



## Missouri District

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH — MISSOURI SYNOD

First Week of Lent, 2022

Dear Missouri District Pastors and Congregational Leaders,

Greetings to you during this solemn season of Lent! This letter and the accompanying Frequently Asked Questions document are to help keep you informed regarding the plans for the next Missouri District Convention. As many of you know, the congregations of the Synod approved the referendum to delay the Synod Convention to 2023 due to the difficulties in many parts of the country in hosting a district convention in 2021. More than 63% of the congregations of the Synod voted in the referendum with the delay being approved by more than 90%.

The Missouri District Board of Directors met last week to move the dates of the twenty-first regular Missouri District Convention to June 12-14, 2022. The convention will once again be held at the Holiday Inn Executive Center in Columbia. The FAQ document will hopefully answer many of the questions that you may have related to the convention. We look forward to seeing your congregation's representatives next summer. Please watch the district website and social media for updated deadlines for nominations and registrations.

Lastly, please contact the district office if you have any procedural questions related to the convention. May God continue to bless your congregation as we seek to proclaim the One "who forgives all your iniquity and heals all your diseases." (Psalm 103:3)

Fraternally in Christ,

President Lee Hagan



## Missouri District Convention Frequently Asked Questions

**Q:** When and where will the next district convention be held?

**A:** The Missouri District Convention will be held June 12-14, 2022 at the Holiday Inn Executive Center in Columbia. The Convention was delayed one year in the hopes to minimize the risk for our delegates and on account of social distancing limitations on attendees.

**Q:** What about voting delegate registration?

**A:** If your pastoral or lay delegate registered as a voting delegate for the convention, the information will be held for the next convention. There is no need to re-register. If the information needs to be changed, contact Sue Thompson ([sue.thompson@mo.lcms.org](mailto:sue.thompson@mo.lcms.org)).

**Q:** What about delegate attendance registration?

**A:** If your pastoral or lay delegate registered online to attend the convention, the information will be held for the next convention. There is no need to re-register online. If the information needs to be changed, contact Sue Thompson ([sue.thompson@mo.lcms.org](mailto:sue.thompson@mo.lcms.org)).

**Q:** What about the terms of service for elected positions?

**A:** The terms of service will be extended for one year to all elected positions.

**Q:** What about the nomination process?

**A:** The deadlines for nominations for President and First Vice-President are to close six months prior to the opening of the convention according to the district bylaws. Therefore, with the move of the convention date, the nomination period for President and First Vice-President will be open until December 12, 2021. Congregations are limited to two nominees for each of the above positions. The process of electing Circuit Visitors by the respective Circuit Forums will now be extended to February 11, 2022. Nominations for the Board of Directors, Secretary, Council on Mission and Ministry, District Nominating Committee, and an Ordained Member and alternate Ordained Member of the Synod Committee for Convention Nominations will be open until January 4, 2022.

**Q:** What about congregational and circuit overtures?

**A:** The deadline for receiving overtures for the next district convention is extended to January 17, 2022.

**Q:** What does delaying the district convention mean financially for congregations?

**A:** We do not anticipate any increased expenses for the delay of the district convention. We will wait to see what the delay for the Synod convention means financially. Any increased expense would be shared by the thirty-five districts and six thousand congregations.