1935–2024
 Rev. Ralph Edward Wiechmann, 1936–2025
 Rev. Dr. Terence J. Wieting, 1935–2024
 Rev. Robert H. Wind, 1926–2023

Southern District

Rev. Wallace Lee Roy Bostelmann, 1933–2026
 Rev. Christopher L. Cole, 1964–2024
 Rev. Loren E. Delgehausen, 1935–2024
 Dr. Merle G. Golnick, 1927–2025
 Rev. David L. Greene, 1950–2024
 Rev. Gary T. Held, 1962–2023
 Rev. Robert R. Lydick, 1947–2024
 Mr. Eugene W. Menzel, 1946–2023
 Rev. John C. Ramsey II, 1950–2026
 Rev. Anthony I. Robinson Sr., 1962–2026
 Rev. Grant J. Ross, 1942–2023
 Rev. Christopher J. Sutton, 1977–2024
 Rev. James R. Taglauer, 1934–2025
 Ms. Paula L. Wood, 1957–2023

Rev. Richard O. Ziehr, 1931–2024

Southern Illinois District

Rev. Dr. Maurice Alms, 1945–2026
 Mr. Harold Ebke, 1940–2025
 Deaconess Dolores Frederking, 1933–2024
 Rev. Donald Kirst, 1934–2025
 Ms. Gayle Klitzing, 1958–2023
 Rev. Vernon Lintvedt, 1953–2024
 Mrs. Patsy List, 1945–2024
 Mrs. Margaret McKinnon, 1942–2025
 Rev. Edward Purdy, 1926–2023
 Mr. Ray Richert, 1931–2024
 Rev. James Voigtman, 1952–2024
 Mr. Mark Alan Von Soosten, 1956–2024
 Rev. Dr. David Wiesner, 1933–2024
 Rev. Dr. David Wollenburg (Chaplain, Colonel, USAF, retired), 1945–2026

Texas District

Rev. Mark B. Anderson, 1958–2025
 Rev. Joseph M. Ardy, 1951–2025
 Ms. Lori L. Bachmann, 1957–2024
 Mrs. Elisabeth A. Bennett, 1942–2025
 Mr. Andrew J. Bilich, 1931–2024
 Mr. Mark S. Boerger, 1952–2024
 Rev. Edward L. Boineau, 1963–2025
 Mr. Stephen M. Brennan, 1966–2025
 Mr. Rollin C. Cattau, 1933–2025
 Rev. Robert E. Cheney, 1936–2026
 Rev. Norman R. Finke, 1938–2025
 Mr. Jonathan M. Fischer, 1936–2025
 Mr. David L. Goeke, 1948–2026
 Rev. Edward R. Greenthaner, 1933–2025
 Rev. James F. Haupt, 1933–2024
 Mr. Michael P. Held, 1943–2024
 Rev. Robert W. Hill, 1935–2025
 Rev. Arthur L. Hill, 1954–2024
 Mr. Robert L. House, 1931–2024
 Rev. Charles L. Houska, 1941–2023
 Mr. James E. Kamprath, 1946–2024
 Rev. Gary A. Koopmann, 1942–2024
 Rev. James P. Kretzmann, 1949–2025
 Rev. David G. Loeffler, 1924–2024
 Mr. William H. Lubben, 1947–2023
 Rev. Willie C. Lucas, 1947–2025
 Rev. Dr. Donald S. Luedemann, 1938–2025
 Dr. Robert W. Malzahn, 1949–2025
 Mrs. Janet C. Meyer, 1947–2026
 Mrs. Gene M. Mueller, 1936–2024
 Mr. Robert E. K. Oettel, 1937–2024
 Rev. Hiram E. Orea-Coria, 1949–2023
 Rev. Claudio Perez Sr., 1931–2025
 Rev. James M. Richardson Sr., 1936–2024

Rev. Ronald R. Rodeck, 1935–2023
 Mrs. Eloise H. Roskavich, 1937–2024
 Mr. Bruce D. Rudi, 1953–2023
 Mr. Albert C. Schlichting, 1928–2025
 Rev. Edward L. Schneider, 1924–2025
 Rev. Wayne E. W. Schumpe, 1939–2023
 Mr. Burge C. Smith, 1934–2025
 Rev. Mark W. Steege, 1932–2024
 Rev. John F. Stelling, 1939–2026
 Rev. Clarence L. Symmank, 1928–2026
 Mrs. Connie M. Telschow, 1981–2023
 Rev. Gerald L. Thiele, 1934–2023
 Rev. Richard F. Wagner, 1929–2025
 Rev. Thomas L. Wagstaff, 1945–2026
 Mrs. Diane D. Wallis, 1948–2023
 Mr. William D. Wenthe Sr., 1938–2024
 Mrs. Helen R. Wenthe, 1938–2025
 Mr. Theodore F. Zoch, 1936–2024

Wyoming District

Rev. Thomas Carl Jacobsen, 1936–2024
 Rev. Lowell N. Kayser, 1937–2025
 Rev. Richard L. Keuck, 1938–2025
 Rev. Daniel Charles Praeuner, 1948–2026

CONSENT CALENDAR

Preamble

Standing rule 10 states, “any remaining resolutions may be placed on a consent calendar if they are deemed by the chair to be non-controversial, courtesy, or honorific in nature and it shall require 15* percent of voting delegates to remove said resolution from the consent calendar. All resolutions not successfully removed shall be adopted without further action of the convention. The chairman may publish in each day’s *Today’s Business* a consent calendar for consideration that day.”

**in Session 5, this threshold was adjusted from 10 to 15 percent by amendment of Rule 10*

WHEREAS, the following have been presented by the President for adoption as part of the day’s consent calendar and not removed by request of at least ten percent of the voting delegation; therefore be it

Resolved, That the following resolutions shall stand adopted and be so reflected in the minutes and proceedings of the convention:

<u>Resolution</u>	<u>Title</u>
Res. 3-07	To Give Thanks to God for Synod Congregations Engaging in Mercy Ministries
Res. 5-12	To Conclude <i>Created Male and Female</i> Task Force and Receive Its Recommendations
Res. 8-03	To Fund our Synod’s Seminaries
Res. 8-05A	To Give Thanks for Concordia Publishing House’s Use of Bible Translations
Res. 8-06	To Commend Concordia Publishing House for Prioritizing Mission and Distribution
Res. 9-16A	To Amend Bylaws to Enhance Responsibilities of Synod Mission Boards and To Direct Board of Directors, Board for National Mission, Board for International Mission, and Chief Mission Officer to Review Overture 9-11



LCMS partner church leadership rehearses as a choir during the 69th Regular Convention of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod in Phoenix on Monday, July 20, 2026.
LCMS Communications/Erik M. Lunsford

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RESOLUTION ACTION REPORT

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02	Ad. Am. (1)	A/Adopted (2)		A/Adopted (2)	Adopted (6)	Adopted (3)
03	A/Adopted (1)	A/Adopted (2)		Adopted (2)	Adopted CC (5)	A/Ad. Am. (3)
04	Adopted CC (1)	Adopted (2)		B/Adopted (3)		A/Adopted (3)
05	A/Adopted CC (3)	Adopted (2)		Adopted (3)		A/Adopted (3)
06				A/Adopted (2)	A/Adopted CC (5)	A/Adopted (4)
07	A/Adopted (4)		Proposed CC (7)	Adopted (3)	Adopted CC (5)	A/Adopted (4)
08	A/Adopted CC (3)			Adopted as read (3)		Adopted (4)
09	A/Adopted (4)			A/Adopted (3)		A/Adopted (5)
10				Adopted CC (5)	Adopted (6)	Adopted (6)
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12	Adopted (4)				Proposed CC (7)	B/Ad. as read (5)
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 CC.: Consent Calendar (#): Action in session #

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16			A/Proposed CC (7)			
17					Del. Res. (TB, 4:382–83)	Adopted (5)
18					Omnibus Resolution A	Adopted (2)
19					Omnibus Resolution B (TB, 2B:266–67)	Adopted (2)
20					Omnibus Resolution C	Adopted (2)

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NEW DELEGATE RESOLUTIONS

To Require Transparency and Accountability Regarding Concluded HotChalk Litigation

NEW RESOLUTION

Overtures 8-16–17 (*CW*, 445–46)

WHEREAS, The delegate convention of the Synod is the legislative assembly that ultimately legislates policy, program, and financial direction for the Synod and “reserves to itself the right to give direction to all officers and agencies of the Synod,” and who are accountable to the Synod for their actions (Bylaw 1.4.1); and

WHEREAS, Bylaw 1.5.4 provides for full financial disclosure of the Synod and its agencies’ books and records to any member congregation, with specified, limited exceptions; and

WHEREAS, The litigation prosecuted by HotChalk against the Synod and Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF) concluded in mediation with a confidential settlement announced on Sept. 23, 2025; and

WHEREAS, The lawsuit against the Synod and LCEF was filed in April 2020 and continued for four and one-half years and required the Synod and LCEF to incur the expenditure of millions of dollars of attorney fees and legal costs; and

WHEREAS, There is no justification to not disclose the cost of this litigation from members of the Synod; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Synod officers and/or Board of Directors shall disclose the total amount of attorney fees incurred by the Synod and LCEF in defending the HotChalk lawsuit and the source(s) of payments of all attorney fees that the Synod and LCEF incurred in defending the HotChalk lawsuit.

Jim Runzheimer
Lay Delegate, Texas District

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

5. THEOLOGY AND CHURCH RELATIONS

To Address the Public Reading of Scripture in Public Worship

AMENDMENT TO RESOLUTION 5-09A

Resolution 5-09A (*TB*, 3:325–26)

To insert, at *TB* 3:325, after line 6, the additional *whereas*:

WHEREAS, Pastors are called by congregations in order to serve the congregation in Christ’s stead by the public proclamation of God’s Word and distribution of the Sacraments so that the laity may hear and receive God’s Word in the Divine Service as their Sabbath rest in order to be strengthened in the Christian faith to respond in prayer, praise, and service to God’s glory in their various earthly vocations; and

Aaron Kangas
Pastoral Delegate, Pacific Southwest District

7. UNIVERSITY EDUCATION

To Study Synodwide Corporate Status of Concordia University System

AMENDMENT TO RESOLUTION 7-08A

Resolution 7-08A (*TB*, 3:338)

To strike out, at *TB* 3:338, lines 32–33, the words “and the CUS Board of Directors, in consultation with the Institution Advisory Council,” and replace it with “, the CUS Board of Directors, and the Presidents of the Concordia universities,” so as to make lines 32–34 read:

Resolved, That the Synod in convention direct the BOD, the CUS Board of Directors, and the presidents of the Concordia universities to analyze the relative strengths and weaknesses between retaining the CUS as a corporation and converting the CUS into a commission of the Synod, and propose the best model to the 2029 convention.

Steven Mueller

Pastoral Delegate, Pacific Southwest District

9. STRUCTURE AND ADMINISTRATION

To Revise the Membership of the Pastoral Formation Committee

AMENDMENT TO RESOLUTION 9-10A

Resolution 9-10A (*TB*, 3:347–48)

To insert, at *TB* 3:347, line 44, before the closing parenthesis, the words “nor a first-term district president” so as to make lines 44–45 read:

2. ~~The presidents of the seminaries~~ A district president (not serving on a seminary Board of Regents nor a first-term district president), appointed by the Council of Presidents

Jonathan Burkee

Pastoral Delegate, Pacific Southwest District

To Adopt Recommendations of 2023 Res. 9-06A Task Force on Electoral Circuit Parameters

AMENDMENT TO RESOLUTION 9-13

Resolution 9-13 (*TB*, 1:174–75)

To revert, at *TB* 1:175, lines 20–22, to the original wording of Bylaw 3.1.2 (b), so as to read:

(b) Exceptions to these requirements may be made only by the President of the Synod upon request of a district board of directors.

Jonathan Burkee

Pastoral Delegate, Pacific Southwest District

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Chaplain Gregory Todd, who retired as chief of chaplains for the U.S. Navy in 2026, is honored during the 69th Regular Convention of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod in Phoenix on Tuesday, July 21, 2026.
LCMS Communications/Erik M. Lunsford



The Rev. Christopher S. Esget, newly elected LCMS fourth vice-president, preaches during the 69th Regular Convention of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod in Phoenix on Monday, July 20, 2026.
LCMS Communications/Erik M. Lunsford

SLATE OF CANDIDATES

The 69th Regular Convention of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (2026)

Office / Candidate	1 st Ballot	2 nd Ballot	3 rd Ballot	4 th Ballot
First Vice-President of the Synod				
<i>Minister of Religion—Ordained</i> (elect 1, 3-year term)	Total 926			
1. Christopher S. Esget (EN)	7.13% 66			
2. Alfonso O. Espinosa (PSW)	6.95% 157			
3. Eric T. Lange (NOW)	8.32% 77			
4. Peter K. Lange (MO)	60.37% 559			
5. Don R. (Richard) Stuckwisch Jr. (IN)	7.24% 67			
Regional Vice-President				
Central Region				
<i>Minister of Religion—Ordained</i> (elect 1, 3-year term)	Total 936	Total 940		
1. Benjamin T. (Ben) Ball (SI)	47.97% 449	51.91% 488		
2. Joel D. Biermann (MO)	42.95% 402	45.96% 432		
3. Peter J. Brock (IN)	2.99% 28			
4. Jeffrey P. Cloeter (MO)	3.85% 36	2.13% 20		
5. Michael P. Schuermann (CI)	2.24% 21			
East-Southeast Region				
<i>Minister of Religion—Ordained</i> (elect 1, 3-year term)	Total 925			
1. Wally M. Arp (SELC)	13.08% 121			
2. Christopher S. Esget (EN)	56.76% 525			
3. Jeffrey E. Skopak (SE)	10.81% 100			
4. Deric A. Taylor (NJ)	8.86% 82			
5. Luke T. Zimmerman (EN)	10.49% 97			
Great Lakes Region				
<i>Minister of Religion—Ordained</i> (elect 1, 3-year term)	Total 919	Total 931	Total 925	
1. Mark D. Brandt (MI)	22.31% 205	27.93% 260	33.62% 311	
2. Jamison J. Hardy (EN)	15.13% 139			
3. David P. Ramirez (SW)	20.02% 184	23.52% 219		
4. Eric C. Skovgaard (SW)	37.32% 343	48.55% 452	66.38% 614	
5. Sean A. Willman (MI)	5.22% 48			
Great Plains Region				
<i>Minister of Religion—Ordained</i> (elect 1, 3-year term)	Total 921			
1. David C. Mumme (MNS)	12.81% 118			
2. Nabil S. Nour (SD)	51.25% 472			
3. Matthew R. Richard (ND)	15.64% 144			
4. Scott C. Sailer (SD)	9.99% 92			
5. Steven D. Turner (IW)	10.31% 95			

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Regional Vice-President (cont.)				
West-Southwest Region <i>Minister of Religion—Ordained</i> <i>(elect 1, 3-year term)</i>	Total 935			
1. Timothy P. (Tim) Ahlman (PSW)	22.99% 215			
2. Alfonso O. Espinosa (PSW)	53.26% 498			
3. Bradley W. Jurischk (TX)	3.64% 34			
4. Eric T. Lange (NOW)	12.09% 113			
5. Yohannes A. Mengsteab (TX)	8.02% 75			
Regional Vice-President Rankings				
2nd Vice-President <i>Minister of Religion—Ordained</i> <i>(elect 1, 3-year term)</i>	Total 932	Total 932		
1. Benjamin T. (Ben) Ball (SI)	44.74% 417	52.9% 493		
2. Christopher S. Esget (EN)	10.41% 97	7.4% 69		
3. Alfonso O. Espinosa (PSW)	21.35% 199	26.5% 247		
4. Nabil S. Nour (SD)	15.99% 149	13.2% 123		
5. Eric C. Skovgaard (SW)	7.51% 70			
3rd Vice President <i>Minister of Religion—Ordained</i> <i>(elect 1, 3-year term)</i>	Total 928	Total 929		
2. Christopher S. Esget (EN)	25.11% 233	27.77% 258		
3. Alfonso O. Espinosa (PSW)	43.86% 407	55.97% 520		
4. Nabil S. Nour (SD)	21.98% 204	16.25% 151		
5. Eric C. Skovgaard (SW)	9.05% 84			
4th Vice President <i>Minister of Religion—Ordained</i> <i>(elect 1, 3-year term)</i>	Total 926	Total 930		
2. Christopher S. Esget (EN)	45.25% 419	53.12% 494		
4. Nabil S. Nour (SD)	41.47% 384	46.88% 436		
5. Eric C. Skovgaard (SW)	13.28% 123			
5th Vice-President and 6th Vice-President <i>Minister of Religion—Ordained</i> <i>(elect 1, 3-year term)</i>	Total 926			
4. Nabil S. Nour (SD)	66.74% 618			
5. Eric C. Skovgaard (SW)	33.26% 308			
Secretary of the Synod				
<i>Minister of Religion—Ordained</i> <i>(elect 1, 3-year term)</i>	Total 840			
1. Richard C. Rudowske Jr. (MO)	17.74% 149			
2. John W. Sias (MO)	82.26% 691			

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LCMS Board of Directors				
Central Region <i>Lay Member of LCMS Member Congregation</i> (elect 1, 6-year term)	Total 823			
1. Andrew N. Grams (MDS)	58.20% 479			
2. Aaron J. Silletto (IN)	27.46% 226			
3. Kevin W. Washburn (MDS)	14.34% 118			
West-Southwest Region <i>Lay Member of LCMS Member Congregation</i> (elect 1, 6-year term)	Total 852	Total 866		
1. Trey Cox (PSW)	21.24% 181	21.02% 182		
2. Jerald L. Folkerts (RM)	10.68% 91			
3. Stephen Reavis (TX)	23.71% 202	26.10% 226		
4. Jesse L. Yow Jr. (CNH)	44.37% 378	52.89% 458		
At-Large <i>Lay Member of LCMS Member Congregation</i> (elect 1, 6-year term)	Total 849	Total 864		
1. Thomas J. Deadrick (SD)	26.86% 228	36.23% 313		
2. David C. Eastburn (IE)	24.85% 211			
3. John W. Edson (MNS)	48.29% 410	63.77% 551		
At-Large <i>Minister of Religion—Commissioned</i> (elect 1, 6-year term)	Total 871	Total 866		
1. Nathan T. Domsch (NEB)	25.95% 226	36.49% 316		
2. Jay A. Krause (SI)	25.83% 225			
3. Jan W. Lohmeyer (SO)	48.22% 420	63.51% 550		
Board for National Mission				
Central Region <i>Minister of Religion—Ordained or Commissioned</i> (elect 1, 6-year term)	Total 884			
1. Douglas L. Rutt (MO)	36.99% 327			
2. Michael P. Schuermann (CI)	63.01% 557			
Great Lakes Region <i>Minister of Religion—Ordained or Commissioned</i> (elect 1, 6-year term)	Total 898			
1. Peter C. Bender (SW)	61.36% 551			
2. Miriam R. Yakimow (MI)	38.64% 347			
West-Southwest Region <i>Minister of Religion—Ordained or Commissioned</i> (elect 1, 6-year term)	Total 885	Total 899		
1. Kevin W. Austin (PSW)	33.45% 296	38.26% 344		
2. Thomas E. Chryst (TX)	49.83% 441	61.74% 555		
3. Neil S. Vanderbush (TX)	16.72% 148			
East-Southeast Region <i>Lay Member of LCMS Member Congregation</i> (elect 1, 6-year term)	Total 896			
1. Rande T. Casaday (EN)	14.73% 132			
2. David L. Daniels (SE)	50.67% 454			
3. Karen A. Dowbnia (EN)	13.84% 124			
4. Janis G. McDaniels (SE)	20.76% 186			
Great Plains Region <i>Lay Member of LCMS Member Congregation</i> (elect 1, 6-year term)	Total 892			
1. Vernon W. Kettelhake (NEB)	31.73% 283			
2. Sarah Rausch (SD)	68.27% 609			

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Board for International Mission								
East-Southeast Region <i>Minister of Religion—Ordained or Commissioned</i> <i>(elect 1, 6-year term)</i>			Total892					
1. James A. Douthwaite (SELC)			51.57%460					
2. Gregory D. Jans (NJ)			18.39%164					
3. Rachel E. Jaseph (SE)			30.04%268					
Great Plains Region <i>Minister of Religion—Ordained or Commissioned</i> <i>(elect 1, 6-year term)</i>			Total900		Total904			
1. Richard X. Her (MNS)			24.67%222					
2. Daniel Preus (MNN)			46.67%420		54.65%494			
3. Brent D. Smith (NEB)			28.67%258		45.35%410			
Central Region <i>Lay Member of LCMS Member Congregation</i> <i>(elect 1, 6-year term)</i>			Total890					
1. Adam D. Fosse (KS)			59.89%533					
2. Seth R. Hinz (MO)			40.11%357					
Great Lakes Region <i>Lay Member of LCMS Member Congregation</i> <i>(elect 1, 6-year term)</i>			Total903					
1. Kelly Bone (MI)			39.20%354					
2. John L. Powers (SW)			60.80%549					
West-Southwest Region <i>Lay Member of LCMS Member Congregation</i> <i>(elect 1, 6-year term)</i>			Total893					
1. Richard P. Fielitz Jr. (CNH)			16.46%147					
2. Terence Lung (CNH)			61.37%548					
3. Doss Tychicus (PSW)			22.17%198					
Commission on Theology and Church Relations								
<i>Minister of Religion—Ordained (parish pastor)</i> <i>(elect 1, 6-year term)</i>			Total902		Total902		Total893	
1.Theodore J. Hopkins (MI)			20.62%186		24.83%224			
2. Andrew C. Kennell (MO)			16.41%148					
3. Martin R. Noland (CNH)			23.17%209		25.50%230		39.31%351	
4. Mark P. Surburg (SI)			39.80%359		49.67%448		60.69%542	
<i>Lay Member of LCMS Member Congregation</i> <i>(elect 1, 6-year term)</i>			Total896					
1. Keith G. Chuvala (TX)			28.24%253					
2. Paul P. Edmon (NE)			52.68%472					
3. Joseph L. Olson (SW)			19.08%171					

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Concordia Historical Institute Board of Governors					
<i>Minister of Religion—Ordained</i> (elect 2, 6-year term)		A Total 899 B Total 899	A Total 900 B Total 905	A B	A B
1. Rodney A. Benkendorf (MO)	A B	38.38% 345	51.33% 462		
2. Mark A. Loest (MI)	A B	18.69% 168 17.24% 155			
3. David P. Ramirez (SW)	A B	21.91% 197 32.93% 296	26.67% 240 36.35% 329		
4. Robert V. Roethemeyer (IN)	A B	21.02% 189 49.83% 448	22.00% 198 63.65% 576		
<i>Minister of Religion—Commissioned or Lay</i> <i>Member of LCMS Member Congregation</i> (elect 1, 6-year term)		Total 893	Total 893		
1. David Duesenberg (MO)		17.25% 154			
2. Alessandro Meregaglia (NOW)		33.71% 301	40.76% 364		
3. Matthew C. Phillips (NEB)		49.05% 438	59.24% 529		
Concordia Publishing House Board of Directors					
<i>Lay Member of LCMS Member Congregation</i> (elect 4, 6-year term)		A Total 811 B Total 859 C Total 881 D Total 880	A Total 840 B C D Total 890	A B C D Total 880	A B C D
1. Heidi K. Abegg (EN)	A B C D	29.47% 239	62.26% 523		
2. Jeff Bull (IW)	A B C D	6.29% 51 9.08% 78 9.19% 81 11.59% 102			
3. Thomas R. Halvorson (MT)	A B C D	24.17% 196 51.34% 441	37.74% 317		
4. Mark Hemingway (EN)	A B C D	13.93% 113 15.37% 132 53.01% 467			
5. Seth R. Hinz (MO)	A B C D	11.47% 93 10.71% 92 16.35% 144 32.50% 286	38.09% 339	40.91% 360	
6. Noreen L. Linke (RM)	A B C D	2.59% 21 2.91% 25 4.88% 43 7.39% 65			
7. Sarah Rausch (SD)	A B C D	6.78% 55 6.17% 53 8.97% 79 16.25% 143	18.09% 161		
8. William M. Thompson II (MO)	A B C D	5.30% 43 4.42% 38 7.60% 67 32.27% 284	43.82% 390	59.09% 520	

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The Lutheran Church Extension Fund—Missouri Synod Board of Directors						
Minister of Religion—Ordained or Commissioned (elect 1, 3-year term)	Total	876	Total	879		
1. Michael L. Kumm (SD)	49.09%	430	63.25%	556		
2. Kevin D. Robson (MO)	24.54%	215	36.75%	323		
3. Blaise C. Sedney (SE)	26.37%	231				
Lay Member of LCMS Member Congregation (elect 3, 3-year term)	A Total	875	A Total	855	A	A
	B Total	887	B Total	882	B	B
	C Total	881	C		C	C
1. Jason Behr (SW)	A	10.29% 90				
	B	6.31% 56				
	C	9.19% 81				
2. Matthew W. Hurtienne (EN)	A	10.51% 92				
	B	9.24% 82				
	C	16.35% 144				
3. Julie A. Johnson (SI)	A	44.80% 392	72.16% 617			
	B					
	C					
4. Jonathan H. Kramer (MO)	A	11.20% 98	39.34% 347			
	B	33.26% 295				
	C	62.20% 548				
5. Gretchen A. Roberts (MDS)	A	16.34% 143	27.84% 238 60.66% 535			
	B	46.11% 409				
	C					
6. Ryan Weir (KS)	A	6.86% 60				
	B	5.07% 45				
	C	12.26% 108				
The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod Foundation Board of Trustees						
Minister of Religion—Ordained (elect 1, 6-year term)	Total	880				
1. Mark L. Huff (MI)	28.41%	250				
2. Todd C. Riordan (IN)	71.59%	630				
Lay Member of LCMS Member Congregation (elect 1, 6-year term)	Total	871	Total	864		
1. Glenn R. Pittsford (TX)	18.37%	160				
2. Franklin E. Simek Jr. (SI)	35.59%	310	44.33%	383		
3. Mark O. Swenson (MNS)	46.04%	401	55.67%	481		
Concordia University System Board of Directors						
Minister of Religion—Ordained (elect 1, 6-year term)	Total	886				
1. Jacob C. Bobby (SD)	26.64%	236				
2. Matthew E. Borrasso (SE)	17.38%	154				
3. Mark S. Nuckols (SW)	55.98%	496				

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Concordia Theological Seminary (Fort Wayne, Ind.) Board of Regents					
<i>Minister of Religion—Ordained</i> (elect 2, 6-year term)		A Total 889 B Total 884	A Total 889 B Total 893	A B	A B
1. Randall L. Golter (IE)	A B	10.91% 97 11.43% 101			
2. Timothy M. Klinkenberg (PSW)	A B	19.57% 174 35.41% 313	22.16% 197 45.80% 409		
3. Korey D. Maas (MI)	A B	38.58% 343	56.81% 505		
4. David P. Ramirez (SW)	A B	23.28% 207 43.55% 385	21.03% 187 54.20% 484		
5. Jeffrey E. Skopak (SE)	A B	7.65% 68 9.62% 85			
<i>Minister of Religion—Commissioned</i> (elect 1, 6-year term)		Total 871			
1. Matthew C. Janssen (MO)		28.13% 245			
2. Mark W. Meehl (NEB)		71.87% 626			
<i>Lay Member of LCMS Member Congregation</i> (elect 1, 6-year term)		Total 892	Total 893		
1. Elizabeth R. Killinger (TX)		29.82% 266			
2. Michael D. Lange (PSW)		25.22% 225	45.58% 407		
3. Christian A. Preus (MNS)		44.96% 401	54.42% 486		
Concordia Seminary (St. Louis, Mo.) Board of Regents					
<i>Minister of Religion—Ordained</i> (elect 2, 6-year term)		A Total 826 B Total 863	A Total 851 B Total 859	A B	A B
1. Joel A. Brondos (CI)	A B	41.77% 345	54.41% 463		
2. Warren W. Graff (RM)	A B	11.50% 95 11.82% 102			
3. Bruce E. Keseman (SI)	A B	17.19% 142 48.09% 415	19.39% 165 65.19% 560		
4. Richard C. Rudowske Jr. (MO)	A B	19.01% 157 30.01% 259	26.20% 223 34.81% 299		
5. Harald G. Tomesch (SW)	A B	10.53% 87 10.08% 87			
<i>Minister of Religion—Commissioned</i> (elect 1, 6-year term)		Total 868			
1. Sarah E. Gaffney (SI)		32.60% 283			
2. Michael S. Staub (TX)		67.40% 585			
<i>Lay Member of LCMS Member Congregation</i> (elect 1, 6-year term)		Total			
1. Michelle M. Kazmierczak (IN)		37.04% 320			
2. Noreen L. Linke (RM)		10.07% 87			
3. Mark O. Stern (NI)		52.89% 457			

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Concordia University Chicago (River Forest, Ill.) Board of Regents				
<i>Minister of Religion—Ordained</i> (elect 1, 3-year term)	Total 864			
1. Matthew D. Bean (SE)	14.12% 122			
2. Rene G. Castellero (SI)	19.21% 166			
3. Lawrence R. Rast Jr. (IN)	66.67% 576			
<i>Minister of Religion—Commissioned</i> (elect 1, 3-year term)	Total 864	Total 863		
1. Jeremy T. Geidel (NEB)	31.94% 276	43.22% 373		
2. Nathanael Hahn (WY)	47.69% 412	56.78% 490		
3. Paul R. Steinhaus (NW)	20.37% 176			
<i>Lay Member of LCMS Member Congregation</i> (elect 2, 3-year term)	A Total 854 B Total 866	A Total 862 B	A Total 847 B	A B
1. Alicia K. Dietrich (SI)	A 33.61% 287 B	42.92% 370	52.42% 444	
2. David Walz (NI)	A 36.07% 308 B 56.24% 487	45.01% 388	47.58% 403	
3. Alison C. Witte (OH)	A 11.71% 100 B 10.97% 95			
4. Mark D. Wolfrum (NI)	A 18.62% 159 B 32.79% 284	12.06% 104		
Concordia University, Irvine (Calif.) Board of Regents				
<i>Minister of Religion—Ordained</i> (elect 1, 3-year term)	Total 857			
1. Brian L. Kachelmeier (TX)	65.11% 558			
2. Elroi Reimnitz (PSW)	12.84% 110			
3. Muluneh Taye (CNH)	22.05% 189			
<i>Minister of Religion—Commissioned</i> (elect 1, 3-year term)	Total 848			
1. Robert S. Fogo (TX)	47.05% 399			
2. Sarah E. Gaffney (SI)	52.95% 449			
<i>Lay Member of LCMS Member Congregation</i> (elect 2, 3-year term)	A Total 857 B Total 845	A Total 852 B Total 840	A Total 833 B	A B
1. Harry Edmon (NOW)	A 8.17% 70 B 9.82% 83			
2. Laura G. Hemminger (NOW)	A 34.66% 297 B	44.48% 379	56.78% 473	
3. Gary C. Nelson (CNH)	A 29.05% 249 B 44.62% 377	30.63% 261 39.40% 331	43.22% 360	
4. Brian T. Yamabe (CNH)	A 28.12% 241 B 45.56% 385	24.88% 212 60.60% 509		

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Concordia University, Nebraska (Seward, Neb.) Board of Regents				
<i>Minister of Religion—Ordained</i> (elect 1, 3-year term)	Total 837			
1. Scott T. Adle (NEB)	62.96% 527			
2. Luther C. Biggs (NEB)	15.29% 128			
3. John David K. Zischke (MDS)	21.74% 182			
<i>Minister of Religion—Commissioned</i> (elect 1, 3-year term)	Total 834	Total 837		
1. Craig A. Ernstmeyer (MO)	42.21% 352	52.81% 442		
2. Jay A. Krause (SI)	40.89% 341	47.19% 395		
3. Alan P. Runge (NI)	16.91% 141			
<i>Lay Member of LCMS Member Congregation</i> (elect 2, 3-year term)	A Total 833 B	A Total 837 B	A B	A B
1. Dan Buman (NEB) A B	11.40% 95			
2. Christopher P. Heins (MO) A B	38.18% 318	50.90% 426		
3. Bruce D. Schultz (KS) A B	18.37% 153	18.52% 155		
4. Douglas Tewes (NEB) A B	23.89% 199	30.59% 256		
5. Stan Ullerich (IW) A B	8.16% 68			
Concordia University, St. Paul (Minn.) Board of Regents				
<i>Minister of Religion—Ordained</i> (elect 1, 3-year term)				
1. Jeffrey P. Cloeter (MO)				
2. Adam T. Filipek (ND)				
3. Donald J. Fondow (MNN)				
<i>Minister of Religion—Commissioned</i> (elect 1, 3-year term)				
1. John Chilman III (PSW)				
2. Tia M. Esser (SD)				
3. Gary L. Volberding (MNS)				
<i>Lay Member of LCMS Member Congregation</i> (elect 2, 3-year term)	A B	A B	A B	A B
1. Karl Abbott (SE) A B				
2. Paul C. Hinz (TX) A B				
3. Richard A. Rolf (MI) A B				
4. Rosa Summers (MNS) A B				

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Concordia University Texas (Austin, Texas) Board of Regents				
<i>Minister of Religion—Ordained</i> (elect 1, 3-year term)				
1. Keith W. Schweitzer (IW)				
2. Neil S. Vanderbush (TX)				
3. Richard A. Zeile (MI)				
<i>Minister of Religion—Commissioned</i> (elect 1, 3-year term)				
1. Christopher R. Marshall (SW)				
2. Miguel A. Ruiz (TX)				
<i>Lay Member of LCMS Member Congregation</i> (elect 2, 3-year term)	A B	A B	A B	A B
1. Jon Allen (EA) A B				
2. William Brandt (TX) A B				
3. Bob L. Ssekyanzi (TX) A B				
Concordia University Wisconsin (Mequon, Wis.) Board of Regents				
<i>Minister of Religion—Ordained</i> (elect 1, 3-year term)				
1. Jonathan E. Conner (IW)				
2. Dwayne M. Lueck (NW)				
3. Lance A. ODonnell (SW)				
<i>Minister of Religion—Commissioned</i> (elect 1, 3-year term)				
1. Jennifer Knox (SW)				
2. Paul R. Steinhaus (NW)				
<i>Lay Member of LCMS Member Congregation</i> (elect 2, 3-year term)	A B	A B	A B	A B
1. Jon Allen (EA) A B				
2. Rande T. Casaday (EN) A B				
3. David Lambert (EN) A B				
4. Stephen M. Saunders (SW) A B				

Office / Candidate	1 st Ballot	2 nd Ballot	3 rd Ballot	4 th Ballot
Commission on Worship				
<i>Minister of Religion—Ordained (parish pastor)</i> <i>(elect 1, 6-year term)</i>				
1. John M. Berg (SW)				
2. Steven C. Briel (MNS)				
3. Jason M. Kaspar (TX)				
4. David A. Kind (MNS)				
5. Brent W. Kuhlman (NEB)				
6. Steven P. Mueller (PSW)				
7. Daniel C. Ross (OK)				
8. Sean R. Smith (MDS)				
<i>Minister of Religion—Commissioned (parish teacher)</i> <i>(elect 1, 6-year term)</i>				
1. Matthew C. Janssen (MO)				
2. Darin D. Koenemann (IN)				
3. Miguel A. Ruiz (TX)				
4. Paul M. Soulek (NEB)				
5. Thomas J. Winterstein (MI)				
<i>Lay Member of LCMS Member Congregation</i> <i>(elect 1, 3-year term)</i>				
1. Michael Hollman (IN)				
2. Noreen L. Linke (RM)				
3. Joseph L. Olson (SW)				

ELECTION CANDIDATE CHANGES

The following notices update or correct information in the *Biographical Synopses & Statements of Nominees (BSSN)*:

The name of **Jason M. Kaspar**, candidate for **Commission on Worship**, was misspelled in *Today's Business* 4:396, 399.

Commission on Worship, Commissioned (TB, 2B:305): Darin D. Koenemann was added by floor nomination in Monday's session. Info follows:



Darin D. Koenemann, Decatur, IN; Zion, Decatur, IN (IN); LCMS 49, Principal/Teacher; Dir. Integration. **D:** Council for Congregational Services (2009–2018), Board of Directors (IN) (2018–Pres.). **C:** Congregational Recording Sec. (2002–2023) 2. **O:** CTSFW Schola Cantorum (member).

It has been a joy to serve as a teacher, principal, and church musician in our churches and schools. It has been a privilege to serve alongside faithful pastors who place a high value on the historical worship heritage of the Lutheran Church in contexts that support daily use of Lutheran Service Book in the school. I have worked in tandem with my pastors to assist them in supporting solid catechesis in those contexts using the resources put out by the Commission on Worship, especially the crown jewel, Lutheran Service Book. Lutheran Service Book is an invaluable resource produced by the previous Commission on Worship. If called upon to serve, I would faithfully execute my responsibilities to continue the tradition of the production of high-quality, faithful worship resources for our beloved Synod.

Commission on Worship, Ordained (TB, 2B:304): Steven P. Mueller was added by floor nomination in Monday's session. Info follows:



Steven P. Mueller, Lake Forest, CA; St. Paul's, Irvine, CA (PSW); LCMS 62; Asst. Pastor/Professor/CMO **S:** Comm. on Doc. Review 9, CUS Eccl. Accred. member 2; conv essayist 1; 5-01A task force 2; 5.02B task force 3; CUS worship standards task force; comm. on Luth. identity in CUS 6 **C:** Pr. Assist., St. Paul's, Irvine, CA 33; music dir. St. Paul's, Irvine, CA 2 **O:** Hymnal Supp 98 reviewer; LSB contributor; Luth. Study

Bible assoc. Ed.; CTSFW adjunct prof.; intro workshop leader for LSB (2006); instructor CUENet colloquy 20;

I am a lifelong member of the LCMS and am blessed to serve as an ordained minister for 35 years. Most of my ministry has been at Concordia University Irvine where I served on the theology and ministry faculty, as dean, and as VP and Chief Mission Officer. I have taught systematic theology and worship to undergraduates and MA students. I have remained active in parish ministry and currently am called assistant pastor at St. Paul's Irvine (in addition to my call to CUI). I am a hymn writer (e.g LSB 540) and have written books, articles, and other materials for CPH and others. I have previously worked with the Commission on Worship, served on the Commission for Doctrinal Review, and served in our Synod in various other ways. I gladly collaborate with others as we serve together."

NOTICES

Digital Availability of the Large Catechism

During discussion of Resolution 1-02 “To Proclaim 2029 the 500th Year of Luther’s Catechisms (*TB*, 1:58–59) an amendment was adopted to insert a *resolve* on line 58 after line 41: “*Resolved*, That the Synod in convention direct CPH to add the Large Catechism to existing digital resources.” Concordia Publishing House is pleased to share that the Large Catechism has been available digitally at bookofconcord.cph.org since January 16, 2026. It can now also be accessed directly from largecatechism.cph.org or from catechism.cph.org.

Luggage Storage

For those who must check out of their hotel Thursday morning but will participate in the remainder of the convention, please check with your hotel bell stand about storing your luggage. If storage is not available at your hotel, luggage may be stored in Room 106-C from 7:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.



The crucifix at the 69th Regular Convention of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod in Phoenix on Saturday, July 18, 2026. LCMS Communications/Erik M. Lunsford

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A packed room at Floor Committee 6 on Pastoral Ministry and Seminaries during the 69th Regular Convention of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod in Phoenix on Saturday, July 18, 2026.
LCMS Communications/Roy S. Askins



Deaconess Cara Patton prepares the altar before the 69th Regular Convention of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod in Phoenix on Saturday, July 18, 2026.
LCMS Communications/Frank Kohn