

CHRIST IS RISEN INDEED

LCMS 2026 Convention Guide

Today's Business, Issue 1

Pre-Convention Study Packet: Source Map, Resolution Inventory, and Omnibus Watch Guide

Purpose

A delegate-friendly pamphlet for studying the proposed resolutions, omnibus actions, late-business context, and major watch points in the 2026 Today's Business, 1st Edition PDF.

Source boundary

This is a study aid based on the uploaded 2026 Today's Business, Issue 1 document and the analysis developed in this conversation. It does not treat proposed resolutions or omnibus actions as final convention action unless the convention adopts them.

Table of Contents

How to Use This Packet	3
Phase 1: Source Map	3
Phase 2: Master Resolution Inventory	5
1. National Witness	6
2. International Witness	7
3. Mercy	8
4. Life Together	9
5. Theology and Church Relations	10
6. Pastoral Ministry and Seminaries	11
7. University Education	12
8. Finance	13
9. Structure and Administration	14
10. Ecclesiastical Supervision and Dispute Resolution	15
Phase 3: Omnibus Study	16
Omnibus A: Responsibility Assigned to Others	16
Omnibus A Item-by-Item	17
Omnibus B: Issues Addressed by Previous Conventions	19
Omnibus C: Expressions of Encouragement and Gratitude	19
Highest-Priority Omnibus Items to Review First	20
Delegate Study Plan	20
Closing Gospel Frame	20

How to Use This Packet

Use this as a reference notebook beside the official PDF. Page numbers refer to the printed page numbers in Today's Business, Issue 1. The packet begins with a source map, then gives a complete master inventory of the proposed resolutions, then unpacks Omnibus A, B, and C with watch points for delegates.

Delegate posture

Do not oppose an omnibus merely because it is omnibus. Do not approve an omnibus merely because it saves time. Read the item. Ask whether referral, prior-action affirmation, or thanks/recognition is actually enough.

Convention caveat

The first issue is not the final convention record. Daily issues of Today's Business may include revised resolutions, substitute resolutions, proposed amendments, changes to candidate information, and other notices. Keep the daily issues beside this packet.

Phase 1: Source Map

The table below maps the major sections of Today's Business, Issue 1 and explains why each section matters for studying convention business.

Section	Pages	Why it matters
A Prayer for Our Synod in Convention	2	Frames the convention under the resurrection of Christ, repentance, unity, courage, and faithful deliberation.
About Today's Business	3	Explains what the first issue is, how delegates should use it, and what other documents are needed.
Tentative Schedule	5-6	Shows expected timing for committees and major business blocks, including consent calendar slots.
Official Notices	7-8	Gives delegate logistics, daily issue process, prayer chapel, confession/absolution, and publication procedures.
Workbook and Nominee Updates	8	Updates prior convention materials, especially possible nominations tied to Res. 4-06.
Floor Nomination Forms	9-11	Provides forms and requirements if floor nominations are needed.
Floor Committee Open Hearings and Locations	12	Shows where open hearings and floor committee work occur.
Floor Committee Chairmen	13	Gives the contact map for committee-level questions and concerns.
Convention Standing Rules	14-17	Procedural engine room: omnibus procedure, consent calendar, amendment rules, microphone queue, and debate rules.
History of LCMS Conventions	18	Background reference for the Synod in convention.
President's Report, Part 2	19-36	Presidential framing and report material used by committees.
Late Reports	37-44	Adds material not in the Workbook that may affect resolutions.
Late Overtures	45-50	Adds late overtures assigned to committees 3, 4, 6, 7, and 8.
Omnibus Resolutions	51-55	Shows overtures proposed for referral, prior-action affirmation, or thanks/recognition.
Proposed Resolutions	57-185	Core business: floor committee proposals for convention action.
Proposed Resolution Cross-Reference	187-189	Connects overtures to proposed resolutions or omnibus handling.

Omnibus and consent-calendar rule summary

Omnibus A refers overtures to a board, commission, office, individual, or group of Synod. Omnibus B affirms previous convention action. Omnibus C acknowledges thanks or recognition. A majority vote can remove an overture from an omnibus and refer it to the appropriate floor committee. Remaining resolutions may also be placed on a consent calendar if deemed non-controversial, courtesy, or honorific; 10 percent of voting delegates can remove a resolution from the consent calendar.

Phase 2: Master Resolution Inventory

Inventory count found in the Proposed Resolutions section: 106 proposed resolutions. These are committee-proposed convention actions, not adopted actions.

Floor Committee	Count
1. National Witness	15
2. International Witness	5
3. Mercy	7
4. Life Together	10
5. Theology and Church Relations	14
6. Pastoral Ministry and Seminaries	14
7. University Education	10
8. Finance	7
9. Structure and Administration	17
10. Ecclesiastical Supervision and Dispute Resolution	7

Inventory fields

Each row includes resolution number, page range, title, proposed action, category/type, related overtures if listed, and financial estimate if stated. "Not stated in provided source" means the information was not available in the supplied PDF text for that row.

1. National Witness

Res.	Pg.	Title	Proposed action	Category/type	Related overtures	Financial estimate
1-01	57-58	To Celebrate and Encourage All Nations Ministry in North America	Celebrate/recognize anniversary or work	mission / substantive; info; financial	Overture 1-01 (CW, 277)	no exploration cost; future materials not scoped
1-02	58-59	To Proclaim 2029 the 500th Year of Luther's Catechisms	Proclaim anniversary/year/emphasis	mission / informational; financial	Overtures 1-22-23, 29-30 (CW, 289, 291-92)	\$750,000
1-03	59-60	To Give Thanks to God for 150 Years of Black Ministry	Give thanks/recognition	mission / informational	Overtures 1-02-03 (CW, 277-78)	not stated in provided source
1-04	60	To Give Thanks for 130 Years of Deaf Ministry	Give thanks/recognition	mission / informational	not stated in provided source	not stated in provided source
1-05	60-61	To Prioritize Revitalization Work	Action described by title	mission / substantive	Overture 1-08 (CW, 281)	not stated in provided source
1-06	61	To Support Lutheran Congregations and Schools in Urban Contexts	Support/encourage the named ministry or action	mission / substantive; financial	Overtures 1-09-10 (CW, 281-82)	\$30,000
1-07	61-62	To Increase Church Planting at the Parish Level	Increase participation/support/action	mission / substantive	Overture 1-06 (CW, 280)	not stated in provided source
1-08	62-63	To Educate Young People	Action described by title	mission / financial	Overtures 1-10, 15, 17-19, 23 (CW, 282, 285-87, 289)	no significant/incremental Synod cost stated
1-09	63-64	To Promote Ministry Among Youth and Young Adults	Action described by title	mission / financial	Overtures 1-13, 21 (CW, 284, 288)	cost not estimable/not yet scoped
1-10	64-65	To Confront Increased Idolatry of Our Culture with Clear Confession of Love of Christ and Lutheran Resources in Christian Apologetics	Action described by title	mission / financial	Overtures 1-12, 22 (CW, 283-84, 289)	cost not estimable/not yet scoped
1-11	65-66	To Confess God's Design for the Family	Action described by title	mission / substantive	Overtures 1-24-25, 1-32 (CW, 289-291, 293)	not stated in provided source
1-12	66-67	To Support Campus Ministry	Support/encourage the named ministry or action	mission / substantive; financial	Overtures 1-04-05, 13, 21 (CW, 278-80, 284, 288)	\$200,000
1-13	67	To Strengthen the Synod's Digital Witness and Congregational Connections	Action described by title	mission; technology / financial	not stated in provided source	no significant/incremental Synod cost stated
1-14	67-68	To Give Thanks for Lutheran Hour Ministries and Encourage Enhanced Collaboration	Give thanks/recognition	mission / substantive; info	not stated in provided source	not stated in provided source
1-15	68-69	To Respectfully Decline Overtures	Decline listed overtures	mission / procedural	Overture 1-14 (CW, 284-85)	not stated in provided source

2. International Witness

Res.	Pg.	Title	Proposed action	Category/type	Related overtures	Financial estimate
2-01	69	To Give Thanks for LCMS Ministry to the Armed Forces	Give thanks/recognition	international / informational	Overtures 2-06 (CW, 296-97)	not stated in provided source
2-02	69-70	To Direct Districts and Encourage Congregational Participation in Global Mission through Prayer, Partnership, and Support	Direct named body/entity to act or study	mission / procedural; substantive	Overtures 2-01-02 (CW, 295)	not stated in provided source
2-03	70-71	To Give Thanks to God for Missionary Care Provided by the Office of International Mission	Give thanks/recognition	mission; international / informational; financial	Overture 2-03 (CW, 295-96)	\$800,000
2-04	71-74	To Amend Bylaws 1.7.3, 2.11.1, 3.8.3, 3.8.3.8, and 4.4.4-5 to Establish a Framework for Ecclesiastical Supervision and Pastoral Care for Independent International Congregations	Amend governing documents/bylaws as titled	governance; pastoral/education; international / structural; substantive	Overture 2-03 (CW 295-96)	not stated in provided source
2-05	74-76	To Give Thanks to God for 125 Years of Gospel Ministry, Partner Churches, and Mission in the Latin America and Caribbean Region	Give thanks/recognition	theology/church relations; mission; international / informational	not stated in provided source	not stated in provided source

3. Mercy

Res.	Pg.	Title	Proposed action	Category/type	Related overtures	Financial estimate
3-01	76	To Commend and Encourage Life Ministry Efforts of Congregations, Schools, Districts, and Recognized Service Organizations	Commend/encourage or recognize work	mercy / substantive; informational; financial	Overture 3-02 (CW, 299)	no significant/incremental Synod cost stated
3-02	76-77	To Promote Awareness of Christian Adoption and Fostering Needs	Action described by title	mercy / substantive	Overture 3-01 (CW, 299)	not stated in provided source
3-03	77-78	To Thank God for Work of LCMS Disaster Response and Human Care Partners and To Require Districts to Appoint Disaster Response Coordinators	Give thanks/recognition	mercy / informational; financial	Overtures 3-03-04 (CW, 299-300)	no significant Synod cost; districts may incur costs
3-04	78-79	To Encourage Use of Counseling and Telehealth Services for Care and Retention of Church Workers	Encourage action or participation	mercy / substantive; financial	Overture 3-07 (CW, 301-02)	cost not estimable/not yet scoped
3-05	79-80	To Commend Efforts to Serve Worker Wellness and Encourage Participation in Concordia Plan Services	Commend/encourage or recognize work	mercy / substantive; informational	Overture 3-06 (CW, 301)	not stated in provided source
3-06	80-81	To Encourage Synod to Respond to the Growing Addiction Crisis	Encourage action or participation	mercy / substantive	Overture L3-09 (TB, 1:45)	not stated in provided source
3-07	81-82	To Give Thanks to God for Synod Congregations Engaging in Mercy Ministries	Give thanks/recognition	mercy / informational	Overture 3-04 (CW, 300)	not stated in provided source

4. Life Together

Res.	Pg.	Title	Proposed action	Category/type	Related overtures	Financial estimate
4-01	82	To Establish Tell the Next Generation as Synod Mission and Ministry Emphasis	Establish emphasis, office, framework, or process	mission / substantive; financial	Overtures 4-02-07, 4-09, 4-12 (CW, 303-08)	no significant/incremental Synod cost stated
4-02	82-85	To Amend Bylaws to Refine Process for Creating Triennial Mission and Ministry Emphases	Amend governing documents/bylaws as titled	mission; governance / structural	Overture 4-12 (CW, 307-08)	not stated in provided source
4-03	85	To Commend and Sunset Synod Mission Priorities	Commend/encourage or recognize work	mission / substantive; informational	Overtures 4-01, 4-08, 4-10-11 (CW, 303, 306-07)	not stated in provided source
4-04	85-86	To Clarify Oversight and Revitalize Role of Registered Service Organizations	Clarify policy, practice, or terminology	governance / procedural	Overtures 4-32-35, L4-57 (CW, 319-22; TB, 1:46)	not stated in provided source
4-05	86-88	To Clarify Nomenclature for Chaplaincy and Institutional Care Work and To Amend Related Bylaws	Clarify policy, practice, or terminology	governance / procedural; structural	Overtures 4-38-39 (CW, 323-24)	not stated in provided source
4-06	88-91	To Amend Bylaws to Reinstate Commission on Worship	Amend governing documents/bylaws as titled	worship/doctrine; governance / structural; financial	President's Report, Part 2 (TB, 1:35); Overtures 4-23-31, 40-42, 46 (CW, 314-19, 324-27)	\$175,000
4-07	91-92	To Condemn Political Violence and Encourage Participation in Public Life	Condemn named teaching/practice/violence	life together / substantive	Overtures 4-45, 47-48, 53-55 (CW, 327-28, 330-31)	not stated in provided source
4-08	92	To Direct the Commission on Theology and Church Relations to Examine Current Political and Social Issues	Direct named body/entity to act or study	theology/church relations / procedural; financial	Overtures 4-13-22 (CW, 309-14)	no significant/incremental Synod cost stated
4-09	92-93	To Address Uses of Artificial Intelligence	Address named concern through resolution action	technology / substantive; financial	Overtures 4-51-52 (CW, 329-30)	no significant/incremental Synod cost stated
4-10	93-95	To Celebrate Concordia Historical Institute Centenary and Renew the Synod's Commitment to Treasure and Trumpet Its Redeemed History	Celebrate/recognize anniversary or work	life together / substantive; informational	Overture 4-56 (CW, 332)	not stated in provided source

5. Theology and Church Relations

Res.	Pg.	Title	Proposed action	Category/type	Related overtures	Financial estimate
5-01	95-97	To Recognize Altar and Pulpit Fellowship with Evangelical Lutheran Christian Church of Bolivia	Recognize fellowship/status/event	theology/church relations / substantive	Overture 5-01 (CW, 335-36)	not stated in provided source
5-02	97-98	To Support and Encourage Recognition of Altar and Pulpit Fellowship with Lutheran Mission - Australia	Support/encourage the named ministry or action	theology/church relations / substantive	Overture 5-02 (CW, 336-37)	not stated in provided source
5-03	98-99	To Give Thanks for the Mission Province in Sweden	Give thanks/recognition	mission; theology/church relations / informational	not stated in provided source	not stated in provided source
5-04	99-101	To Address Concerns with Partner Churches	Address named concern through resolution action	theology/church relations / substantive	Overtures 5-03-09 (CW, 337-41)	not stated in provided source
5-05	101-102	To Address Open Communion and Pastoral Exceptions in Extraordinary Circumstances	Address named concern through resolution action	worship/doctrine; theology/church relations; pastoral/education / substantive; financial	Overtures 5-16-18 (CW, 345-47)	no significant/incremental Synod cost stated
5-06	102-103	To Amend Bylaw 3.9.5.2.2 (b)	Amend governing documents/bylaws as titled	governance / structural	Overture 5-12 (CW, 343-44)	not stated in provided source
5-07	103-104	To Refer "Sister Church" Nomenclature Change to Commission on Handbook	Refer matter to named body	theology/church relations / procedural; financial	Overture 5-12 (CW, 343-44)	within budget; related literature costs likely not significant
5-08	104-105	To Reaffirm the Synod's Positions on Men and Women in the Church	Reaffirm existing teaching/practice/process	theology/church relations / substantive	Overtures 5-31-35 (CW, 355-57)	not stated in provided source
5-09	105-106	To Address the Public Reading of Scripture	Address named concern through resolution action	worship/doctrine / substantive	Overtures 5-26-30 (CW, 352-55)	not stated in provided source
5-10	106	To Request Commission on Theology and Church Relations Report on Human Organ Donation and Transplantation	Request report/study/action	theology/church relations / procedural; financial	Overture 5-23 (CW, 350)	no significant/incremental Synod cost stated
5-11	106-107	To Reaffirm Sanctity of Human Life Regarding Practice of In Vitro Fertilization	Reaffirm existing teaching/practice/process	theology/church relations / substantive; financial	Overtures 5-19-21 (CW, 347-49)	no significant/incremental Synod cost stated
5-12	107-108	To Conclude Created Male and Female Task Force and Receive Its Recommendations	Action described by title	theology/church relations / financial	Overtures 4-36, 5-41 (CW, 322-23, 360-61)	no significant/incremental Synod cost stated
5-13	108-109	To Give Thanks to God for 1700th Anniversary of First Council of Nicaea	Give thanks/recognition	theology/church relations / informational; financial	Overtures 5-37, 44 (CW, 358-59, 362)	no significant/incremental Synod cost stated
5-14	109-110	To Respectfully Decline Overtures	Decline listed overtures	theology/church relations / procedural	Overtures 5-38-39 (CW, 359-60)	not stated in provided source

6. Pastoral Ministry and Seminaries

Res.	Pg.	Title	Proposed action	Category/type	Related overtures	Financial estimate
6-01	110-111	To Uphold a Deep and Broad Study of Holy Scripture and Book of Concord in Synod Seminaries	Uphold stated standard/practice	pastoral/education / substantive	Overtures 6-01-8 (CW, 363-66)	not stated in provided source
6-02	111	To Encourage Seminary Specialized Witness and Outreach Training	Encourage action or participation	mission; pastoral/education / substantive	not stated in provided source	not stated in provided source
6-03	111-112	To Give Thanks for the Office of the Holy Ministry and our Synod's Pastors	Give thanks/recognition	pastoral/education / informational	not stated in provided source	not stated in provided source
6-04	112-114	To Support Residential Master of Divinity and Alternate Route Pastoral Formation for the Sake of the Flock	Support/encourage the named ministry or action	pastoral/education / substantive	Overtures 6-25-44 (CW, 379-91)	not stated in provided source
6-05	114-115	To Reaffirm the Synod's Process for Training and Certification for Pastors	Reaffirm existing teaching/practice/process	pastoral/education / substantive	Overtures 6-14-24 (CW, 370-78)	not stated in provided source
6-06	115-116	To Affirm and Support Established Parameters of Specific Ministry Pastor Program	Support/encourage the named ministry or action	pastoral/education / substantive	Overtures 6-46-48, 63 (CW, 392-94, 403)	not stated in provided source
6-07	116	To Encourage and Support Specific Ministry Pastors to Pursue General Pastor Certification	Encourage action or participation	pastoral/education / substantive; financial	Overtures 6-46-48 (CW, 392-94)	no corporate Synod cost; districts/seminaries bear costs
6-08	116-118	To Amend Bylaw 2.13.1 to Clarify Terminology for Specific Ministry Pastor Mentorship and Oversight	Amend governing documents/bylaws as titled	governance; pastoral/education / structural; procedural	Overture 6-45 (CW, 391-92)	not stated in provided source
6-09	118	To Implore Council of Presidents to Fulfill 2019 Resolution 6-03A re Oversight of Specific Ministry Pastors	Action described by title	pastoral/education / substantive	Overture 6-63 (CW, 403)	not stated in provided source
6-10	118-120	To Amend Bylaws to Address Seminary Adjunct Faculty	Amend governing documents/bylaws as titled	governance; pastoral/education / structural	Overture 6-73 (CW, 408)	not stated in provided source
6-11	120-122	To Embed Church Work Formation and Recruitment in the Culture of the LCMS	Action described by title	pastoral/education / substantive	Overtures 6-76-78 (CW, 409-11)	not stated in provided source
6-12	122-124	To Amend Bylaws to Reinsert 2007 Pastoral Colloquy Bylaws from Policy Manual	Amend governing documents/bylaws as titled	governance; pastoral/education / structural	Overtures 6-11-13 (CW, 367-70)	not stated in provided source
6-13	124-125	To Affirm that the Lord has Ordained that Those Who Preach the Gospel Should Make their Living from the Gospel	Action described by title	pastoral/education / substantive	Overtures 6-79-80 (CW, 411-12)	not stated in provided source
6-14	125-126	To Respectfully Decline Overtures	Decline listed overtures	pastoral/education / procedural	Overtures 6-72, 74, 84, 86-87 (CW, 408-09, 413-15)	not stated in provided source

7. University Education

Res.	Pg.	Title	Proposed action	Category/type	Related overtures	Financial estimate
7-01	126	To Commend the Concordia University System	Commend/encourage or recognize work	education/governance / informational; financial	Overtures 7-01-03, L7-30 (CW, 417-22; TB, 1:49)	\$1,100,000; \$250,000-\$325,000; \$19
7-02	126-127	To Amend Bylaw 3.10.6.2.2	Amend governing documents/bylaws as titled	governance / structural	not stated in provided source	not stated in provided source
7-03	127-128	To Amend Bylaw 3.6.6.1	Amend governing documents/bylaws as titled	governance / structural	not stated in provided source	not stated in provided source
7-04	128-129	To Clarify Prior Approval Protocols for University Theological Faculties	Clarify policy, practice, or terminology	governance; education/governance / procedural; financial	Overtures 7-13-24 (CW, 427-31)	no significant/incremental Synod cost stated
7-05	129	To Clarify Prior Approval Protocols for University Presidential Candidates	Clarify policy, practice, or terminology	education/governance / procedural	Overtures 7-20-24 (CW, 430-31)	not stated in provided source
7-06	129-131	To Encourage University Worship Practices That Form Students to be Faithful to Scriptures and Lutheran Confessions	Encourage action or participation	worship/doctrine; education/governance / substantive	Overture 7-06 (CW, 423)	not stated in provided source
7-07	131	To Clarify Lutheran Identity in Connection with the Concordia Universities	Clarify policy, practice, or terminology	education/governance / procedural	Overtures 7-04-05 (CW, 422-23)	not stated in provided source
7-08	131-132	To Study Synodwide Corporate Status of Concordia University System	Seek study/opinion/guidance	governance; education/governance / procedural; financial	Overtures 7-01-03, L7-30 (CW, 417-22; TB, 1:49)	\$75,000
7-09	132	To Give Thanks for Work and Ministry of Concordia University Ann Arbor	Give thanks/recognition	education/governance / informational	Overture 7-27 (CW, 435)	not stated in provided source
7-10	132-133	To Respectfully Decline Overtures	Decline listed overtures	education/governance / procedural	Overtures 7-09-11 (CW, 425-26)	not stated in provided source

8. Finance

Res.	Pg.	Title	Proposed action	Category/type	Related overtures	Financial estimate
8-01	133	To Encourage Transparency and Accountability in Legal Judgments and Settlements	Encourage action or participation	finance / substantive	Overture 8-17 (CW, 445)	not stated in provided source
8-02	133-136	To Amend Bylaw Section 3.7 to Clarify Additional Assigned Responsibilities and Provisions on the Board of Trustees - Concordia Plans / Board of Directors - Concordia Plan Services	Amend governing documents/bylaws as titled	governance; finance / structural	Overtures 8-01-02 (CW, 437-38)	not stated in provided source
8-03	136	To Fund Our Synod's Seminaries	Provide or encourage funding	finance; pastoral/education / substantive	not stated in provided source	not stated in provided source
8-04	136-137	To Expand Access to the Lutheran Confessions	Action described by title	finance / substantive	Overtures 8-09-12 (CW, 443-44)	not stated in provided source
8-05	137	To Give Thanks for Concordia Publishing House's Use of Bible Translations	Give thanks/recognition	finance / informational	Overtures 8-07-08 (CW, 441-42)	not stated in provided source
8-06	137-138	To Commend Concordia Publishing House for Prioritizing Mission and Distribution	Commend/encourage or recognize work	mission; finance / informational	not stated in provided source	not stated in provided source
8-07	138-139	To Address Concordia Publishing House Shipping Charges	Address named concern through resolution action	finance / substantive	Overture 8-06 (CW, 441)	not stated in provided source

9. Structure and Administration

Res.	Pg.	Title	Proposed action	Category/type	Related overtures	Financial estimate
9-01	139-141	To Amend Bylaws 1.5.3.2-4 and Add Bylaw 4.7.6 regarding Regulations for Committees	Amend governing documents/bylaws as titled	governance / structural	Overture 9-01 (CW, 449-50)	not stated in provided source
9-02	141-143	To Amend Bylaws 1.5.1.2-1.5.2 to Clarify Service Expectations and Handling of Conflicts of Interest	Amend governing documents/bylaws as titled	governance / structural; procedural	Overture 9-02 (CW, 450-52)	not stated in provided source
9-03	143-146	To Amend Bylaws regarding Doctrinal Review	Amend governing documents/bylaws as titled	governance / structural	Overtures 9-03-07 (CW, 452-67)	not stated in provided source
9-04	146-152	To Amend Various Bylaws for Purposes of Clarification or Improvement	Amend governing documents/bylaws as titled	governance / structural; procedural	Overtures 9-08-10, 15-16, 47, 53, L9-54 (CW, 467-71, 476, 495-96, 501-03; TB, 1:50)	not stated in provided source
9-05	152	To Amend Bylaw 3.6.4.3 to Increase the Number of Lutheran Church Extension Fund Directors Elected by the Synod in Convention from Three to Four	Amend governing documents/bylaws as titled	governance; finance / structural	Overture 9-44 (CW, 493-94)	not stated in provided source
9-06	152-154	To Amend Bylaws 3.6.1.8 (c) and 3.6.4 (a) to Clarify that Two-Thirds Approval Requirements for Synodwide Corporate Entity and Lutheran Church Extension Fund Governing Document Amendments are Based on Members Actually Present at Meeting	Amend governing documents/bylaws as titled	governance; finance / structural; procedural	not stated in provided source	not stated in provided source
9-07	154	To Amend Bylaw 3.6.4.3 to Clarify That No More Than Two Lutheran Church Extension Fund Directors Can Be from the Same District	Amend governing documents/bylaws as titled	governance; finance / structural; procedural	Overture 9-44 (CW, 493-94)	not stated in provided source
9-08	154-157	To Amend Bylaws to Clarify and Streamline Responsibilities of Appointed Synod Officers	Amend governing documents/bylaws as titled	governance / structural; procedural; financial	Overtures 9-45-46 (CW, 494-95)	no significant/incremental Synod cost stated
9-09	157-159	To Amend Bylaws to Coordinate Responsibilities of Chief Mission Officer with Other Synod Officers	Amend governing documents/bylaws as titled	governance / structural; financial	not stated in provided source	no significant/incremental Synod cost stated
9-10	159-160	To Revise the Membership of the Pastoral Formation Committee	Action described by title	pastoral/education / substantive	Overtures 6-64-71 (CW, 403-07)	not stated in provided source
9-11	160-173	To Amend Bylaw Section 1.5, etc., to Unify in the Bylaws and Revise Corporate Formation Requirements for Instrumental Entities of Corporate Synod and Agencies of the Synod	Amend governing documents/bylaws as titled	governance / structural; financial	Overture 9-06 (CW, 457-67)	\$200,000
9-12	173-174	To Amend Bylaws Exclusive to Lutheran Church Extension Fund to Clarify That It May Provide Real Estate Evaluation and Redevelopment Services in Support of Synod Mission and Ministry	Amend governing documents/bylaws as titled	mission; governance; finance / structural	Overture 9-58 (TB, 1:50)	not stated in provided source
9-13	174-175	To Adopt Recommendations of 2023 Res. 9-06A Task Force on Electoral Circuit Parameters	Adopt recommendations or policy	governance / substantive	Overtures 9-19-20, 33 (CW, 477, 488-89)	not stated in provided source
9-14	175-176	To Amend Constitution Article XII 15 as to Call of Special District Conventions	Amend governing documents/bylaws as titled	governance / structural	not stated in provided source	not stated in provided source
9-15	176-177	To Increase Congregation Participation in Election of Synod President	Increase participation/support/action	governance / substantive	Overtures 9-21-22 (CW, 477-80)	not stated in provided source
9-16	177	To Direct Board of Directors, Board for National Mission, Board for International Mission, and Chief Mission Officer to Review Overture 9-11	Direct named body/entity to act or study	mission; governance / procedural	Overture 9-11 (CW, 471-73)	not stated in provided source
9-17	177-180	To Respectfully Decline Overtures	Decline listed overtures	governance / procedural	Overtures 9-17, 23-32, 36-40, 48, 52 (CW, 476-88, 491-93, 496-501)	not stated in provided source

10. Ecclesiastical Supervision and Dispute Resolution

Res.	Pg.	Title	Proposed action	Category/type	Related overtures	Financial estimate
10-01	180	To Seek Commission on Theology and Church Relations Opinion regarding Usage of Matthew 18:15-20	Seek study/opinion/guidance	governance; theology/church relations / procedural; financial	Overtures 10-10, 12 (CW, 505-7)	no significant/incremental Synod cost stated
10-02	180-181	To Create a Task Force to Clarify Relationship Between Bylaw 1.10 and 2.14 and Consider Bylaw Changes for Dispute Resolution (Bylaw 1.10) and Expulsion of Congregations or Individuals from Membership in the Synod (Bylaw 2.14)	Create task force/process	governance / procedural; financial	Overtures 10-06, 08, 12-17, 20-23 (CW, 503-11, 512-13)	\$90,000-\$120,000
10-03	181-183	To Respond to Sexual Misconduct by Rostered Workers and Make Provision for Spiritual Care of Those Affected	Respond to named issue and provide care/process	governance / substantive; financial	Overtures 10-27-30 (CW, 515-18)	\$200,000-\$225,000
10-04	183-184	To Seek Unity and Peace in the Synod and to Establish a Practical Statement for God-Pleasing Use of Digital Communications	Seek study/opinion/guidance	governance; technology / procedural; substantive	Overtures 4-43-44, 49, 10-04-05 (CW, 326-28, 502-3)	not stated in provided source
10-05	184	To Amend Bylaw 4.2.4 regarding Installation of District Presidents	Amend governing documents/bylaws as titled	governance / structural	not stated in provided source	not stated in provided source
10-06	184-185	To Amend Bylaw 2.11.2.2 (c)	Amend governing documents/bylaws as titled	governance / structural	Overtures 10-38-39 (CW, 520-21)	not stated in provided source
10-07	185	To Respectfully Decline Overtures	Decline listed overtures	governance / procedural	Overtures 10-07, 11, 18-19, 26, 33 (CW, 504, 506, 511, 514, 519)	not stated in provided source

Phase 3: Omnibus Study

The omnibus layer is where overtures can be handled without full floor debate. That can be wise stewardship of convention time, but delegates should know exactly what is being bundled before allowing it to pass.

Omnibus	Plain-English meaning	If adopted
A	Responsibility assigned to others. These overtures are referred to a board, office, individual, commission, or other Synod group.	The overture is not debated as its own floor action; it is sent to the named body for consideration and appropriate action.
B	Issues addressed by previous conventions. Synod has already spoken on these matters.	The overture is not taken up as new separate action; petitioners are referred to prior convention actions or existing bylaws.
C	Expressions of encouragement and gratitude.	The Synod formally receives expressions of thanks or recognition; no separate action plan unless the text says so.

Motion language to remove from omnibus

Mr. Chairman, I move to remove Overture [number] from Omnibus Resolution [A/B/C] and refer it to Floor Committee [number/name] for action. Be ready to add one sentence: This matter deserves separate consideration because it affects [doctrine/governance/finance/pastoral care/congregations] and should not be handled only by omnibus referral.

Omnibus A: Responsibility Assigned to Others

Omnibus A is the primary watch zone. It contains many matters that could be responsibly referred, but also issues involving doctrine, call theology, ecclesiastical supervision, university governance, legal transparency, worker benefits, and Synod structure.

Cluster	Overtures
Membership decline and mission structure	Ov. 1-07, 5-22, 9-12, 9-13, 9-14, 9-18
Call and pastoral office questions	Ov. 5-13, 5-14, 6-75, 6-88, 10-24, 10-25, 10-31, 10-34, 10-35
Concordia and university transparency	Ov. 7-28, 7-29
Finance, benefits, and legal transparency	Ov. 8-03, 8-04, 8-05, 8-16, 8-18, L8-19
Ecclesiastical supervision and digital conduct	Ov. 10-01, 10-02, 10-03, 10-09, 10-36

Omnibus A Item-by-Item

Ov.	Subject	Referred to	Closer review?
1-07	Study and recommend ways to stop and reverse long decline in Synod membership	Office of National Mission	HIGH - Membership decline is a major Synodwide issue. Ask for a clear reporting path.
1-16	National standards for schools to protect students	Synod Board of Directors	HIGH - Child protection and school standards are high-stakes. Check district/school implications.
1-20	Include homeschool enrollment in Synod statistical reports	LCMS Rosters, Statistics, and Research Services	Moderate - Statistical categories and representation assumptions may be affected.
1-27	Propose LCMS Men's Ministry	Office of National Mission	Moderate - Likely programmatic, but worth tracking.
1-28	Study congregation-based older adult ministries	Office of National Mission	Moderate - Ministry opportunity, likely programmatic.
2-04	Promote divine call opportunities for Ethnic Immigrant Institute of Theology pastors	Board for International Mission	HIGH - Touches call practice, ethnic ministry, and international mission context.
2-05	Amend bylaws to protect divine calls of missionaries	CTCR	HIGH - Bylaw and divine call theology should not disappear into referral without clarity.
2-07	Thank God for 60th anniversary of LCMS international schools in Asia and pray for guidance	International Schools Task Force	Low/Moderate - Gratitude item, but task force connection deserves a quick look.
3-05	Establish district commission on immigration and immigration resources	Office of National Mission	HIGH - Immigration is pastoral, mercy-related, and politically sensitive.
3-08	Define leadership and its priority for worker wellness	Office of National Mission	Moderate - Worker wellness is important, but "define leadership" needs clarity.
4-50	Sunday School material for very small congregations	Concordia Publishing House	Moderate - Practical and helpful; check feasibility and cost.
5-13	Comprehensive review when a call is terminated or self-terminated	Council of Presidents	HIGH - Call termination affects pastors, congregations, supervision, and due process.
5-14	Study divine calls to positions not directly tied to proclamation of Gospel and administration of Sacraments	CTCR	HIGH - Theology of call and office is central. Track closely.
5-15	Sound teaching on eschatology or last things	Concordia Publishing House	Moderate - Doctrine-related, but routed to resources rather than formal doctrinal action.
5-22	Believe, teach, and confess Missio Dei	CTCR with Council of Presidents	HIGH - Mission language can clarify or confuse. Ask what product or report is intended.
5-24	Urge Church of Christ to stay and do her duty	Office of President and Council of Presidents	HIGH - Broad ecclesial counsel. Needs source review before quiet referral.
5-25	Publicly acknowledge theological and ecclesial errors in church's COVID-19 response	Office of President and Council of Presidents	HIGH - High relational and theological heat. Referral may frustrate petitioners seeking public action.
5-36	Affirm inspiration and authority of Mark 16:9-20	Seminary faculties	HIGH - Scripture and textual questions deserve theological precision.
5-40	Release and use of Luther's Large Catechism with Annotations and Contemporary Applications	CTCR	HIGH - Prior flashpoint. Referral may be proper, but ask about accountability/timeline.
5-42	Designate President's Director of Church Relations as primary representative for ecclesiastical relations	Office of President and CCM	HIGH - Bylaw and church relations structure. Needs governance review.
5-43	Refer some CTCR assignments to seminaries	CTCR	Moderate/High - Workload and authority between CTCR and seminaries should be clarified.
6-75	Prioritize assignment of seminary candidates to sole vacancies over associate positions	Council of Presidents	HIGH - Pastoral supply and call placement matter to congregations directly.
6-81	Mandate continuing education for parish pastors	Office of Pastoral Education	HIGH - Mandate language may affect congregations, pastors, cost, and supervision.
6-82	Congregations establish sabbatical policy for church workers	Office of National Mission	Moderate - Good care question; local governance and finances may be affected.
6-83	Ministry sabbaticals for church workers	Office of National Mission	Moderate - Similar to 6-82.
6-85	Standardize vacancy pastor remuneration guidelines	Council of Presidents	Moderate - Practical, but touches congregational budgets and vacancy care.
6-88	Affirm functions of pastoral office belong to that office	Council of Presidents	HIGH - Office of the Ministry, lay service, vacancy practice, and congregational life intersect.
L6-89	Study to support ethnic ministry pastors and commissioned workers	Office of National Mission	HIGH - Late overture plus ethnic ministry support. Ensure it is not buried.

Ov.	Subject	Referred to	Closer review?
7-12	Licensed counselors serving RSOs complete Director of Family Life Ministry colloquy	Colloquy Committee for Commissioned Ministry and CUS Board	Moderate/High - RSO staffing, commissioned ministry, and counseling vocations intersect.
7-28	Project postmortem examination of Concordia University Ann Arbor	Synod BOD and CUS BOD	HIGH - Concordia governance and trust issue. Ask for transparency.
7-29	Transparency from Concordia University Wisconsin, Ann Arbor	Synod BOD and CUS BOD	HIGH - Same cluster as 7-28.
8-03	CPS annual ERISA-comparable transparency to participants	Concordia Plans trustees and CPS directors	HIGH - Benefits transparency affects workers and employers.
8-04	CPS sustainability through work with other church bodies	CPS directors, Synod BOD, CCM	HIGH - Financial sustainability plus church-body relationships and governance.
8-05	Stabilize cost of CPS benefits	CPS directors, Synod BOD, CCM	HIGH - Direct financial impact for congregations, schools, RSOs, and workers.
8-16	Transparency and unity regarding concluded HotChalk litigation	Synod BOD and legal counsel	HIGH - Legal, financial, and trust implications.
8-18	Transparency and accountability in legal judgments and settlements	Synod BOD and legal counsel	HIGH - Legal and trust implications.
L8-19	Explore cost-of-living increase options for Concordia Retirement Plan	Concordia Plan Services	HIGH - Worker retirement support and long-term funding implications.
9-12	Restructure mission boards	Office of President and BOD	HIGH - Major governance and mission structure question.
9-13	Revisit 2010 restructuring	Office of President and Synod BOD	HIGH - Broad structural concern. May deserve public conversation.
9-14	Revisit 2010 restructuring	Office of President and Synod BOD	HIGH - Same as 9-13.
9-18	Reclaim beneficial understanding of synodical union	Office of President	HIGH - Theological and constitutional flavor. Worth reviewing before referral.
9-41	Clarity about amendments to resolutions	Secretary of Synod	Moderate - Procedural clarity matters for floor debate.
9-49	Clarify multipoint and multicampus parish	Office of National Mission	HIGH - Congregational structure, call, supervision, and mission practice intersect.
10-01	Encourage visitation by Synod and district	Council of Presidents	HIGH - Ecclesiastical supervision and pastoral care implications.
10-02	Guidelines for ecclesiastical supervision of internet accusations	Council of Presidents	HIGH - Digital accusations, Eighth Commandment, and discipline process matter.
10-03	Named or anonymous social media accounts creating strife and division	Council of Presidents	HIGH - Social media discipline is a live powder keg.
10-09	Pastoral care for congregations affected by major disciplinary actions	Council of Presidents	HIGH - Referral should not mean silence.
10-24	Clarify circumstances of called worker removal or resignation	Council of Presidents	HIGH - Directly affects roster status, calls, and congregational trust.
10-25	Clarify circumstances of called worker removal or resignation from roster	Council of Presidents	HIGH - Same cluster as 10-24.
10-31	Certify accuracy and trustworthiness of call	Council of Presidents	HIGH - Call integrity is core church governance.
10-32	Allow pastors to opt out of pre-call interviews or contact	Council of Presidents	Moderate/High - Call process and congregational expectations are affected.
10-34	Oversee ordained ministers serving congregations without formal call	Council of Presidents	HIGH - Office, call, and supervision issue.
10-35	Encourage pastors to honor their own call	Council of Presidents	Moderate/High - Pastoral conduct and call theology.
10-36	Publication of Council of Presidents Manual	Council of Presidents	HIGH - Transparency and procedural trust issue.
10-37	Compensation for circuit visitors	District boards of directors	Moderate - District-level financial and workload question.

Omnibus B: Issues Addressed by Previous Conventions

Omnibus B does not say the subject is unimportant. It says the committee believes existing Synod action already covers the overture. The delegate question is whether the previous action actually answers the present concern.

Ov.	Subject	Previous action cited	Closer review?
1-11	Inspire training for witness	2023 Res. 1-01A	Low/Moderate - Likely already addressed under witness training.
1-26	Strengthen Christ-centered homes through family discipleship work	2019 Res. 12-07B	Moderate - Family discipleship remains important; prior action may cover it.
4-37	Oppose couples living together outside marriage and support pastoral repentance, absolution, and care	2023 Res. 5-11	HIGH - Pastoral care, Law and Gospel, marriage, and public witness. Check whether 2023 action truly covers it.
5-10	Encourage and promote biblical teaching of creation	1932 Brief Statement; 1967 Res. 2-31; 1973 Res. 3-01; 2004 Res. 2-08A; 2019 Res. 5-09A	HIGH - Prior-action list is strong; ask whether overture sought education, enforcement, or fresh teaching.
7-08	Congregations include support for regional Concordia university in annual mission budgets	2023 Res. 7-06B	HIGH - Financial support for Concordias is current and sensitive.
7-25	Recognized ecclesiastical relationship with Luther Classical College	2023 Res. 7-04B	HIGH - Education and ecclesiastical recognition are live issues.
9-34	Strengthen convention participation of commissioned ministers	Bylaws 3.1.5, 3.1.3.1; 2023 Res. 9-08A	Moderate/High - Representation questions often carry governance concerns.
9-35	Strengthen nonvoting advisory role of commissioned ministers at Synod conventions	Bylaws 3.1.5, 3.1.3.1; 2023 Res. 9-08A	Moderate/High - Same representation cluster as 9-34.
9-42	Change to four-year convention cycle	Declination of 2023 Res. 9-09A	Moderate - Convention cycle affects cost, accountability, and governance rhythm.
9-43	Amend Constitution Article VIII A 1 to change to four-year convention cycle	Declination of 2023 Res. 9-09A	Moderate - Constitutional question, but recently declined.
9-50	Adopt dual title of bishop and president for district presidents	1981 Res. 3-19	HIGH - Title "bishop" touches church polity, perception, and confessional sensitivities.
9-51	Authorize title bishop for Synod President and district presidents	1981 Res. 3-19	HIGH - Same bishop-title cluster.

Omnibus C: Expressions of Encouragement and Gratitude

Omnibus C is mostly safe recognition, but gratitude items can still touch sensitive history or governance concerns.

Ov.	Subject	Encouragement or thanks	Closer review?
1-31	Give thanks for and offer renewed commitment to work of Atlantic District	Thank God for 120 years of faithful Gospel service and mission work of the Atlantic District	Low - Straightforward recognition.
1-33	Commend family discipleship work of Concordia Center for the Family	Thank God for the continued blessing of CCF work, including its leaders, especially Rev. Dr. Todd A. Biermann	Low/Moderate - Mostly gratitude; check connections to other family discipleship resolutions.
7-26	Give thanks for the Board of Regents of Concordia College, New York	Thanks for diligent, fair, and faithful work	Moderate - Gratitude is simple, but Concordia closings and governance are sensitive.

Highest-Priority Omnibus Items to Review First

Priority	Overture(s)	Why
1	8-16, 8-18	Legal transparency, financial accountability, and trust.
2	7-28, 7-29	Concordia University Ann Arbor and CUWAA transparency.
3	10-24, 10-25, 10-31, 10-34, 10-36	Call integrity, roster questions, and Council of Presidents transparency.
4	5-13, 5-14, 6-88	Divine call and Office of the Ministry questions.
5	9-12, 9-13, 9-14	Mission board structure and 2010 restructuring.
6	5-22	Missio Dei language, useful but needs theological clarity.
7	5-25	COVID-19 response, likely high emotional and theological heat.
8	8-03, 8-04, 8-05, L8-19	Concordia Plans, benefits, retirement, and sustainability.
9	9-50, 9-51	Bishop/president terminology and church polity.
10	3-05	Immigration resources, important mercy concern with public-policy sensitivity.

Bottom-line read

Omnibus C is mostly recognition. Omnibus B is mostly "Synod already spoke," but several items deserve checking against cited prior actions. Omnibus A is the watch zone. Ask whether referral is enough, whether a report-back is needed, or whether delegates should pull an item for separate floor committee action.

Delegate Study Plan

Step	Action
1	Read the About Today's Business section and Standing Rules first, especially omnibus and consent calendar rules.
2	Mark the master inventory by committee. Circle financial estimates, bylaw amendments, and declined/referred overtures.
3	Review Omnibus A items before convention. Decide which referrals are sufficient and which may need floor committee action.
4	For Omnibus B, check the cited prior action before assuming the new overture is fully answered.
5	During convention, compare daily Today's Business issues against this packet for substitutions, amendments, or schedule changes.

Closing Gospel Frame

The convention is not a theological cage match in sensible shoes. It is the church in convention, called to deliberate under the risen Christ, confess the Gospel clearly, care for one another honestly, and serve the mission entrusted to the Synod. Law names what needs repentance and repair. Gospel gives Christ, crucified and risen, for sinners. That is the heartbeat beneath the bylaws, tables, and microphones.

Christ is risen indeed

Because Christ is risen, the church can handle hard business with courage, patience, repentance, and hope. The goal is not procedural victory for its own sake, but faithful confession and shared witness to Jesus for the sake of the harvest.