

**TODAY'S
BUSINESS**

FIFTY-EIGHTH CONVENTION

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



MAY 2, 2009

President Sattgast called the Convention to order at 7 p.m. and called on the Chairman of the District's Disaster Relief Committee, the Reverend L. Scott Spiehs, to address the Convention. Reverend Spiehs noted some resources for dealing with the pandemic flu ("swine" flu) starting to impact our nation and state. He also offered his services in conducting workshops on disaster preparedness in our District.

President Sattgast referred the delegates to page 157 in the Convention Workbook. He pointed out that Circuit delegate caucuses will be necessary to determine the Circuit Counselor nominees in Circuits A (Aberdeen), F (Black Hills), and G (Chamberlain). Meetings for the caucuses are to take place following the Thursday evening session, in the convention room. In addition, President Sattgast informed the delegates that the Brookings (E) and Watertown/Milbank (B) Circuits will merge after one year. The delegates of these two circuits are to caucus following the evening session to determine their preference for appointment as Circuit Counselor, who will begin service following the 2010 Convention of the Synod.

President Sattgast invited the Reverend Dr. Raymond L. Hartwig, Secretary of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, to present the first part of his Convention Essay: "Called Into Partnership" – Koinonia: God's Intention and Our Great Blessing. In this section, Reverend Hartwig shared the Scriptural and Lutheran Confessional foundation for the teaching on koinonia/fellowship.

President Sattgast called on Floor Committee #1 to present more resolutions:

RESOLUTION 1-07 (To Amend District Bylaw 5.01). It was moved and seconded to adopt the resolution. The resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION 1-08 (The President's Report, Executive Secretary's Report, Treasurer's Report, Board of Directors Minutes, Circuit Counselor Reports, Mission Congregation Reports, District Archives Reports, Sioux Falls Hospital Chaplaincy Program Report, Church Extension Fund Report, Continuing Education Report, Church Worker Education Debt Assistance Committee Report, Lay Leadership Institute Report, Parish Services Report, Young Adult Report, Youth Services Report, and Outreach Services Report) It was moved and seconded to adopt the resolution. The resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION 1-09 (To Thank the South Dakota District Office Staff and Promote CEF) It was moved and seconded to adopt the resolution. The resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION 1-12 (To Decline the Overture to Eliminate the Office of Executive Secretary in the South Dakota District LC-MS) It was moved and seconded to adopt the resolution. During the discussion of the resolution, Reverend David Schwan, the current Executive Secretary, was invited by the Floor Committee Chairman to speak about his activities and duties. The resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION 1-10 (To Encourage Support of the Board of Directors in the Budgeting and Work Program Process) It was moved and seconded to adopt the resolution. The resolution was adopted.

President Sattgast asked the Convention Chaplain to lead the assembly in a closing devotion.

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The Convention was adjourned until 8 a.m., Friday, May 1.

Respectfully Submitted,

Reverend Scott C. Sailer, Secretary
The South Dakota District LCMS

President Sattgast called the Convention to order at 8:00 a.m. and asked Chaplain Darren Olson to open with a Devotion.

A motion was made and seconded to dispense with the reading of the minutes from Thursday. The motion carried. A motion was made and seconded to adopt the minutes as printed. The motion carried.

President Sattgast called upon Julie Pike, the District President's Administrative Assistant, to come forward and be recognized for her exemplary work in attending to the many details in preparing for the District Convention and in her work during the Convention itself. Roses were given to Julie in appreciation for her sacrificial and loving service.

President Sattgast called upon 1st Vice-President Gene Bauman to make a presentation. Reverend Bauman asked Debbie Sattgast, the wife of our District President, to come forward to be recognized for her support for her husband and his work and to receive the gift of roses in appreciation for her important role in our District.

President Sattgast asked the Reverend Lloyd Redhage, Chairman of the Nominations Committee (Committee #5), to present the ballot for District Board members. Reverend Redhage presented the names for the Offices of:

- ❖ District Secretary – Reverend Robert Moeller, Jr.; Reverend Scott Sailer
- ❖ District Treasurer – Mr. Jeff Siekmann, Mr. Jerald Wulf
- ❖ Lay Members – Mr. Dave Daberkow, Mr. Jim Flippin, Mr. John Hirsch, Mr. Earl McKinstry

Reverend Redhage also presented the nominees for the position of the District's representative on the Synod's Nominating Committee: Mr. Kenneth Maas, Mr. Dennis Melstad, Mr. Robert Portice, Mr. Harvard Schulz, and Mr. Bill Snow.

Judge of Elections, Reverend Jonathan Boehne, reported that there are 137 voting delegates present. After the ballots were distributed and completed, President Sattgast declared the balloting for the above positions to be closed.

President Sattgast welcomed the following guests and invited them to address the assembly:

- ❖ Mr. Todd Burmeister, Concordia Publishing House
- ❖ Reverend Scott Snow, Director of Outreach-LCMS World Mission. Reverend Snow brought much information about the Ablaze movement.

President Sattgast noted that he had erred in not calling for nominations from the floor for the offices being filled today by election. A motion was made and seconded to accept the printed ballot as already prepared by the Elections Committee with names provided by the Nominating Committee. The motion carried.

President Sattgast called on the Reverend Dr. Raymond L. Hartwig to present Part II of his convention essay: "Safeguarding our Koinonia." Using a vignette from his experience (and his wife Tamara's experience) in Russia in 1995 to illustrate, Dr. Hartwig noted that our fellowship as Christians is always challenged and in danger. We must take steps to bear one another's burdens

(i.e., the differences that surface among us), to nurture our fellowship by regular reception of Word and Sacrament, to ward off the false notions introduced by the devil, and to nurture and protect our partnership with one another.

The Judge of Elections presented the following results of the balloting for Friday morning:

- ❖ District Secretary: Robert Moeller – 32; Scott Sailer – 100. There were 5 voided ballots. Reverend Sailer was declared elected.
- ❖ District Treasurer: Jeff Sieckmann – 24; Jerald Wulf – 109. There were 4 voided ballots. Mr. Wulf was declared elected.
- ❖ Lay Member on the District's Board of Directors:
Dave Daberkow – 48; Jim Flippin – 60; John Hirsch – 82, Earl McKinstry -- 59. There were 25 voided ballots. Mr. John Hirsch was declared elected. A second ballot will be required for the election of a second Lay Member on the Board of Directors, with candidates Jim Flippin and Earl McKinstry serving as the candidates.
- ❖ Member, Synodical Nominating Committee:
Kenneth Maas – 26; Dennis Melstad – 28; Robert Portice – 16; Harvard Schulz – 27; Bill Snow – 26. There were 14 voided ballots.

A motion was made and seconded to place the two nominees receiving the highest number of votes on the 2nd ballot for Member, Synodical Nominating Committee. The motion was defeated, and the names of the four nominees receiving the highest number of votes will be on the ballot.

President Sattgast called for adjournment for a coffee break until 10:20 a.m.

President Sattgast reconvened the Convention at 10:20 a.m.

The Judge of Elections was called upon to present the results of the second ballot for Lay Member of the Board of Directors and for Member of the Synodical Nominating Committee:

Lay Member, District Board of Directors: Jim Flippin – 59; Earl McKinstry – 73. There were 5 voided ballots. Mr. Earl McKinstry was declared elected.

Member, Synodical Nominating Committee: Kenneth Maas – 26; Dennis Melstad – 32; Harvard Schulz – 32; Bill Snow – 42. There were 5 voided ballots.

The 3rd Ballot for Member, Synodical Nominating Committee was distributed and completed, and President Sattgast declared the balloting to be closed.

The results of the Circuit Caucuses, for the nomination of Circuit Counselor, were announced by President Sattgast --

- ❖ Circuit A—Reverend Hyle Anderson (replacing initial nominee, Rev. Wesley Hafner);
- ❖ Circuit F—Reverend Bill Paepke (replacing initial nominee, Reverend Lowell Boettcher); and
- ❖ Circuit G – Reverend Albert Althoff (replacing initial nominee, Reverend Daryl Tompkins).

A motion was made and seconded to elect the following nominees for Circuit Counselor:

Circuit A – Reverend Hyle Anderson
Circuit B – Reverend Iver Possehl
Circuit C – Reverend Jon Bradford Urbach
Circuit D – Reverend Peter Utecht
Circuit E – Reverend Dwaine Doremus
Circuit F – Reverend Bill Paepke
Circuit G – Reverend Albert Althoff
Circuit H – Reverend David Otten
Circuit I – Reverend James Mueller
Circuit J – Reverend Howard Shane
Circuit K – Reverend Thomas Christopher

The motion passed.

The Executive Secretary, the Reverend David Schwan, was called on to give his report. He urged each of those in the assembly to live as missionaries. He noted the Congregational Refocusing and Revitalization resources that he and the Reverend Wesley Hafner are willing to present to District congregations. Rev. Schwan held before the Convention the more intensive Christian education opportunity available through the Lay Leadership Institute, which has 10 lay participants at this time. He emphasized the availability of financial aid for church work students from our District who are attending colleges or seminaries of the Synod. He also encouraged involvement in the growing number of opportunities to support missions and to be involved in mission work, here and around the world, including such efforts as the Circuit Rider Ministry in western South Dakota. Through the state-wide Association of Christian Schools, Rev. Schwan has been involved in keeping informed about and in influencing education legislation, especially as it impacts our Lutheran schools.

The results of the 3rd Ballot for Member, Synodical Nominating Committee were announced by the Judge of Elections: Mr. Dennis Melstad – 29, Mr. Harvard Schulz – 42, Mr. Bill Snow – 57. There were 9 voided ballots. As there was no majority of votes for any candidate, a 4th Ballot was required, omitting the name of Mr. Melstad.

President Sattgast called on the Reverend Robert Hoehner, Director of Placement/Alumni Director of Concordia Seminary-St. Louis, to bring greetings from the Seminary.

The ballots for the 4th round of balloting for Member, Synodical Nominating Committee, were distributed, with these remaining candidates: Mr. Harvard Schulz and Mr. Bill Snow. The ballots were collected, and President Sattgast declared the balloting to be closed.

The District Treasurer, Mr. Jerald Wulf, gave his report (cf. pages 71ff in the Convention Workbook). Time was given over to questions and answers.

Mr. Randy Gayken, District Business Manager and Church Extension Fund (CEF) Manager, gave his report. He acknowledged the good work of Mr. Chad Zinnel in assisting with the day to day business of the District. Mr. Gayken reviewed the purpose and fiscal health of the District's CEF, and the opportunities for investment in the fund and for borrowing money from the fund for building projects.

President Sattgast called on the Judge of Elections to announce the results of the 4th round of balloting for Member, Synodical Nominating Committee: Mr. Harvard Schulz – 50; Mr. Bill Snow – 79. There were 8 voided ballots. Mr. Snow was declared elected.

President Sattgast invited Floor Committee #3 (Special and Sundry Matters) and its chairman, the Reverend Robert Moeller, Jr., to come forward. Committee #3 presented the following resolution:

RESOLUTION 3-01 (To Affirm the Sanctity of Human Life). The resolution was moved and seconded. A motion was made and seconded to amend the resolution by removing lines 35-37. The amendment failed. The original resolution was discussed. Another amendment was offered to change “kingdom” or “kingdoms” to “realm” or “realms” wherever those terms are used (lines 49-53, 59 and 83). The floor committee accepted this amendment as a “friendly” amendment. The resolution was adopted with no dissenting votes.

After the chairman introduced the members of his committee, the committee presented the following resolutions:

RESOLUTION 3-03 (Thanksgiving to God for the Ministry of Reverend Juraine J. Hornig and Service of Mr. Howard E. Koosman) The resolution was moved and seconded. The resolution passed was adopted.

RESOLUTION 3-04 (Recognition and Thanksgiving for the District Missions) The resolution was moved and seconded. The resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION 3-05 (Report of the South Dakota District LLL and LWML) The resolution was moved and seconded. The resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION 3-06 (Recognition and Thanksgiving for the Work of the Circuit Counselors) The resolution was moved and seconded. The resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION 3-07 (Pastors and Teachers Conference Proceedings) The resolution was moved and seconded. The resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION 3-08 (Recognition and Thanks for the Special Ministries of SD Lutherans for Life, Orphan Grain Train, and Main Street Living) The resolution was moved and seconded. The resolution was adopted.

President Sattgast asked 1st Vice-President Bauman to assume the chair.

RESOLUTION 3-09 (To Thank the President of The South Dakota District) The resolution was moved and seconded. The resolution was adopted.

President Sattgast re-assumed the chair.

RESOLUTION 3-11 (To Request Review of Corporate Synod Compensation Practices) The resolution was moved and seconded. The resolution was adopted.

President Sattgast called upon Chaplain Olson, at noon, to lead us in a table prayer. The Conference was adjourned until 1:30 p.m.

President Sattgast re-convened the Convention at 1:30 p.m.

President Sattgast called on Kurt Jostes, representing the Southern District's Camp Restore and Camp Biloxi, to address the Convention. Mr. Jostes thanked the District for assistance given in the wake of hurricanes in the South in recent years. President Sattgast then called on Julie Ferri, who brought greetings from the Rocky Mountain Region of Thrivent. She also presented a check from Thrivent in the amount of \$5,500 to help with expenses for various conventions and conferences in our District.

Synodical Secretary Hartwig continued with his Conference Essay, Part III: "Oh, the Places We Can Go with This Koinonia." He noted, "Our walk with God incorporates a powerful motivation to share our blessings of fellowship as far around our world as we can before our short lives on earth are ended." In addition to the places we can go with this blessed fellowship, Dr. Hartwig emphasized the "things we can accomplish when we walk together." Among his comments in this regard is this: "[there are] two primary sharing activities of the church: sharing on a personal level the love and faith that is ours in Christ and sharing our earthly blessings with one another."

President Sattgast announced that it is necessary to conduct yet one more election, that of the Nominating Committee for the next District Convention. The candidates are:

Pastoral Members: Rev. Daniel Deardoff, Rev. Don McKillop, Rev. Matthew Nix, and Rev. Warren Uecker.

Lay Members: Mr. Guy Baumann, Mr. Michael Drefs, Mr. Paul Konrad, Mr. Ray Larson, and Mr. Ray Matthies.

President Sattgast called for further nominations. Hearing none, Reverend Sattgast called for a motion to accept the names already listed in the Convention Workbook for the ballot. It was moved and seconded to do so. The motion carried.

After the ballots were distributed and then collected, President Sattgast declared balloting to be closed.

President Sattgast called on the Judge of Elections to begin discussion about selecting an alternate for the position of Member, Synodical Nominating Committee. It was moved and seconded to select the runner-up in the first election, Mr. Harvard Schulz, as the Alternate. The motion carried.

President Sattgast called on Rev. Brad Urbach, Chairman of Floor Committee #2. Rev. Urbach introduced his committee, and the committee presented the following resolutions:

RESOLUTION 2-10 (To Support and Encourage St. John's Lutheran Church, Yankton, in a Time of Need) The resolution was moved and seconded. A friendly amendment was accepted to add the words "be encouraged to" to line 23, after the words "with each other," and to line 27, after the word "mightily." The resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION 2-07 (To Thank the District Service Areas) The resolution was moved and seconded. The resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION 2-09 (To Recognize with Thanksgiving the Special Ministries of the South Dakota District) The name Keith Bicknase was added to line 21 in a friendly amendment by the Committee. The resolution was moved and seconded. The resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION 2-05 (To Encourage Support of the Mission and Ministry Work of the South Dakota District through Bequests and Endowments) The resolution was moved and seconded. The resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION 2-01 (To Recognize the Congregations of the South Dakota District as Mission Outposts) The resolution was moved and seconded. The resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION 2-02 (To Encourage Smaller Congregations and Parishes) The resolution was moved and seconded. An amendment was moved and seconded to omit the words in lines 106 and 107 "or his representative, namely the Circuit Counselor and/or the District Executive Secretary." The amendment passed. A friendly amendment was accepted to add the words "or time" in line 73 after the words "particular day." The resolution was adopted as amended.

The Convention was adjourned until 3:30 p.m.

President Sattgast reconvened the Convention at 3:30 p.m. He then called upon the Judge of Elections to announce the results of the election of the District Convention Nominating Committee members for the next Convention. There were 137 ballots distributed:

Pastoral Members: Rev. Daniel Deardoff – 84; Rev. Don McKillop – 46;
Rev. Matthew Nix – 63; Rev. Warren Uecker – 72. There were 14 voided ballots.

Reverends Daniel Deardoff and Warren Uecker were declared elected.

Lay Members: Mr. Guy Baumann – 79; Mr. Michael Drefs – 71; Mr. Paul Konrad – 89;
Mr. Ray Larson – 83; Mr. Ray Matthies – 60. There were 25 voided ballots.

Laymen Guy Bauman, Paul Konrad, and Ray Larson were declared elected.

President Sattgast called on the following to bring greetings and address the Convention:

- ❖ Mr. Robert Portice – District LLL
- ❖ Mrs. Elaine Hankel – District LWML
- ❖ Mrs. Lynette Auch – South Dakota Lutherans for Life
- ❖ Mr. Dutch Te Slaa – Main Street Living
- ❖ Mrs. Jeanette Stensland – South Dakota Orphan Grain Train

President Sattgast invited Committee #2 to continue with their presentation of resolutions.

RESOLUTION 2-03A (To Plant New Congregations in the South Dakota District) The resolution was moved and seconded. The resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION 2-04 (To Affirm and Encourage Participation in the South Dakota District Lay Leadership Institute) The resolution was moved and seconded. The resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION 2-06A (Concordia Plan Services and Early Childhood Centers) The resolution was moved and seconded. A friendly amendment was accepted by the Floor Committee to add the words "be petitioned to" after the words "Concordia Plans" in line 50. The resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION 2-08 (To Thank the Executive Secretary) The resolution was moved and seconded. The resolution was adopted.

Floor Committee #2 was dismissed with thanks.

President Sattgast invited Reverend Dr. Hartwig to bring a report on behalf of his daughter, Amy Kashenov, regarding her work in Kazakhstan. He also reported that God has blessed Amy with good health, following health problems in recent years.

Floor Committee #3 was called on to present resolutions.

RESOLUTION 3-02 (To Continue Support of Missionary Amy Hartwig Kashenov through Together in Mission) The resolution was moved and seconded. The resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION 3-12 (To Memorialize the Synod Concerning Task Force's Recommendations) The committee asked that the words "Task Force" in line 6 be placed in parentheses, to signify the use of this briefer reference throughout the resolution. The resolution was adopted.

Floor Committee #1 was called on to present resolutions.

RESOLUTION 1-14 (To Decline the Overture to Reduce District Remittance to the National Synodical Budget) The resolution was moved and seconded. A substitute motion was presented; said motion was included in Today's Business of May 1: To Adjust District Remittance to the National Synodical Budget. A correction was made to the last line of the motion, replacing the word "current" with the word "increasing." The substitute motion was moved and seconded. It was put to the Convention whether to consider the substitute motion. A majority of the delegates voted to consider the substitute motion. The substitute motion was considered in place of Resolution 1-14. The question was called. The motion to call the question passed. The substitute motion was defeated. We returned to a discussion of the original resolution. The question was called. The motion to call the question passed. The original resolution was adopted.

A brief break was taken by the Convention.

Floor Committee #1 continued with its resolutions.

RESOLUTION 1-11 (To Decline the Overture to Change the Date of the South Dakota District Convention) The resolution was moved and seconded. A substitute motion was moved and seconded. It was presented, largely using the language of Overture L1-07, on page 127-B in the Convention Manual, requesting that the convention dates include Sunday, February 19, and Monday, February 20. The question was called. The motion to call the question passed. The substitute motion was defeated. We therefore returned to the original motion. The question was called. The motion to call the question passed. The original resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION 1-13 (To Continue the District Blanket Subscription to The Lutheran Witness) The resolution was moved and seconded. The resolution was adopted.

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President Sattgast dismissed Floor Committee #1 with thanks.

President Sattgast called on Chaplain Olson to conduct the Closing Devotion.

The Convention was adjourned at 5:45 p.m. until 8 a.m., Saturday.

Respectfully Submitted,

Reverend Scott C. Sailer, Secretary
The South Dakota District LCMS