

The convention Opening Worship Service was held on Thursday, April 19, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, Sioux Falls, SD. The Reverend Dr. Matthew C. Harrison, President of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod served as the preacher. Special music was provided by The Shepherd's Chorale of Sioux Falls Lutheran School. Reverend Howard O. Shane served as the organist.

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First Session

The first session of the 61st Convention of The South Dakota District of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod was called to order at 3:45 p.m. on Thursday, April 19, 2018. District President Reverend Scott C. Sailer welcomed all delegates and special guests to the convention.

President Sailer called on the Reverend Kory Janneke, Chairman of Committee 4, to give the Initial Report of this committee (Registration, Credentials and Excuses). Reverend Janneke reported that there are 62 pastoral delegates (out of a possible 62 pastoral delegates) and 61 lay delegates (out of a possible 67), for a total of 123 voting delegates in attendance. Chairman Janneke reported that 66 votes are needed for a majority. In addition to voting delegates, Chairman Janneke reported that 29 advisory delegates and 58 special guests are in attendance for a total of 210 persons registered for the convention.

It was moved and seconded to approve the initial report of Committee 4. The motion carried.

It was moved and seconded to dispense with reading of the Standing Rules. The motion carried.

It was moved and seconded to amend Standing Rule 11 on page 4 by adding iPads, Tablets, and smart phones to the list of electronic devices, and in the chart on the top of page 5, in the last column, delete the section in parentheses, and have this section now read, "Laptops, iPads, and Tablets with communications disabled."

District President Sailer called for adoption of the proposed agenda. It was moved and seconded to accept the agenda as presented. The motion carried.

President Sailer appointed Reverend Ken Johnson as Judge of Elections. DCE Lorien Peterson and DCE Joshua Schmitt will serve with Reverend Johnson as the Elections Committee – Floor Committee 6.

President Sailer appointed District Legal Counsel, Mr. Tom Deadrick, to serve as Parliamentarian.

Mrs. Krista Erickson was appointed as the assistant to the District Secretary for this convention.

President Sailer appointed Mrs. Debbie Sattgast as convention photographer.

President Sailer turned the chair over to First Vice-President, The Reverend Gene Bauman, so that President Sailer could give his report. President Sailer reported on the challenges facing District

congregations and spoke of ways that District and congregations can work together to address those challenges. President Sailer reminded the delegates that in times of joy or sorrow the church remains the precious Bride of Christ.

Concluding his report 1st Vice-President Reverend Gene Bauman returned the chair to President Sailer. Also at that time Reverend Gene Bauman gave special thanks to Mrs. Sarah Sailer and presented her with a gift of flowers.

President Sailer called upon Reverend Paul Winckler, Chairman of Floor Committee 1, to give his report.

Reverend Winckler, on behalf of Floor Committee 1, presented the following Resolutions.

RESOLUTION 1-01: To Establish The Convention Theme of "Behold Your God! What Help! What Hope!" The resolution was moved and adopted.

RESOLUTION 1-02: To Recognize Individuals and Welcome Them Into The South Dakota District of The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod. It was moved and adopted. The Reverend Dr. Matthew C. Harrison, President of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, welcomed the new ordained and commissioned ministers into the District.

President Sailer called upon Reverend Timothy Rynearson, Chairman of Committee 5, to present the slate of nominees for District President. The three candidates presented for the office of District President were Reverend Thomas Christopher, Reverend Ray Greenseth and Reverend Scott Sailer. A motion was made and seconded to adopt the slate of candidates. The motion carried.

President Sailer called for the ballot for District President to be presented by electronic vote and declared voting open. Upon collection of electronic votes, President Sailer declared voting closed. Results for first ballot for District President: Reverend Thomas Christopher – 12%; Reverend Scott Sailer – 88% and Reverend Ray Greenseth – 0%. Having received a majority of the votes cast, Reverend Scott Sailer was declared elected President of The South Dakota District.

President Sailer called upon Reverend Ken Johnson to solicit nominations for the office of 1st Vice-President. The ballots were distributed to the voting delegates and collected by Floor Committee 6.

President Sailer invited Jane Wilke from Concordia University, St. Paul, Minnesota to bring greetings.

President Sailer invited Reverend Dr. Brian Friedrich, President of Concordia University, Nebraska to bring greetings.

President Sailer called upon Chairman of Floor Committee 2, Reverend Thomas Christopher to present his report.

RESOLUTION 2-07: To Celebrate and Give Thanks To God For The 125th Anniversary of Concordia University, Seward, Nebraska. It was moved and adopted.

President Sailer turned the chair over to 1st Vice-President Reverend Gene Bauman, so that President Sailer could address the convention. President-elect Sailer thanked the delegates for his re-election and for the confidence they placed in him to serve as the District President for the next three years.

After his remarks, 1st Vice-President Gene Bauman returned the chair to President Sailer. There was a correction announced regarding the number of Advisory Delegates. It was previously reported that there were 29 Advisory Delegates. The correct number of Advisory Delegates is 30. Therefore the new total of convention attendees is 211. Motion was made and seconded to correct the initial report from the Committee on Registration to reflect the change in the number of Advisory Delegates. The motion carried.

President Sailer called upon Convention Chaplain Gene Bauman for the evening meal prayer. The convention recessed for supper at 5:35 p.m.

Second Session

At 6:45 p.m. President Sailer reconvened the Convention. He called upon Convention Chaplain Gene Bauman to say a prayer on behalf of Reverend Dr. Matthew C. Harrison. After the prayer, President Sailer called upon District LCEF Vice-President Randy Gayken to announce the delegate attendance prize drawing. Reverend Brian Lemcke won a \$100 VISA gift card.

President Sailer invited Reverend Dr. Matthew C. Harrison to give his Synod President's report. He shared a video presentation with the delegates. He also reported on the challenges facing the Missouri Synod. He took questions from the delegates.

President Sailer invited Reverend Kory Janneke to give some announcements.

President Sailer called upon Reverend Dan Deardoff, Chairman of Floor Committee 3, to present his report.

RESOLUTION 3-09: To Express Appreciation To Synod President The Reverend Dr. Matthew C. Harrison For His Attendance And Report To The Convention. The Resolution was moved and adopted.

President Sailer invited Convention Chaplain Gene Bauman to lead closing devotions.

President Sailer recessed the convention until 8:00 a.m., April 20, 2018.

Respectfully Submitted,

Reverend Samuel Bobby
Secretary

Third Session

President Sailer called the convention to order at 8:00 a.m.

President Sailer called on Convention Chaplain Gene Bauman to open with devotion.

A motion was made and seconded to dispense with the reading of the minutes from Thursday. The motion carried. A friendly amendment was made to correct the spelling of "Ipad" to iPad. The motion carried.

President Sailer called on the Reverend Kory Janneke, Chairman of Committee 4 to give an updated report on registration and credentials. Chairman Janneke reported that there are now 62 Pastoral delegates (out of a possible 62) and 65 Lay delegates (out of a possible 67); for a total of 127 voting delegates in attendance. Chairman Janneke reported that 64 votes are now needed for a majority. Also present were 24 ordained; 8 commissioned; 1 District President, 51 official guests, 3 District Staff, 3 Board of Directors and 2 Synodical Representatives.

President Sailer called on Reverend Ken Johnson, Judge of Elections to report on the nominating ballot for 1st Vice-President. Results: Thomas Christopher 16; Randy Sturzenbecher 16; Timothy Rynearson 10; L. Scott Spiehs 10; Samuel Bobby 7; Aaron Asmus 6; Timothy Koch 5; Greg Lehr 5; Christopher Ascher 3; Ray Greenseth 3; David Gunderson 3; Thomas Brown 2; Daniel Deardoff 2; Kory Janneke 2; Michael Kumm 2; Ryan Loeslie 2; David Otten 2; Iver Possehl 2; Corey Aker 1; Ryan Drevlow 1; David Ellis 1; Gary Jacobsen 1; Kenneth Johnson 1; Joshua Jones 1; David Knefelkamp 1; Brian Lemcke 1; David Lindenberg 1; Nabil Nour 1; Lloyd Redhage 1; Caleb Schewe 1; Dean Schroeder 1; Ken Soyk 1; Peter Utecht 1; Matthew Wurm 1; and Blank Ballots 6.

It was moved and seconded to take the top eight nominees for the slate of 1st Vice-President. The motion carried. The ballot for 1st Vice-President will be prepared with the following candidates: Reverend Thomas Christopher; Reverend Randy Sturzenbecher; Reverend Timothy Rynearson; Reverend L. Scott Spiehs; Reverend Samuel Bobby; Reverend Aaron Asmus, Reverend Timothy Koch; Reverend Greg Lehr.

President Sailer called on District Executive Secretary Reverend Darren Olson to give the District Executive Secretary's report. Executive Secretary Olson's report concluded at 8:58 a.m. President Sailer thanked Executive Secretary Olson for his report.

President Sailer called upon Reverend Ken Johnson to present the ballot for District 1st Vice-President. President Sailer declared voting open for the office of 1st Vice President and directed delegates to cast their vote. President Sailer declared voting closed and requested the results to be displayed. Results for 1st Vice-President: Reverend Randy Sturzenbecher received 41 votes or 34%; Reverend Thomas Christopher received 21 votes or 18%; Reverend L. Scott Spiehs received 15 votes or 13%; Reverend Timothy Rynearson received 14 votes or 12%; Reverend Samuel Bobby received 12 votes or 10%;

Reverend Timothy Koch received 7 votes or 6%; Reverend Aaron Asmus received 5 votes or 4%; Reverend Greg Lehr received 5 votes or 4%. Because no candidate received a majority of votes, a second ballot was required. Those candidates receiving less than 15% on the first ballot were dropped from the second ballot. The second ballot included Reverend Thomas Christopher and Reverend Randy Sturzenbecher and Reverend Timothy Rynearson.

Because no candidate received a majority number of votes on the second ballot, President Sailer requested that a third ballot for the office of District 1st Vice-President be prepared with the top two candidates: Reverend Randy Sturzenbecher and Reverend Thomas Christopher. President Sailer declared voting open for the office of 1st Vice President and directed delegates to cast their vote. President Sailer declared voting closed and requested the results to be displayed. Reverend Randy Sturzenbecher received 79 votes or 64% and Reverend Thomas Christopher received 44 votes or 36%. Reverend Randy Sturzenbecher was declared elected 1st Vice-President.

It was moved and seconded to choose the three next highest vote getters from the 1st Vice-President's slate to serve as the ballot for the office of 2nd Vice-President. The ballot would include: Reverend Thomas Christopher; Reverend Timothy Rynearson; Reverend L. Scott Spiehs. Motion carried.

President Sailer invited Reverend Dr. Reed Lessing to present Part 1 of the convention Bible study.

At the conclusion of Part I of the Bible Study, President Sailer recessed the convention at 10:05 a.m.

Fourth Session

President Sailer reconvened the convention at 10:30 a.m.

A motion was made and seconded to suspend the rules and to continue with the ballot for the office of 2nd Vice-President. The motion carried.

President Sailer called upon Reverend Ken Johnson to present the ballot for District 2nd Vice-President. President Sailer declared voting open for the office of 2nd Vice President and directed delegates to cast their vote. President Sailer declared voting closed and requested the results to be displayed. Reverend Timothy Rynearson received 43 votes or 36%; Reverend Thomas Christopher received 40 votes or 34%; Reverend L. Scott Spiehs received 35 votes or 30%. Because no candidate received a majority number of votes, a third ballot was prepared removing the Reverend L. Scott Spiehs. President Sailer declared voting open for the office of 2nd Vice President and directed delegates to cast their vote. President Sailer declared voting closed and requested the results to be displayed. Reverend Timothy Rynearson received 70 votes or 56%; Reverend Thomas Christopher received 54 votes or 44%. Reverend Timothy Rynearson was elected 2nd Vice-President.

President Sailer invited Mrs. Lisa Asmus, President of the SD District LWML to bring greetings to the convention.

President Sailer invited Mr. Keith Peterson, Lutheran Hour Ministries Resource Manager to bring greetings to the convention.

President Sailer called upon Mr. Jeff Siekmann to present the District Treasurer's Report.

President Sailer invited Mr. Randall Gayken, District LCEF Vice-President to report on the Lutheran Church Extension Fund.

President Sailer called upon Floor Committee #1 to give their report.

President Sailer asked the assembly for a motion to dispense with the reading of the whereas portion of Resolution 1-13. A motion was made and seconded to dispense with the reading of the whereas portion of Resolution 1-13. The motion carried.

Resolution 1-13 The South Dakota Church Extension Fund and the Lutheran Church Extension Fund. Reverend Paul Winckler presented Resolution 1-13 and a friendly amendment was made on Line 18 to change 1977 to 1978. Motion to approve Resolution 1-13 as amended. The motion carried.

Reverend David Otten, member of Floor Committee #1 came up to introduce Resolution 1-06. Prior to the reading of the Resolution, Reverend Dr. Dale Sattgast gave some preliminary remarks about Mr. Randy Gayken's 38 years of service as District Business Manager. Reverend David Otten read Resolution 1-06 and moved its adoption. The motion carried with the delegates singing the Doxology. After the Doxology gifts were given to Randy and Sherree Gayken in appreciation for their service to the District.

President Sailer invited Reverend Albert Sutton to report on the mission work on the Pine Ridge Reservation.

President Sailer invited Reverend Andrew Utecht to report on the mission work on the Rosebud Reservation.

President Sailer invited Floor Committee #3 to give their report. President Sailer solicited from the floor a motion to suspend the reading of the whereases from Line 6 through 70 on Resolution 3-04. It was moved and seconded to suspend the reading of the whereases. The motion carried.

Resolution 3-04 To Thank God For The Work Of Proclaiming The Gospel On Native American Reservations In The South Dakota District. It was moved to adopt Resolution 3-04. The motion carried with the delegates singing the hymn "Christ The Eternal Lord."

President Sailer invited Convention Chaplain Reverend Gene Bauman to say the prayer for noon meal. President Sailer recessed the convention until 1:30 p.m.

Fifth Session

President Sailer reconvened the convention at 1:30 p.m.

President Sailer invited representatives from The Lutheran Church Extension Fund, Concordia Plans Services and Church Mutual to announce the winners of their drawings.

President Sailer called upon Reverend Timothy Rynearson, Chairman of the Nominating Committee. Nominations from the floor were taken for the office of District Secretary. In addition to Reverend David Otten, Reverend Steven Weispfennig, Reverend Adam Welton and Reverend David Knefelkamp were nominated from the floor. A motion was made and seconded for nominations to cease. The motion carried. President Sailer declared voting open for the office of Secretary and directed delegates to cast their vote. President Sailer declared voting closed and requested the results to be displayed. Reverend David Otten received 57 votes; Reverend David Knefelkamp received 30 votes; Reverend Steven Weispfennig received 27 votes and Reverend Adam Welton received 8 votes. Because no candidate received a majority of votes, President Sailer directed the second ballot be created and Reverend Adam Welton's name was dropped off the ballot. President Sailer declared voting open for the office of Secretary and directed delegates to cast their vote. President Sailer declared voting closed and requested the results to be displayed. On the second ballot Reverend David Otten received 70 votes; Reverend David Knefelkamp received 34 votes; Reverend Steven Weispfennig received 19 votes. Reverend David Otten was elected District Secretary.

The slate of candidates for the office of District Treasurer was presented with the names of Mr. James Schnaidt and Mr. Jeff Siekmann. It was moved and seconded to accept the slate of candidates as presented. The motion carried. President Sailer declared voting open for the office of District Treasurer and directed delegates to cast their vote. President Sailer declared voting closed and requested the results to be displayed. Mr. Jeff Siekmann received 100 votes or 81% and was elected District Treasurer.

The slate of candidates for the office of Lay Member for the Board of Directors was presented. President Sailer informed the delegates that Mrs. Pauline Sumption was no longer eligible to be elected as a Lay Member to the Board of Directors because Reverend Randy Sturzenbecher has been elected 1st Vice-President of the District. The District By-Laws do not allow two members from the same congregation to serve in elected positions. The motion was made to adopt the slate of remaining candidates as presented on pages N245-N246 of the convention workbook. The motion carried. President Sailer instructed the delegates to vote for two candidates. President Sailer declared voting open for the office of Lay Member to the Board of Directors and directed delegates to cast their vote. President Sailer declared voting closed and requested the results to be displayed. Mr. Robert Herz received 86 votes; Mr. David Zuercher received 83 votes; Mr. Dale Hemminger received 71 votes.

A motion was made and seconded from the floor by a delegate to reject the election results for the ballot of Lay Member to the Board of Directors and to go back to the beginning and to instruct delegates to vote for one candidate. After discussion it was determined that the election results should stand because the delegates were instructed to vote for two candidates and the two candidates receiving the most votes should be declared elected. President Sailer ruled the election was valid and then

announced that Mr. Robert Herz and Mr. David Zuercher were duly elected as the Lay Members on the Board of Directors.

President Sailer invited Mrs. Jill Johnsen to bring greetings to the convention on behalf of South Dakota Lutherans for Life.

President Sailer invited Mr. Dutch TeSlaa to bring greetings to the convention on behalf of Main Street Living.

President Sailer called upon Reverend Dr. Reed Lessing to give Part II of his convention Bible Study.

President Sailer called upon Reverend Ken Johnson to present the slate of candidates for the 2021 District Convention Nominating Committee. Reverend Ken Johnson instructed the delegates that they would be voting for two pastoral members and three lay members of the 2021 District Nominating Committee. He informed the delegates that the District Bylaws require a majority vote and make no provision for electing multiple candidates. Therefore the delegates will cast a vote for one candidate at a time. Should no candidates receive a majority vote, the candidate with the least number of votes will be dropped from the ballot. Election of candidates will continue until the two pastoral and three lay offices are filled.

The candidates for pastoral member of the 2021 District Convention Nominating Committee are Reverend Joshua Jones, Reverend Lloyd Redhage, Reverend Steven Weispfennig, and Reverend Matthew Wurm. President Sailer declared voting open for the pastoral member of the 2021 District Convention Nominating Committee and directed delegates to cast their vote. President Sailer declared voting closed and requested the results to be displayed. Reverend Matthew Wurm received 41 votes or 33%; Reverend Lloyd Redhage received 35 votes or 28%; Reverend Joshua Jones received 26 votes or 21%; Reverend Steven Weispfennig received 21 votes or 17%. With no candidate receiving a majority of votes, President Sailer requested that a second ballot be prepared and that Reverend Steven Weispfennig's name be dropped from the ballot. President Sailer declared voting open for the pastoral member of the 2021 District Convention Nominating Committee and directed delegates to cast their vote. President Sailer declared voting closed and requested the results to be displayed. Reverend Matthew Wurm received 65 votes or 52%; Reverend Lloyd Redhage received 32 votes or 26%; Reverend Joshua Jones received 27 votes or 22%. Reverend Matthew Wurm was elected as the first pastoral member of the 2021 District Convention Nominating Committee.

President Sailer requested a new ballot for the second pastoral member of the 2021 District Convention Nominating Committee. The candidates were Reverend Steven Weispfennig; Reverend Lloyd Redhage; Reverend Joshua Jones. President Sailer declared voting open for the second pastoral member of the 2021 District Convention Nominating Committee and directed delegates to cast their vote. President Sailer declared voting closed and requested the results to be displayed. Reverend Joshua Jones received 52 votes or 42%; Reverend Lloyd Redhage received 49 votes or 40%; Reverend Steven Weispfennig received 23 votes or 19%. With no candidate receiving a majority of votes, President Sailer requested

that a second ballot be prepared and that Reverend Steven Weispfennig's name be dropped from the ballot. President Sailer declared voting open for the pastoral member of the 2021 District Convention Nominating Committee and directed delegates to cast their vote. President Sailer declared voting closed and requested the results to be displayed. Reverend Joshua Jones received 72 votes or 58%; Reverend Lloyd Redhage received 52 votes or 42%. Reverend Joshua Jones was elected as the second pastoral member of the 2021 District Convention Nominating Committee.

President Sailer requested that the ballot be prepared for the lay member of the 2021 District Convention Nominating Committee. The candidates were Steven Fiechtner, Douglas Klipfel, Terry Reck, Davyd Titze and Adam Weeman. President Sailer declared voting open for the lay member of the 2021 District Convention Nominating Committee and directed delegates to cast their vote. President Sailer declared voting closed and requested the results to be displayed. Adam Weeman received 35 votes or 28%; Steven Fiechtner received 29 votes or 24%; Douglas Klipfel received 25 votes or 20%; David Titze received 23 votes or 19% and Terry Reck received 11 votes or 9%. With no candidate receiving a majority of votes, President Sailer requested that a second ballot be prepared and that Terry Reck's name be dropped from the ballot. President Sailer declared voting open for the lay member of the 2021 District Convention Nominating Committee and directed delegates to cast their vote. President Sailer declared voting closed and requested the results to be displayed. Adam Weeman received 52 votes or 43%; Steven Fiechtner received 28 votes or 23%; Davyd Titze received 23 votes or 19% and Douglas Klipfel received 19 votes or 16%. With no candidate receiving a majority of votes, President Sailer requested that a third ballot be prepared and that Douglas Klipfel's name be dropped from the ballot. President Sailer declared voting open for the lay member of the 2021 District Convention Nominating Committee and directed delegates to cast their vote. President Sailer declared voting closed and requested the results to be displayed. Adam Weeman received 67 votes or 54%; Davyd Titze received 29 votes or 23%; Steven Fiechtner received 28 votes or 23%. Adam Weeman was elected as the first lay member of the 2021 District Convention Nominating Committee.

President Sailer requested a new ballot be prepared for the second lay member of the 2021 District Convention Nominating Committee. The candidates were Steven Fiechtner, Douglas Klipfel, Terry Reck, and Davyd Titze. President Sailer declared voting open for the second lay member of the 2021 District Convention Nominating Committee and directed delegates to cast their vote. President Sailer declared voting closed and requested the results to be displayed. Davyd Titze received 43 votes or 35%; Steven Fiechtner received 42 votes or 34%; Douglas Klipfel received 20 votes or 16% and Terry Reck received 18 votes or 15%. With no candidate receiving a majority of votes, President Sailer requested that a second ballot be prepared and that Terry Reck's name be dropped from the ballot. President Sailer declared voting open for the second lay member of the 2021 District Convention Nominating Committee and directed delegates to cast their vote. President Sailer declared voting closed and requested the results to be displayed. Davyd Titze received 56 votes or 46%; Steven Fiechtner received 48 votes or 39%; Douglas Klipfel received 18 votes or 15%. With no candidate receiving a majority of votes, President Sailer requested that a third ballot be prepared and that Douglas Klipfel's name be dropped from the

ballot. President Sailer declared voting open for the lay member of the 2021 District Convention Nominating Committee and directed delegates to cast their vote. President Sailer declared voting closed and requested the results to be displayed. Davyd Titze received 70 votes or 57%; Steven Feichtner received 53 votes or 43%. Davyd Titze was elected as second lay member of the 2021 District Convention Nominating Committee.

President Sailer requested that a new ballot be prepared for the third lay member of the 2021 District Convention Nominating Committee. The candidates were Steven Feichtner, Douglas Klipfel and Terry Reck. President Sailer declared voting open for the third lay member of the 2021 District Convention Nominating Committee and directed delegates to cast their vote. President Sailer declared voting closed and requested the results to be displayed. Steven Feichtner received 84 votes or 68%, Douglas Klipfel received 24 votes or 20% and Terry Reck received 15 votes or 12%. Steven Feichtner was elected as the third lay member of the 2021 District Convention Nominating Committee.

President Sailer recessed the convention until 3:40 p.m.

Sixth Session

President Sailer reconvened the convention at 3:42 p.m.

President Sailer invited Reverend James Fundum from Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana to bring greetings to the convention.

President Sailer invited Reverend Bill Wrede to bring greetings from Concordia Seminary, Saint Louis, Missouri.

President Sailer invited Reverend James Carretto to bring greetings from Orphan Grain Train.

President Sailer asked the delegates for permission to add 15 minutes to the day's agenda. Delegates granted his request.

President Sailer called upon Floor Committee #2 to bring their report.

RESOLUTION 2-01 To Encourage District Congregations, Professional Church Workers, And Lay People To Look To God And Point Others To Him For His Help And Hope. The motion was made for adoption. The motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2-02 To Thank The Executive Secretary. The motion was made for adoption. The motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2-03 To Recognize With Thanksgiving The Special Ministries And District Service Areas Of The South Dakota District, District Archives Report, Sioux Falls Hospital Chaplaincy Program Report, Continuing Education Report, Church Worker Education Debt Assistance Report; Lay Leadership Institute

Report; Congregational Services Report, Youth Services Report And Outreach Services Report. The motion was made for adoption. The motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2-05 To Encourage And Support Non-Church Worker Attendance In The Concordia University System. The motion was made to amend Resolution 2-03 by adding the final resolve from Overture 2-05 (page 155 Convention Workbook). That resolved states, "that the Board of Directors of The South Dakota District seek a means to provide a district scholarship for members of district congregations who are and will be attending a Concordia University System institution for non-church work degrees." Discussion followed. Amendment failed. President Sailer called for a vote on the original Resolution 2-05. The motion was carried.

RESOLUTION 2-10 To Encourage Congregations To Receive Special Offerings to Support The LCMS Joint Seminary Fund On The Occasions Of The Ordination/Installation Of Pastors Or Pastors' Ordination Anniversaries. Motion was made for adoption. Motion carried.

President Sailer thanks Floor Committee #2 for their report and called upon Floor Committee #3 for their report.

RESOLUTION 3-01 To Recognize And Give Thanks For The District Missions. Motion was made for adoption. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 3-02 To Recognize And Give Thanks For The Special Ministries Of South Dakota Lutherans For Life, Orphan Grain Train, And Main Street Living. Motion was made for adoption. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 3-11 To Thank God For The Life And Ministry Of Reverend Edward W. Knuth And Reverend Orlett D. Brack. Motion was made for adoption. Motion carried with the delegates singing "For All The Saints," verses 1 and 2.

RESOLUTION 3-03 To Give Thanks For The Service Of The South Dakota District Lutheran Women's Missionary League. Motion was made for adoption. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 3-07 To Support The Ministries Of Reverend David Warner And Reverend Daniel Jastram Through Together In Mission. Motion was made for adoption. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 3-08 To Decline Overtures 3-08 and 3-09 Regarding Together In Mission Missionary Support. Motion was made for adoption. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 3-05 To Approve Reports Of Pastors And Teachers Conference. Motion was made for adoption. There was a friendly amendment to insert the word "pastors" behind the first mention of "All Workers Conference" on line 10 and to include the word "teachers" behind the second mention of "All Workers Conference" on line 13. Motion was made for adoption. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 3-10 To Express Appreciation For The Presence And Presentation Of The Convention Essayist/Bible Study Leader. Motion was made for adoption. Motion carried.

President Sailer thanked Floor Committee #3 for their report. He then called upon Floor Committee #1 to give their report.

RESOLUTION 1-11 To Approve Various Amendments To The Second Restated Articles Of Incorporation Of The South Dakota District Of The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, And To The Approve The Resulting Revised Articles Of Incorporation Of The District. President Sailer requested that the presenter read the background, the whereases, and the resolved. Motion was made for adoption. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 1-12 To Approve Various Amendments To The Bylaws Of The South Dakota District Of The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod. A motion was made and seconded to amend Resolution 1-12 to state:

A. Nominations for Vice-Presidents

1. Each voting congregation shall be entitled to nominate one ordained minister from the clergy roster of the Synod as a candidate for Vice-Presidents.
2. The Secretary of the District shall mail to each voting congregation of the District ballots for nominating these candidates.
3. Each nominating ballot shall be signed by the President and the Secretary of the voting congregation and shall be sent to the Secretary of the District not later than two months prior to the opening date of the convention
4. The Secretary of the District together with the Chairman of the committee on Nominations shall tabulate the nominations and report to the convention by means of the Convention's manual the names of ordained ministers who have received at least five nominating votes for the office of Vice-president.

B. Candidates for the Office of Vice-Presidents

1. Candidates for the Office of Vice-Presidents shall be in each instance the four ordained ministers receiving the highest number of votes in the nominating ballots of the congregations.
2. The Secretary of the District shall notify each candidate and shall secure his approval in writing, within 10 days, for inclusion of his name on the convention ballot and indicate willingness to serve if elected.
3. In the event of a tie for the fourth position among the candidate, all names involved in the tie shall be listed as candidates.
4. The Secretary of the District shall publish in the convention manual brief biographies of the four candidates for Vice-Presidents giving adequate information on each candidate.

One correction was made to the amendment under A. 1. Instead of "clergy roster of Synod" it should read "clergy roster of the District."

President Sailer reminded the delegates that this amendment to Resolution 1-12 is subject to approval by the Commission on Constitutional Matters.

President Sailer called for a vote on the amendment. Motion carried.

President Sailer called for a vote on Resolution 1-12 as amended. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 1-15 To Realign Circuits Of The South Dakota District And Encourage Congregations Within Each Circuit To Work Together. Motion was made for adoption. Discussion was had on the Resolution. An amendment was made to the motion and seconded to add two Resolves to the Resolution beginning at Line 43:

Resolved that the Board of Directors commission an official study to be done by the OFFICE OF ROSTERS, STATISTICS AND RESEARCH SERVICES outlining the changes over the last twenty years of demographic realities (town sizes and congregation sizes), and travel (geographic foot print) within the current and previous circuits of the South Dakota District prior to the 2019 Synod Convention, and be it further Resolved that each Circuit Visitor provide an outline to the Board of Directors of any ministry relationships between congregations or circuits within their Circuit prior to the 2019 Synod Convention.

President Sailer called for a vote on the amendment. The amendment was defeated.

President Sailer called for a vote on Resolution 1-15. Motion carried.

President Sailer stated that the Black Hills Circuit needed to caucus to select a new Circuit Visitor. He also instructed the Advisory Ordained Delegates to caucus to select a Pastoral Advisory Delegate to the 2019 Synod Convention in Tampa, Florida, July 20-25, 2019.

President Sailer called upon Convention Chaplain Reverend Gene Bauman to offer the closing devotion.

President Sailer recessed the convention at 6:08 p.m.

Submitted,

Reverend Samuel Bobby
Secretary

President Sailer called Convention to order at 8:01 a.m.

President Sailer then called upon Reverend Gene Bauman to lead the convention in Opening Devotions.

A motion was made and seconded to dispense with the reading of the minutes from Friday. The motion carried.

On page 4, last paragraph, insert before the sentence, "Because all received a majority of the vote..." Therefore, the beginning sentence of the last paragraph on page four would read, "Because all received a majority of a vote, a motion was made and seconded from the floor by a delegate to reject the election results for the ballot of Lay Member of the Board of Directors and to go back to the beginning, etc."

A motion was made and seconded to adopt the minutes as amended for sessions 3-6 for Friday, April 19, 2018.

President Sailer announced that Reverend John Fries, Pastor of Grace Lutheran, Deadwood and Blessed Emmanuel, Sturgis, was elected as Circuit Visitor for Circuit E (Black Hills Circuit) at the Circuit Caucus on Friday. He replaces Reverend Randy Sturzenbecher who was elected First Vice-President.

President Sailer invited Reverend Jason Letsche to report on Registration and Credentials. Reverend Letsche reported 62 Pastoral Delegates and 65 Lay delegates for a total of 127 voting delegates. He reported 35 advisory delegates; 59 others in attendance for a total of 221. Motion was made to approve the report on Registrations; motion carried.

President Sailer called upon Reverend Paul Winckler and Floor Committee 1 to present their resolutions.

RESOLUTION 1-07 (To Recognize and Thank God at the 30th Anniversary of Julie Pike's Service as Administrative Assistant) Pastor Paul Winckler invited Reverend Dr. Raymond Hartwig, former President of The South Dakota District, to read the Resolution. The resolution was moved and adopted.

RESOLUTION 1-14 (To Memorialize The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod to Eliminate the Distinction Between Electoral and Visitation Circuits and the Communicant Membership Requirement of Same) It was moved for adoption. It was moved and seconded to amend the Resolution to include the 4th Whereas from Overture 1-14. President Sailer called for a show of hands on the amendment. Motion on the amendment carried. 63 yeas; 43 nays.

Discussion on the amended Resolution continued. Motion was made and seconded to call the question. Motion carried. The amended Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION 1-03 (To Recognize Pastors' and Teachers' Anniversaries, Congregational Centennials and 125th Anniversaries of Congregations) The Resolution was moved for adoption. A correction was offered to include Trinity Lutheran Church, Fairfax to the list of 125th Anniversaries. Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION 1-08 (To Accept The President's Report, Treasurer's Report, and Board of Directors Minutes) The resolution was moved and adopted.

RESOLUTION 1-04 (To Acknowledge The Report of Corporate Documents Approved by the District Board of Directors) The Resolution was moved and adopted.

RESOLUTION 1-09 (To Recognize and Give Thanks For the Work of The Circuit Visitors) The Resolution was moved and adopted.

RESOLUTION 1-10 (To Thank The President of The South Dakota District) The Resolution was moved and adopted.

President Sailer thanked Floor Committee 1 for their work and dismissed them.

President Sailer called upon Floor Committee 2 to give their report.

RESOLUTION 2-06 (To Commend National Lutheran School Accreditation and Encourage Lutheran Schools to Strive for Excellence) The resolution was moved and adopted.

RESOLUTION 2-08 (To Encourage Pastors to Make Regular Visitation in Their Parish and Congregations to Support Their Pastors in the Same) The Resolution was moved for adoption. After some discussion President Sailer called for a voice vote on the Resolution. The outcome of the vote was unclear. President Sailer called for a division of the house and a show of hands. 44 yeas; 44 nays. The Resolution was defeated because no majority was reached.

President Sailer thanked Floor Committee 2 for their work and dismissed them.

President Sailer invited Floor Committee 3 to give their report.

RESOLUTION 3-06 (To Commend and Encourage the Work of LCMS Disaster Response) The Resolution was moved and adopted.

President Sailer thanked Floor Committee 3 for their work and dismissed them.

President Sailer asked the indulgence of the Convention to read Resolution 1-05 (To Thank Certain South Dakota District Office Staff) It was moved and seconded to adopt the Resolution. The Resolution was adopted.

A motion was made and seconded to ratify the selection of Circuit Visitors:

Circuit 1 – Reverend Timothy Koch

Circuit 2 – Reverend David Knepfkamp

Circuit 3 – Reverend Ray Greenseth

Circuit 4 – Reverend John Fries

Circuit 5 – Reverend Thomas Brown
Circuit 6 – Reverend Thomas Christopher
Circuit 7 – Reverence Raymond Hartwig
Circuit 8 – Reverend Jordan Andreasen

The motion carried.

Chairman Letsche presented final registration report. There was no change from the mornings' report.

Motion was moved and seconded to have the District Board of Directors approve the Final Minutes of the 61st Convention of the South Dakota District of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. Motion carried.

Motion was moved and seconded to destroy the Nomination ballots for District President and 1st Vice-President. Motion carried.

President Sailer declared the convention adjourned at 9:52 a.m. (CDT).

The Convention closed with a service installing Circuit Visitors, Vice-Presidents, Board of Directors. The Service gave thanks for the Church workers who were called to heaven in the last three years.

Submitted,

Reverend Sam Bobby
Secretary