

**TODAY'S  
BUSINESS**

**FIFTY-EIGHTH CONVENTION**

**THE SOUTH DAKOTA DISTRICT  
THE LUTHERAN CHURCH  
MISSOURI SYNOD**



**APRIL 30, 2009**  
**2nd Edition**

**LCMS Mission Statement**

***In grateful response to God's grace and empowered by the Holy Spirit through Word and Sacraments, the mission of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod is vigorously to make known the love of Christ by word and deed within our churches, communities, and the world.***

**CONVENTION AGENDA - Revised**

**Wednesday, April 29**

4:00 to 5:30 p.m.	Opening Worship at Resurrection Lutheran Church, Sioux Falls
5:30 to 6:30 p.m.	Reception and Fellowship at Resurrection Lutheran Church, Sioux Falls Evening Meal (Delegates are on their own)
7:00 to 9:00 p.m.	Registration – Convention Center Ballroom A
7:00 to 8:30 p.m.	Floor Committee Hearings – Convention Center Ballroom A
7:00 to 7:45 p.m.	Orientation of Delegates – Convention Center Ballroom A (Both sessions are the same)
7:45 to 8:30 p.m.	Orientation of Delegates – Convention Center Ballroom A (Both sessions are the same)

**Thursday, April 30**

7:00 to 8:00 a.m.	Breakfast Buffet – Convention Center Ballroom B
8:00 to 9:00 a.m.	Registration in Convention Center Ballroom 10
9:30 to 11:30 a.m.	<b><u>First Session</u></b> – Convention Center Ballroom A
9:30 to 9:45 a.m.	Opening Devotion
9:45 to 10:15 a.m.	Call to Order Initial Report, Committee on Registration Public Relations Announcement Reading and Adoption of Standing Rules, Convention <u>Workbook</u> , p. 4 Adoption of Convention Agenda – Revised, Convention <u>Workbook</u> , p. 7A – 7C Appointment of Judge of Elections Appointment of Convention Parliamentarian
10:15 to 10:45 a.m.	District President's Report
10:45 to 11:00 a.m.	Floor Committee # 1 Greetings to New Members by Dr. Kieschnick, President of Synod
11:00 to 11:15 a.m.	Presentation and Adoption of Slate of Candidates for District President / Ballot for District President
11:15 to 11:30 a.m.	Greetings
11:30 a.m.	Prayer for Noon Meal
11:30 to 1:00 p.m.	Noon Meal at Convention Site
1:00 to 3:00 p.m.	<b><u>Second Session</u></b> – Convention Center Ballroom A
1:00 to 1:30 p.m.	Dr. Gerald B. Kieschnick, President of Synod, Part I – Synod Report
1:30 to 2:00 p.m.	Dr. Gerald B. Kieschnick, President of Synod, Part II – Questions and Answers
2:00 to 3:00 p.m.	Report from Blue Ribbon Task Force on Synodical Structure and Governance – Part I
3:00 to 3:15 p.m.	Coffee Break # 1 – Convention Center Ballroom B

3:15 to 5:00 p.m.	<b><u>Third Session</u></b> – Convention Center Ballroom A
3:15 to 3:30 p.m.	Election Report.
3:30 to 4:30 p.m.	Report from Blue Ribbon Task Force on Synodical Structure and Governance – Part II
4:30 to 5:00 p.m.	Floor Committee # 1
5:00 p.m.	Prayer
5:00 to 7:00 p.m.	Evening Meal (Delegates are on their own)
7:00 to 9:00 p.m.	<b><u>Fourth Session</u></b> – Convention Center Ballroom A
7:00 to 7:15 p.m.	Election Report / Ballot
7:15 to 8:15 p.m.	Convention Essay, Part 1 – Dr. Raymond L. Hartwig, Secretary of Synod
8:15 to 8:20 p.m.	“What A Way” Report
8:20 to 8:45 p.m.	Floor Committee # 1
8:45 to 8:55 p.m.	Election Report / Ballot
8:55 to 9:00 p.m.	Announcements
9:00 p.m.	Closing Prayer
	Circuit Caucuses (as needed)

**Friday, May 1**

7:00 to 8:00 a.m.	Breakfast Buffet – Convention Center Ballroom B
8:00 to 10:00 a.m.	<b><u>Fifth Session</u></b> – Convention Center Ballroom A
8:00 to 8:10 a.m.	Opening Devotion
8:10 to 8:20 a.m.	Adoption of Minutes of Sessions 1-3
8:20 to 8:30 a.m.	Greetings
8:30 to 8:45 a.m.	Election Report / Ballot
8:45 to 9:00 a.m.	LCMS Board for Mission Services Greetings and Report
9:00 to 9:45 a.m.	Convention Essay, Part 2 – Dr. Raymond L. Hartwig, Secretary of Synod
9:45 to 10:00 a.m.	Election Report / Ballot
10:00 to 10:20 a.m.	Coffee Break # 2 – Convention Center Ballroom B
10:20 to Noon	<b><u>Sixth Session</u></b> – Convention Center Ballroom A
10:20 to 10:35 a.m.	Presentation of Nominations for 2012 District Nominating Committee / Election Report / Ballot
10:35 to 11:00 a.m.	Executive Secretary’s Report
11:00 to 11:15 a.m.	Treasurer’s Report
11:15 to 11:25 a.m.	Church Extension Fund Report
11:25 a.m. to Noon	Floor Committee # 3
Noon	Prayer for Noon Meal
Noon to 1:30 p.m.	Noon Meal at Convention Site – Convention Center Ballroom B
1:30 to 3:10 p.m.	<b><u>Seventh Session</u></b> – Convention Center Ballroom A
1:30 to 2:15 p.m.	Convention Essay, Part 3 – Dr. Raymond L. Hartwig, Secretary of Synod
2:15 to 2:30 p.m.	Election Report / Ballot (if necessary)
2:30 to 3:10 p.m.	Floor Committee # 2
3:10 to 3:30 p.m.	Coffee Break # 3 – Convention Center Ballroom B

3:30 to 6:00 p.m.	<b><u>Eighth Session</u></b> – Convention Center Ballroom A
3:30 to 3:45 p.m.	Greetings
3:45 to 4:45 p.m.	Floor Committee # 2
4:45 to 4:55 p.m.	Special Report
4:55 to 5:30 p.m.	Floor Committee # 3
5:30 to 6:00 p.m.	Floor Committee # 1
6:00 to 6:10 p.m.	Closing Prayer
6:10 p.m.	Q&A with President Sattgast
	Evening Meal (Delegates are on their own)

**Saturday, May 2**

7:00 to 8:00 a.m.	Breakfast Buffet – Convention Center Ballroom B
8:00 to 10:00 a.m.	<b><u>Ninth Session</u></b> – Convention Center Ballroom A
8:00 to 8:10 a.m.	Opening Devotion
8:10 to 8:20 a.m.	Adoption of Minutes
8:20 to 9:00 a.m.	Convention Essay, Part 4 – Dr. Raymond L. Hartwig, Secretary of Synod
9:00 to 9:30 a.m.	Floor Committee # 1
9:30 to 10:00 a.m.	Final Matters, Including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Unfinished Floor Committee Work</li> <li>Final Registration Report</li> <li>Final Minutes</li> <li>Election Ballots</li> <li>Final Greetings</li> <li>Final Thank You</li> </ul>
10:00 a.m.	Adjournment
10:00 to 11:00 a.m.	Closing Worship / Installation of Officers

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# Convention Committees

<b>Committee 1:</b>	<b>Administration</b> Work Assignment:  Committee Members:	President's Report; Treasurer's Report, Board of Directors Minutes Reverend Daniel Deardoff, Chairman Reverend David Otten Mr. Allen Schmuck Mr. Paul Konrad
<b>Committee 2:</b>	<b>Parish Services</b> Work Assignment: Committee Members:	Service Areas; Special Ministries Reverend J. Bradford Urbach, Chairman Reverend Christopher Boehnke Mrs. Diane Diekmann Mr. Larry Raad
<b>Committee 3:</b>	<b>Special and Sundry Matters</b> Work Assignment:  Committee Members:	Minutes of Pastors and Teachers Conferences; Sundry Matters; Courtesy Reverend Robert Moeller, Chairman Reverend Kevin Vogts Mr. Robert Herz Mr. Jim Flippin
<b>Committee 4:</b>	<b>Registration, Credentials and Excuses</b> Work Assignment: Committee Members:	Registration, Credentials and Excuses Reverend Iver Possehl, Chairman Reverend Daniel Redhage Mrs. Krista Erickson
<b>Committee 5:</b>	<b>Nominations</b> Work Assignment:  Committee Members:	Develop Slates of Candidates for Offices to be filled by election Reverend Lloyd Redhage, Chairman Reverend Terry Naasz Mr. Lewis Mosemann Mr. Gary Mueller Mr. Bill Snow
<b>Committee 6:</b>	<b>Elections</b> Work Assignment:  Committee Members:	As stipulated by District Handbook, Bylaw 5.21 District President will appoint the Chairman during the first session of the Convention

**NOTE:** Committees 1, 2, and 3 will meet March 23, 2009 at 9:30 a.m. at the District Office to prepare convention business, meeting as long as necessary to complete assigned work.

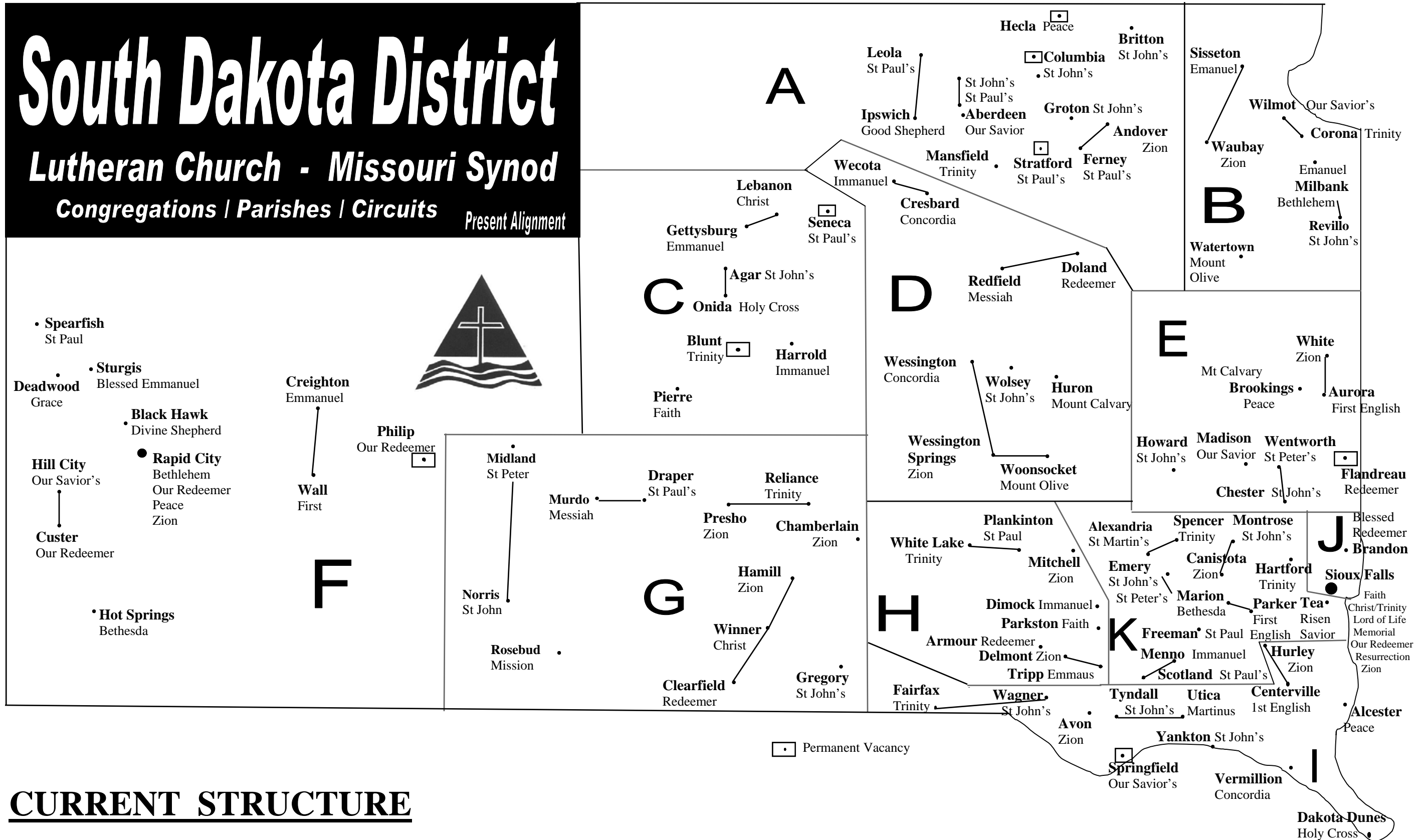
# South Dakota District

## Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod

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### CURRENT STRUCTURE

To the 58<sup>th</sup> Convention of  
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April 29 – May 2, 2009

- 1 **OVERTURE:** L3-04  
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3 **SUBJECT:** TO MEMORIALIZE THE SYNOD CONCERNING TASK FORCE'S RECOMMENDATIONS  
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5 **WHEREAS,** In 2005 President Gerald Kieschnick appointed a Blue Ribbon Task Force on Structure  
6 and Governance; AND  
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8 **WHEREAS,** The Task Force's preliminary proposals of August, 2008 were far-reaching in scope and  
9 significant in import; AND  
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11 **WHEREAS,** Experience teaches that maximum attention must be given to detail and wording in  
12 making adjustments or changes that impinge on structure; AND  
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14 **WHEREAS,** The Synod would do well to proceed with prayerful and appropriate care in considering  
15 any changes; THEREFORE BE IT  
16  
17 **RESOLVED:** That the South Dakota District memorialize the Synod not to adopt any of the Task  
18 Force's recommendations unless the Task Force has made available the precise  
19 language it proposes for any and all Constitution and Bylaw changes, as well as the  
20 complete text of any enabling resolutions that the Task Force may propose to help  
21 implement the change it advocates; AND BE IT FINALLY  
22  
23 **RESOLVED:** That the South Dakota District respectfully requests that the Task Force's final report be  
24 posted on the Synod's website right after the Task Force submits it for inclusion in the  
25 2010 Convention Workbook, so that the final form of this important report can be  
26 available for maximum study and scrutiny throughout the Synod prior to the convention.

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28 Respectfully Submitted,  
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34 Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church, Huron, SD  
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38 Dave VanScharrel, President  
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42 Melanie Hinders, Secretary  
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47 Chuck Kranz, Elder  
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1 **RESOLUTION: 2-03A (Overture 2-03, CW, p. 133)**

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3 **SUBJECT:** TO PLANT NEW CONGREGATIONS IN THE SOUTH DAKOTA DISTRICT

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5 **WHEREAS,** Our Lord desires the salvation of all people (I Tim. 2:4); AND

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7 **WHEREAS,** Mission congregations have been proven to be effective tools that the Lord uses to  
8 reach the lost and erring; AND

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10 **WHEREAS,** The "Ablaze" movement of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod has established the  
11 goal of adding 1,000 new congregations and preaching stations by 2017; AND

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13 **WHEREAS,** Clear opportunities for new mission starts exist in the Sioux Falls area and may exist in  
14 other areas of the South Dakota District; AND

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16 **WHEREAS,** The current policy of suggesting new mission starts be established by sponsoring  
17 congregations has yielded no new missions in the past five years (cf. SD District Board  
18 Policies, p. 16); AND

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20 **WHEREAS,** Two District congregations, or more, are expected to go off District subsidy in the next  
21 triennium; AND

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23 **WHEREAS,** The South Dakota District holds over one million dollars in Board Designated Funds,  
24 which, in the past, have been used for the purchase of advance mission sites, and has  
25 the ability through the Church Extension Fund to borrow money if needed to purchase  
26 advance mission sites; THEREFORE BE IT

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28 **RESOLVED:** That the Board of Directors of the District review its involvement in new mission starts  
29 and be directed to be more proactive in identifying potential locations and when beneficial  
30 purchasing such locations for mission starts; AND BE IT FURTHER

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32 **RESOLVED:** That each congregation of the District also be encouraged to identify locations for  
33 potential new missions, and consider direct sponsorship of a new mission congregation;  
34 AND BE IT FURTHER

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36 **RESOLVED:** That the 115 congregations of the South Dakota District, in partnership with one another  
37 and with the District Board of Directors, establish the goal of planting at least three  
38 congregations in the next triennium; AND BE IT FURTHER

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40 **RESOLVED:** That when potential locations for new missions are identified the South Dakota District  
41 Board of Directors extend calls and/or provide staff as needed to begin and/or assist the  
42 process of church planting in those locations; AND BE IT FINALLY

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44 **RESOLVED:** That the South Dakota District Board of Directors use "Board Designated Funds" and/or  
45 other available funds to provide initial funding and District subsidy as needed for the  
46 planting of new congregations in those locations.  
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Reverend J. Bradford Urbach, Chairman

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Reverend Christopher Boehnke

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Mrs. Dianne Diekmann

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Mr. Larry Raad

1 **RESOLUTION:** 2-06A  
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3 **SUBJECT:** CONCORDIA PLAN SERVICES AND EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTERS  
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5 **WHEREAS,** Concordia Plan Services was created by Synod “to provide for its faithful servants when  
6 they retired from full-time ministry. . . [and] to assist church workers in coping with the  
7 financial aspects of illness, injury and death.” Concordia Plans “provide comprehensive  
8 retirement, health, disability, and survivor coverage.” AND  
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10 **WHEREAS,** These plans continue to be a great blessing to churches and church workers. The  
11 challenge is that the requirements of these plans do not fit workers who are part time or  
12 who will not be working for the church their whole lives. Concordia Plan Services state:  
13 “Ministry is a life-long vocation for pastors and teachers, as well as for many lay workers.  
14 Through the Concordia Plans, caring congregations, schools, and special ministry  
15 organizations provide their workers and their families with an excellent comprehensive  
16 program of employee benefits.” (all quotes from Concordia Plan Services’ website  
17 <http://www.concordiaplans.org/PrintDetail.aspx?ID=298>); AND  
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19 **WHEREAS,** The problem is that many childcare workers do this for a period of time and then go on to  
20 other opportunities. As the retirement plan is structured, congregations or schools have  
21 to pay into the employee’s retirement plan as soon as they work more than twenty hours  
22 a week for more than five months of continuous service but the worker will not receive  
23 any benefit until they are vested which is at five years of service. So a church could be  
24 paying in hundreds of dollars for each employee for which that employee may not receive  
25 any benefit. The Plans also offer a 403(b) tax-deferred savings plan which involves  
26 deductions from payroll which are matched by the church; AND  
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28 **WHEREAS,** Concordia Plan Services exists to help people in the life-long vocations of ministry; AND  
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30 **WHEREAS,** Many who work in Early Childhood Centers are not involved in life-long vocations but  
31 work for a period of time and will most likely not receive any benefit from the retirement  
32 plan because of the requirement of being vested which takes five years; AND  
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34 **WHEREAS,** The Plans define full time workers as those who work more than twenty hours a week for  
35 more than five months of continuous service for the Retirement Plan as well as the  
36 Disability and Survivor Plan, and the Plans define full time workers for the Health Plan at  
37 more than 30 hours a week and more than five months of continuous service;  
38 THEREFORE BE IT  
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40 **RESOLVED:** That the South Dakota District encourage the Board of Directors of the Concordia Plans  
41 to change several requirements for the Plans:  
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43 A: define full time service for all plans at more than 35 hours a week with more  
44 than five months of continuous service;

45 B: define full time service for the Concordia Retirement Plan as needing a full  
46 year of service before the ability to enter the plan but full time service for the  
47 Concordia Retirement Savings Plan (403(b)) be after five months; AND BE IT  
48 FINALLY  
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50 **RESOLVED:** That the Board of Directors of the Concordia Plans give the option for congregations,  
51 schools and other organizations to define full time service at lower number of hours per  
52 week if the organizations so choose.  
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1 **RESOLUTION:** 2-10

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3 **SUBJECT:** TO SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGE ST JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, YANKTON IN A  
4 TIME OF NEED

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6 **WHEREAS,** The family of St. John's Lutheran Church of Yankton, SD suffered an enormous amount  
7 of damage to their church structure on Saturday morning the 4<sup>th</sup> of April, 2009 A.D.' AND

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9 **WHEREAS,** It has caused a temporary movement to multiple locations for worship, for their Preschool  
10 and for their staff offices; AND

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12 **WHEREAS,** The parish has rallied by the grace of God with a determined spirit in the midst of this  
13 heavy hearted moment; AND

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15 **WHEREAS,** The theme of our Fifty-Eighth South Dakota District Convention is "Called into  
16 Partnership"; AND

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18 **WHEREAS,** In that spirit of partnership the proceeds from the Convention's Opening Service will be  
19 designated to Immanuel Lutheran of Wecota whose church was destroyed by a fire in  
20 February of 2008 and who have already rebuilt a new church; THEREFORE BE IT

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22 **RESOLVED:** That the 115 congregations of The South Dakota District who are "Called into  
23 Partnership" with each other gather free will offerings during the month of May  
24 culminating on Sunday May 31, the Day of Pentecost, AND BE IT FURTHER

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26 **RESOLVED:** That in these Sundays of Easter leading up to the "Day of Pentecost" that we all be  
27 mightily prayerful for Pastors David Gunderson and Steve Weispfennig, the entire staff of  
28 St. John's Lutheran and all the members of the congregation, that by the power of the  
29 Holy Spirit they shall be encouraged for the days ahead as they rebuild their beloved  
30 church; AND BE IT FINALLY

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32 **RESOLVED:** That we thank God, the Father Almighty for the (1882 A.D.) 127 year history of St. John's  
33 Lutheran in Yankton, SD by rising and singing "Church of God, Elect and Glorious."

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35 Church of God, elect and glorious  
36 Holy nation, chosen race;  
37 Called as God's own special people;  
38 Royal priests and heirs of grace:  
39 Know the purpose of your calling,  
40 Show to all His mighty deeds;  
41 Tell of love that knows no limits,  
42 Grace that meets all human needs.

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44 Church of God, elect and holy  
45 Be the people He intends;  
46 Strong in faith and swift to answer  
47 Each command your Master sends:  
48 Royal priests, fulfill your calling  
49 Through your sacrifice and prayer;  
50 Give your lives in joyful service  
51 Sing His praise, His love declare.

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34 Reverend Robert E. Moeller, Jr., Chairman

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Bylaw 5.11.a The Committee on Nominations for each Convention in which an election is held shall be elected at the preceding Convention. The District President shall recommend to the Convention a list of candidates for the Committee on Nominations consisting of four pastors and five laymen. Additional candidates may be placed in nomination by the Convention. Of these candidates, the Convention shall elect by ballot two pastors and three laymen.

**FOR PASTORAL MEMBER, DISTRICT CONVENTION NOMINATING COMMITTEE 2012**  
(2 to be elected)

**NAME:** Reverend Daniel H. Deardoff, Sr.

**PARISH  
SERVED:** Blessed Redeemer Lutheran Church, Brandon, SD since 2002

**BIOGRAPHY:** 1983 graduate of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO  
  
2007 Synodical Convention Delegate; "What A Way" Cabinet for South Dakota District; Former Circuit Youth Counselor; Former LWML Zone Advisor; Current LWML District Counselor

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**NAME:** Reverend Don C. McKillop

**PARISH  
SERVED:** Christ-Redeemer-Zion Lutheran Churches, Winner-Clearfield-Hamill, SD since 2005

**BIOGRAPHY:** 1982 graduate of Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne, IN  
  
Former Missionary to Mexico and South Africa

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**NAME:** Reverend Matthew Nix

**PARISH  
SERVED:** Missionary-at-Large to Trinity Lutheran Church for the Deaf, Sioux Falls, SD since 1993; Sioux Falls Hospital Chaplain since 2006

**BIOGRAPHY:** 1993 graduate of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO  
  
Former member South Dakota Mission Evangelism Task Force; Former Pastoral LWML District Counselor; South Dakota District Youth Bible Bowl Coordinator; Pastoral Advisor for Midwest Region Lutheran Deaf Association; Board of Directors for South Dakota School for the Deaf Foundation

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**NAME:** Reverend Warren W. Uecker

**PARISH SERVED:** Our Savior Lutheran Church, Madison, SD since 1988

**BIOGRAPHY:** 1981 graduate of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO  
Former District Convention Floor Committee Chairman; Former Circuit Counselor; Member District Constitution Committee; Former Assistant Debate Coach; Debate/Oral Interpretation Judge; Lake County Law Enforcement Merger Task Force

FOR LAY MEMBER, DISTRICT CONVENTION NOMINATING COMMITTEE 2012  
(3 to be elected)

**NAME:** Guy Baumann

**CHURCH MEMBERSHIP:** Resurrection Lutheran Church, Sioux Falls, SD

**BIOGRAPHY:** Grew up on a dairy farm near Lakefield, MN. He is the youngest of ten children. Married to wife, Susan, for fourteen years. Together they have five children. He is currently employed with UPS as Strategic Account Manager for the state of South Dakota. He has been on the Board for Youth, a member of the church choir, Board of Elders and various other committees at Resurrection. He was the lay delegate to the 2007 Synodical convention. He is a member of the Baumann Brothers. A musical group that performs regionally with a variety of music styles from gospel to family friendly rock and roll and country.

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**NAME:** Michael Drefs

**CHURCH MEMBERSHIP:** Immanuel Lutheran Church, Dimock, SD

**BIOGRAPHY:** Employed with Train King Industries of Mitchell, SD for 22 years. A member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Dimock serving as an Elder, Chairman, Sunday School Teacher, LLL Zone Chairman and a Circuit Representative to the District Planning Conference 5 times. This is his third time as a delegate to a District convention. He recently retired from farming.

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**NAME:** Paul Konrad

**CHURCH MEMBERSHIP:** Mount Calvary Lutheran Church, Brookings, SD

**BIOGRAPHY:** Paul is married to Laurie and has two children, Alexis and Matthew. Occupation: Marketing dairy feeds, health and technical services for J&R Distributing, Inc., Lake Norden, SD Paul has been on the Board of Elders, Church Council, Head Church Usher, Sunday School Teacher and Board of Education member. He currently is the 2009 Lay delegate to SD LCMS District convention, Floor Committee member to the 2009 SD District LCMS District Convention; Head Church Usher, Sixth grade Sunday school teacher and Board of Education

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member. He is involved with amateur and youth baseball, State and National Bowling participant and is a sponsor and participant in the SD Cancer walk/run event.

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**NAME:** Ray Larson

**CHURCH**

**MEMBERSHIP:** St. John's Lutheran Church, Columbia, SD

**BIOGRAPHY:** Ray is involved in his family's cattle feeding and farming operation along with his parents, brother's family, his wife, Cyndy and son, Josh. He also has a daughter, Jennifer and two grandsons, Zachary and Lucas. Ray currently serves as an Elder and has been active with the youth of his congregation serving as a Sunday school and confirmation teacher and youth director. Ray is a past lay member on the South Dakota District Board of Directors and has been on the District Rural Ministry Task Force. He is involved in the local American Legion where he has served as Commander, Treasurer and Post Athletic Director in charge of the baseball program. He served on the Board of Directors for Northern Electric Cooperative and was their representative to the South Dakota Rural Electric Association board.

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**NAME:** Ray Matthies

**CHURCH**

**MEMBERSHIP:** Trinity Lutheran Church, Hartford, SD

**BIOGRAPHY:** Ray was born and raised on a farm near Hartford, SD where he and his wife still live. He has been a member of Trinity Lutheran of Hartford since birth. Upon becoming a voting member he was elected as Secretary for 4 years; Elder for 30 years and Trustee for 6 years. He was president of AAL for many years, and as such was involved in many fund raising events. He has taught Sunday School and he and his wife were Youth Group Leaders for several years. He also led an adult Bible study group. He and his wife farmed for many years raising cattle, hogs, sheep and three kids. As a member of the SD Air National Guard for 38 years he was activated for Desert Storm. When that was over he went back to school and obtained a job teaching at SE Technical Institute for several years before retirement. At present he is still involved in many activities at Trinity, also repair, maintenance and weed removal on the farm. He is also heavily engaged in watching eight grandchildren grow and mature.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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