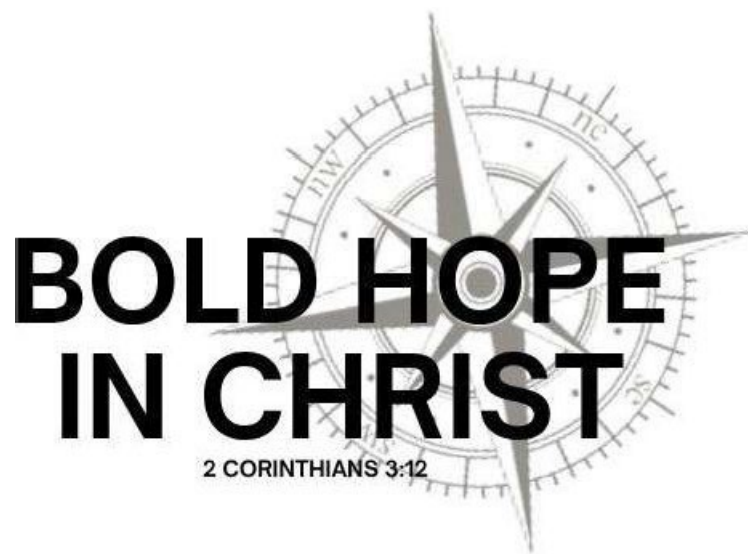


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of
The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod
Twenty-Second Convention Proceedings



Held June 22-24, 2025
in Columbia, Missouri



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Circuit Visitors Ratified

1. Altenburg.....	Rev. Dr. Paul Winningham
2. Arnold	Rev. Dr. Jason Wagner
3. Cape Girardeau.....	Rev. Weston Wildauer
4. Carrollton	Rev. Elden Kohn
5. Columbia.....	Rev. Anthony Alter
6. Concordia North	Rev. Mark Junkin
7. Concordia South.....	Rev. Joel Kurz
8. Farmington	Rev. Kyle Castens
9. Jackson Bootheel.....	Rev. Jacob May
10. Jefferson City	Rev. Brian Whittle
11. Kansas City Central.....	Rev. Gary Stolle
12. Kansas City North.....	Rev. Gregg Reiser
13. Kansas City South	Rev. Steven Andrews, Jr.
14. Northeast Missouri.....	Rev. Jeffrey Dock
15. Rolla.....	Rev. John Perling
16. St. Charles	Rev. Ryan Taylor
17. St. Joseph.....	Rev. David Moore
18. St. Louis Affton.....	Rev. David Gruenwald
19. St. Louis Ellisville.....	Rev. Trevor Freudenburg
20. St. Louis Kirkwood	Rev. Scott Jonas
21. St. Louis North	Rev. Nathan Ruback
22. St. Louis Overland.....	Rev. Dr. Mark Femmel
23. St. Louis South.	Rev. Dr. Matthew Clark
24. Sedalia	Rev. William Smith
25. Southwest Missouri	Rev. Andrew Kennell
26. Springfield.	Rev. Joel Krueger
27. Washington.....	Rev. David Roth, Jr.
28. Wentzville	Rev. Donald Stock



**Minutes of the Twenty–Second Convention of
The Missouri District of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod
June 22–24, 2025
Wyndham Convention Center
Columbia, Missouri**

Theme: Bold Hope in Christ

The District Convention commenced on Sunday, June 22 with a Divine Service hosted by St. Paul Lutheran Church in Concordia, Mo. A summary of the service was included in Sunday's *Today's Business* and is included here:

Rev. Peter Lange, first vice president of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) served as preacher, building on the Convention's theme: Bold Hope in Christ.

Lange reminded delegates that our hope is not vague or uncertain—it is bold, confident, and grounded in the unshakable promises of Christ. Quoting 2 Cor. 3:12 (ESV), Lange said, “Since we have such a hope, we are very bold.” In the face of hardship, cultural change, or personal suffering, the Church does not retreat. Instead, with boldness, we confess Christ, trust His Word, and proclaim the Gospel to the world. This hope, Lange emphasized, is not based on human strength but rooted in Christ's death and resurrection, and sustained by His Spirit for every moment and every mission.

The service was hosted by St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Concordia, Mo. Assisting in the service were Rev. Randy Asbury, Rev. Benjamin T. Ball, President Rev. Dr. R. Lee Hagan, Rev. Andrew Lehenbauer, Rev. William Marler, Rev. Craig Otto, Rev. Michael Pottschmidt, and Rev. Brian Thieme. Musical leadership featured the Concordia Music Conservatory Kinderchor and the Concordia Music Conservatory, organist Katherine Drefs, and brass ensemble: Rachel Martens, Rev. Jeremy Freeman, Rev. Greg Truwe, Peter Krege, and Kaleb Virus.

The District Convention offering was also described in Sunday's *Today's Business*. This summary is included here:

The designation for the District Convention offering is the scholarship endowment for university and seminary students preparing for professional church work vocations—commonly known throughout the state as *Tomorrow's Teachers & Preachers*.

- While the endowment was created more than 40 years ago, an intentional effort through the *Tomorrow's Teachers & Preachers* campaign the last four years has grown the size of the investment by 10%, allowing for the healthy continuation of these scholarships.
- It is our goal to increase the endowment by an additional 10% over the upcoming triennium, providing more funds to more students.

Yesterday's offering at the opening worship service totaled \$15,077.52. Thank you to all who gave. May these gifts be used for God's glory! The apostle Paul encouraged those reading his letters that despite everything going on around them and the work that was before them, they could move with confidence knowing that God would sustain them. “Bold Hope in Christ” is an excellent reminder for us all in this present day as we serve congregations and schools throughout the state. The Missouri District is blessed to do this work in God's kingdom with you all.



Minutes of Session One – Monday, June 23, 8 a.m.

The opening devotion was led by the Rev. Michael Pottschmidt and Rev. Andrew Lehenbauer from St. Paul Lutheran Church, Concordia, Missouri. Pottschmidt preached on the “Our Living Hope” drawn from 1 Peter 1:3-9. The following summary is from Monday’s *Today’s Business*:

The devotion reflected on a moment familiar to many—standing in a cemetery, committing a loved one to the ground. In that sacred space, all false hopes are stripped away, and the truth of the Gospel stands firm.

The devotion reminded us that many of the hopes we cling to—health, peace, stability—are not bad in themselves, but they are fragile. They can fade, fail, or disappear. These are dying hopes. But through Christ’s resurrection, we are given something infinitely greater: a living hope. A hope that cannot die, because it is rooted in Easter.

This “living hope” is more than comfort—it is strength for today. It equips us to face trials with courage, to serve our neighbor with joy, and to walk through grief with confidence. As Pottschmidt proclaimed, “We live and we die in a living hope that beats with the unending heartbeat of our resurrected Savior.” Thanks be to God that our hope is not fleeting—it is eternal, and it lives in us because Jesus lives for us.

Staff members and those on the dais were introduced to the assembly including Secretary of Synod Rev. Dr. John Sias, who is serving as our parliamentarian, Missouri District Secretary Rev. Samuel Powell, Stage Manager Rev. Jason Kohm, and Sarah Irwin, who was stationed in the District Convention Office.

President Hagan called the District Convention to order at 8:34 a.m. in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Secretary Powell provided the first registration report as follows:

Registrant Group	Registered	Potential Registrants
All Registrants	416	448
Voting Pastoral Delegates	158	166
Voting Lay Delegate	171	179
Non-Voting Clergy	11	17
Commissioned DCE	3	3
Commissioned Deaconess	2	3
Commissioned Teacher	6	6
Commissioned Lay Minister	1	1
Commissioned Emeritus	7	7
Non-Voting Emeritus Pastor	8	10
Guest	18	25
District Staff/Volunteers	31	31

The report was adopted with no objections.

President Hagan presented the Standing Rules to the assembly. With no debate or objection, the standing rules were adopted by consent of the assembly. The agenda was also adopted with no objection from the assembly.



First Vice President Rev. Bill Marler took the chair for the District President's Report. He led the assembly in singing "Happy Birthday" to President Hagan. After a prepared video, President Hagan shared more information related to his report.

Resuming the chair, President Hagan invited Chair of the Elections Committee Rev. Jacob Sletten, to present the election rules and explain the voting procedures. This presentation included multiple sample votes to assist the delegates in becoming familiar with the electronic voting devices.

The first question put before the assembly was the statement, "The Kansas City Chiefs are the official football team for the Missouri District."

For 167 votes 54.93%
Against 137 votes 45.07%

The second question put before the assembly was: "What is your favorite Missouri sports team?" with the assembly being asked to select three.

St. Louis Blues..... 238 votes 79.33%
St. Louis Cardinals..... 235 votes 78.33%
Kansas City Chiefs..... 225 votes 75.00%
Kansas City Royals..... 174 votes 58.00%

The slate for District President was presented to the assembly. The results of the motion to ratify the slate for President are as follows.

For 312 votes 97.50%
Against 8 votes 2.50%

The motion passed and the slate was adopted.

District Convention Chaplain Rev. Pottschmidt was invited forward to pray before the election. Secretary Powell delivered an update on District Convention registration.

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The registration report was adopted by consent.

Sletten then led the delegates through the voting process. The election results for President are:

Rev. Dr. R. Lee Hagan with 313 votes (100.00%)

President Hagan was re-elected District President of the Missouri District.

There were no floor nominations received for First Vice President. The slate for First Vice President was presented to the assembly.

Rev. Randy Asburry
Rev. Richard Cody
Rev. Craig Otto
Rev. John Perling
Rev. Sam Powell

The results of the motion to ratify the slate for Vice President is as follows. The motion passed.

For 317 votes 99.37%
Against 2 votes 0.63%

Sletten then led the delegates through the voting process for First Vice President. The results of the first ballot for First Vice President are as follows.

1. Rev. Randy Asburry..... 111 votes..... 35.02%
2. Rev. Richard Cody 30 votes 9.46%
3. Rev. Craig Otto 109 votes 34.38%
4. Rev. John Perling 28 votes 8.83%
5. Rev. Samuel Powell..... 39 votes..... 12.30%

There was not an election, therefore Rev. John Perling was removed from the ballot and a second ballot was cast. The results of the second ballot for First Vice President are as follows.

1. Rev. Randy Asburry..... 135 votes 42.32%
2. Rev. Craig Otto..... 126 votes..... 39.50%
3. Rev. Richard Cody..... 27 votes 9.72%
4. Rev. Samuel Powell..... 31 votes..... 8.46%

There was not an election, therefore Rev. Richard Cody was removed from the ballot, and a fourth ballot was cast. The results of the fourth ballot for First Vice President are as follows.

1. Rev. Randy Asburry..... 150 votes 46.88%
2. Rev. Craig Otto..... 137 votes..... 42.81%
3. Rev. Samuel Powell..... 33 votes..... 10.31%



There was not an election, therefore Rev. Samuel Powell was removed from the ballot, and a fifth ballot was cast. The results of the fifth ballot for First Vice President are as follows.

1. Rev. Randy Asburry..... 160 votes 49.84%
2. Rev. Craig Otto..... 161 votes..... 50.16%

Rev. Craig Otto was elected First Vice President of the Missouri District.

Sletten then led the assembly through the nominating process for Second through Fourth Vice President. Those receiving the highest number of nominations were:

Rev. Randy Asburry	151
Rev. Richard Cody	55
Rev. John Perling	50
Rev. Samuel Powell	47
Rev. Tyler Arnold	18
Rev. Andrew Preus	18
Rev. Jeffrey Cloeter	17
Rev. Brian Thieme	15
Rev. Rodney Benkendorf	11
Rev. Jeremy Klaustermeier	11
Rev. Dr. Nicholas Hagerman	10
Rev. Bill Marler	10

Due to term limits, Rev. Brian Thieme and Rev. Bill Marler were ineligible to be on the ballot. Rev. Tyler Arnold declined the nomination. Due to ties, the final ballot for Second through Fourth Vice President is as follows:

Rev. Randy Asburry
 Rev. Rodney Benkendorf
 Rev. Jeff Cloeter
 Rev. Richard Cody
 Rev. Dr. Nicholas Hagerman
 Rev. Jeremy Klaustermeier
 Rev. John Perling
 Rev. Samuel Powell
 Rev. Andrew Preus

Chair of the Nominating Committee Rev. Joe Rodriguez came forward to present the slate for District Secretary. There were no nominations from the floor. The slate for District Secretary is as follows.

Rev. Dr. Nicholas Hagerman

The assembly was then led through the balloting process for Second through Fourth Vice Presidents. The results of the first ballot are as follows:



1. Rev. Randy Asburry..... 248 votes..... 77.02%
2. Rev. Rodney Benkendorf..... 69 votes..... 21.43%
3. Rev. Jeff Cloeter..... 85 votes..... 26.40%
4. Rev. Richard Cody..... 114 votes..... 35.40%
5. Rev. Dr. Nicholas Hagerman..... 65 votes..... 20.19%
6. Rev. Jeremy Klaustermeier..... 65 votes..... 20.19%
7. Rev. John Perling..... 76 votes..... 23.60%
8. Rev. Samuel Powell..... 112 votes..... 34.78%
9. Rev. Andrew Preus..... 101 votes 31.37%

Rev. Randy Asburry was elected Second Vice President of the Missouri District. Rev. Rodney Benkendorf, Rev. Dr. Nicholas Hagerman, Rev. Jeremy Klaustermeier, and Rev. Jon Perling were removed from the ballot and balloting continued. The results of the second ballot are as follows:

1. Rev. Jeff Cloeter..... 128 votes..... 39.38%
2. Rev. Richard Cody..... 191 votes..... 58.77%
3. Rev. Samuel Powell..... 195 votes 60.00%
4. Rev. Andrew Preus..... 119 votes 36.62%

Rev. Samuel Powell was elected Third Vice President and Rev. Richard Cody was elected Fourth Vice President.

The chair welcomed Rev. Richard Steensma, chairman of Floor Committee Two, Life Together to present the work of his committee.

He presented Resolution 2-01: To Approve Strategic Plan Critical Targets for 2025-28 Triennium. The committee moved adoption. Resolution 2-01 was put before the District Convention.

For 301 votes 97.73%
 Against 7 votes 2.27%

Resolution 2-01 was adopted.

Resolution 2-02: To Encourage Congregations to Intentionally Recruit Youth and Adults to Consider Church Work Vocations was presented. The committee moved adoption. Resolution 2-02 was put before the District Convention.

For 291 votes 91.22%
 Against 28 votes 8.78%

Resolution 2-02 was adopted.

Resolution 2-03: To Encourage Church Worker Retention was presented. The committee moved adoption. The resolution was amended with the consent of the committee. Resolution 2-03, as amended, was put before the District Convention.



For 300 votes 94.94%
Against 16 votes 5.06 %

Resolution 2-03 was adopted as amended.

Resolution 2-04: To Study Shared Ministry Among Small Congregations was presented. The committee moved adoption. The second-to-last resolve was amended with the consent of the committee. Resolution 2-03 as amended was put before the District Convention.

For 291 votes 90.09%
Against 32 votes 9.91%

Resolution 2-04 was adopted as amended.

Resolution 2-05 To Encourage Christian Discipleship in the Home was presented. The committee moved adoption. The second-to-last and third-to-last resolves were amended with the consent of the committee. Resolution 2-05 as amended was put before the District Convention.

For 304 votes 96.20%
Against 12 votes 3.80%

Resolution 2-05 was adopted as amended.

Resolution 2-06: To Encourage Fathers to Provide Spiritual Leadership in the Home was presented. The committee moved adoption. The last resolve was amended with the consent of the committee. Resolution 2-06 as amended was put before the District Convention.

For 305 votes 97.13%
Against 9 votes 2.87%

Resolution 2-06 was adopted as amended.

Floor Committee Two was thanked for their work as they had no more business to bring before the District Convention.

A video on campus ministry was shared with the District Convention.

The chair welcomed Rev. Rod Benkendorf, chairman of Floor Committee One, Witness and Mercy to the stage to present the work of his committee.

Resolution 1-01: Resolution 1-01 To Encourage a Heightened Awareness and Support of Lutheran Campus Ministries Summary was presented. The committee moved adoption. Resolution 1-01 was put before the District Convention.



For 281 votes 97.57%
 Against 7 votes 2.43%

Resolution 1-01 was adopted.

Resolution 1-02: To Make and Encourage Efforts in Mission Field Missouri was presented. The committee moved adoption. Resolution 1-02 was put before the District Convention.

For 288 votes 97.64%
 Against 7 votes 2.37%

Resolution 1-02 was adopted.

Resolution 1-03: To Encourage and Celebrate Multiethnic Ministry was presented. The committee moved adoption. Resolution 1-03 was put before the District Convention.

For 296 votes 96.73%
 Against 10 votes 3.27%

A video was shared about multiethnic ministry in Missouri.

Floor Committee One was thanked for their work as they had no more business to bring before the District Convention.

Third Vice President Rev. Randy Asburry took over as chair of the District Convention and invited President Hagan to give his acceptance speech. His acceptance speech, as contained in Monday's *Today's Business*, is included here:

In the afternoon of June 25, 1530, Chancellor of Saxony Christian Beyer stood before Emperor Charles V and read the German version of the Augsburg Confession. Dr. Beyer's loud voice carried so that the crowd gathered outside the hall in the courtyard were able to hear its presentation, which lasted approximately two hours. Seven German princes and two city councils had subscribed to the confession. At the risk of their lives and their earthly kingdoms, they boldly confessed their hope in Christ. Beyer read these words from Article IV of the Augsburg Confession, "We receive forgiveness of sin and become righteous before God out of grace for Christ's sake when we believe that Christ has suffered for us and that for his sake our sin is forgiven and righteousness and eternal life are given to us." This was their bold confession, and it remains what we believe, teach and confess still today!

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, there is much fear and apathy among our congregations today. Church leaders may wonder if the best days are behind us. We look back upon the past with longing and look to the future with uncertainty. And at times, we are hesitant even in the present because of the feeling that we're too small or too old or we've tried it all before. But Jesus Christ has indeed risen from the dead. The living Christ gives hope to those who were paralyzed by fears and doubts. Christ is not in the tomb! He sits at the Father's right hand in glory. Last night we sang, "This is the feast of victory for our God," because Christ has conquered sin and death! This is the hope that we proclaim. This is what we believe, teach and confess. This is the hope of which we sing. Because Christ has risen we have such hope and because we have such hope, we are very bold! My prayer for our congregations is that the next three years would be marked by boldness in proclaiming the Risen



Christ, that we have boldness to proclaim the Gospel. It may be proclaimed in different places and amongst different people, but it is the same Gospel of Christ's victory and the hope that it brings.

In Springfield and Washington circuits, the boldness of our congregations means starting new Lutheran high schools. That's bold. In some congregations, boldness means reaching out through ministries that support expectant mothers and children in need. In other congregations, they are boldly serving the underserved in their community by providing clothing, food and even shelter. You've certainly seen such things after the recent tornado in St. Louis. Their boldness may take on different forms, but it always provides opportunities to boldly confess Jesus Christ! That's why we are here, and it's why we serve.

The four critical targets that the District just adopted, that our District Board of Directors have wrestled with focus on key things for our future:

1. Church Worker Recruitment and Retention. We want to continue this emphasis, because of the great need for bold servants in our congregations and schools.
2. Discipleship in the Home. Our goal is to continue to assist congregations in equipping the homes to be places where Christ is at the center of the home and the Gospel is boldly taught there.
3. Mission Field: Missouri. This is the recognition that we have a mission field of over three million souls who are unchurched right here in our own midst. As our mission statement says, "The Missouri District exists to serve and encourage congregations to fulfill the Great Commission and promote the unity of the true faith."
4. Leadership Development. The District will provide training to assist congregations in developing leaders for our congregations and schools, amongst rostered church workers and laypeople.

The common goal thread among the four targets is bold hope in Christ!

The resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead changes everything and gives our lives hope and purpose. Pastors all have their favorite theologians that they like to read. The last few years I've really gone back again and again to Swedish Lutheran Bishop, Bo Giertz. His writings are just as timely today as they were when he became Bishop in Sweden nearly seventy years ago. A newly translated work was called *A Shepherd's Letter*. It's encouragement for the church to be bold, to be bold as we hope in Christ. In it Bishop Giertz writes, "The church's whole existence depends on a miracle: that he who was dead has risen again and is now with them all their days. The church itself is a participation in this miracle. She would not exist if Christ's resurrection power was not at work in her ... Everything that the Resurrected One does and works, all that he draws into his sphere of life, all that he justifies and sanctifies, all that he uses in some way as a means of grace, it is permeated by the hidden power of the resurrection" (p. 9-10). "Everything depends on this: that Christ is risen, that God's Son was delivered for our trespasses and raised for our justification' (Rom 4:25)." (p. 17)

Dear friends in Christ, Our Lord has indeed risen from the dead. May this hope make us bold confessors of the faith as we hold to the truth of God's Word. May we be bold witnesses who tell others about the hope that is within us. And may we be bold servants of Christ as we proclaim the Gospel boldly to all whom we serve. The resurrection of Jesus gives hope to every believer and that means that every congregation can be bold on account of the hope that we have in Christ Jesus!



June 24, 2025, in the afternoon, hundreds of God's people will return home from another convention, returning to their callings at home and at work and in the church. These are the places where God has called you to serve Him and to demonstrate the bold hope that we have in Christ. For less than forty-eight hours, we will have gathered here to be reminded of our Savior's resurrection and to know and to live out what that hope means in each and every one of our congregations! My prayer is that our congregations could be described as all having bold hope in Christ. He is risen. He is risen indeed. Alleluia! May God grant it for Jesus' sake. Amen.

President Hagan resumed chairing the District Convention and invited Rev. Dr. Jon Furgeson, chairman of Floor Committee Four - Structure and Administration to the stage to present the work of his committee.

Resolution 4-01: To Realign Circuits was presented. The committee moved adoption. Resolution 4-01 was put before the District Convention.

For	304 votes	96.82%
Against	10 votes	3.18%

Resolution 4-01 was adopted.

Resolution 4-02A: To Revise Bylaws Article III.D and Article IV.A was presented. The committee moved adoption. Resolution 4-02A was put before the District Convention.

For	289 votes	95.38%
Against	14 votes	4.62%

Resolution 4-02A was adopted.

Resolution 4-03A: To Revise Bylaws per CCM Recommendations was presented. The committee moved adoption. Resolution 4-03A was put before the District Convention.

For	299 votes	95.83%
Against	13 votes	4.17%

Resolution 4-03A was adopted.

Resolution 4-04: To Revise Bylaws Concerning the Convention Nominating Committee was presented. The committee moved adoption. Resolution 4-04 was put before the District Convention.

For	292 votes	92.41%
Against	24 votes	7.59%

Resolution 4-04 was adopted.

Resolution 4-05: To Revise Bylaws Concerning Conference Committees was presented. The committee moved adoption. Resolution 4-05 was put before the District Convention.



For 306 votes 97.76%
Against 7 votes 2.24%

Resolution 4-05 was adopted.

Resolution 4-06: To Review and Clarify Prior Approval was presented. The committee moved adoption. Resolution 4-06 was put before the District Convention.

For 286 votes 90.51%
Against 30 votes 9.49%

Resolution 4-06 was adopted.

Resolution 4-07: To Increase the Missouri District Church Worker Scholarship Endowment Fund was presented. The committee moved adoption. Resolution 4-07 was put before the District Convention.

For 311 votes 90.51%
Against 9 votes 2.81%

Resolution 4-07 was adopted.

Floor Committee Four was thanked for their work as they had no more business to bring before the District Convention.

President Hagan took this opportunity to thank outgoing board members and members of the praesidium. A video regarding the *SHINE!* servant event was shared with the District Convention. Director of Mission Advancement Leah Sieveking shared information about MOScholars.

Another video, this one a video from the Synod's two seminaries, was shared with the District Convention.

Directions were given to the assembly for lunch and the District Convention went into recess at noon. The District Convention reconvened at 1:06 p.m. with Vice President Thieme serving as chair.

Missouri District LWML President Marian Hoehner was invited to bring greetings from the women of the LWML.

The chair then welcomed David Fiedler to the stage to bring greetings from and share about the work of the LCMS Foundation. Following Fiedler was President and Chair of MinistryFOCUS Rev. Ken Krueger, who brought greetings on behalf of that organization.

Vice President Thieme welcomed the District Convention Essayist Rev. Dr. Kevin Golden, associate professor at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis to present his essay titled, "Bold Hope in Christ", drawn from 2 Cor. 3:12. A summary of his essay, as presented in Monday's *Today's Business*, is included here:

A familiar face within the District, Golden reflected on his 23 years of ministry—all served within the Missouri District—and spoke to delegates about the deep theological roots and practical implications of living with Christian hope in a fallen world.



Beginning with an illustration from *The Shawshank Redemption*, Golden explored the human longing for hope—how it can uplift, and when misdirected, how it can unravel. He reminded the assembly that Christian hope is distinct: it is grounded not in wishful thinking or uncertain dreams, but in the unshakable promises of Christ. “Hope is a good thing,” he noted, “maybe the best of things,” especially when that hope is anchored in the person and work of Jesus.

Throughout the essay, Golden emphasized that hope cannot rest on itself—just as faith cannot be in faith alone. Rather, both must be rooted in Christ. “If your hope is in your hope, then your hope is uncertain and soon to vanish,” he warned. But when grounded in God’s promises, hope is specific, secure, and bold.

Golden offered a vivid cultural comparison between Corinth in Paul’s day and our contemporary world, noting the pressures of wealth, sexual decadence, and athletic idolatry that shaped—and continue to shape—people’s priorities. “How do you compete with that?” he asked, referencing the overwhelming cultural tides. His answer was clear: “You don’t have to. In Christ, we behold something far more glorious.”

Drawing deeply from the context of 2 Corinthians and the events at Mount Sinai (Exodus 34), Golden led delegates through a rich biblical narrative—from Moses’ veiled face to the glory of the Lord dwelling in the tabernacle, to its ultimate fulfillment in Christ. The connection culminated in a powerful reminder: In Christ, the veil is lifted. We behold His glory, and we are being transformed—now—into His image.

Golden encouraged delegates to look around at their congregations and recognize the extraordinary in the ordinary: “You may not feel all that glorious, but your feelings do not determine reality. Christ has declared that His glory is transforming you.”

As Paul called the Corinthians to live boldly because of their hope, so too are we. “With that kind of hope,” Golden concluded, “how can you not act with much boldness?”

Following Dr. Golden’s essay, President Hagan resumed chairing the District Convention and welcomed Chair of the Nominating Committee Rev. Rodriguez, back to the stage. It was noted that Rev. David Roth removed his name from consideration from the ordained position on the Board of Directors.

Rodriguez presented the slate for the ordained position on the Board of Directors.

Rev. Richard Cody
Rev. Paul Dickerson
Rev. Andrew Gimbel

Due to his election as a Vice President Cody removed his name from consideration for the ordained position on the Board of Directors. There were no nominations from the floor for this position. The final slate is presented here.

Rev. Paul Dickerson
Rev. Andrew Gimbel



Rodriguez presented the slate for the commissioned position on the Board of Directors.

Laura Montgomery
Dawn Walker

Deaconess Ruth McDonnell received a floor nomination and her paperwork was in order. There were no objections to receiving the floor nomination by consent of the body. With no other floor nominations, the final slate is presented here.

Deaconess Ruth McDonnell
Laura Montgomery
Dawn Walker

Rodriguez presented the slate for the lay position on the Board of Directors. There were no nominations from the floor for this position. The final slate is presented here.

Neal Bredehoeft
Samuel Rathmann
Don Sanders

Rodriguez presented the slate for the ordained position on the Council on Mission and Ministry. There were no nominations from the floor for this position. The final slate is presented here.

Rev. David Mahsman
Rev. Dr. Mark Rabe

Rodriguez presented the slate for the commissioned position on the Council on Mission and Ministry. There were no nominations from the floor for this position. The final slate is presented here.

DCE Leah Kortmeyer

Rodriguez presented the slate for the lay position on the Council on Mission and Ministry. There were no nominations from the floor for this position. The final slate is presented here.

Kent Grebing
Kevin Herweck

Sletten was welcomed back to the stage for further voting. The slate for District Secretary was presented to the assembly. The results are as follows.

Rev. Dr. Nicholas Hagerman..... 292 votes .. 100%

Rev. Dr. Nicholas Hagerman was elected District Secretary.



The slate for Board of Directors – Ordained was presented to the assembly. The results are as follows.

Rev. Andrew Gimbel	169 votes	58.48%
Rev. Paul Dickerson	120 votes.....	41.52%

Rev. Andrew Gimbel was elected to serve as an ordained member of the Board of Directors.

The slate for Board of Directors – Commissioned was presented to the assembly. The results are as follows.

Dawn Walker	108 votes.....	38.16%
Deaconess Ruth McDonnell	93 votes.....	32.86%
Laura Montgomery.....	82 votes.....	29.98%

There was no election. Therefore, Laura Montgomery was removed from the ballot and a second ballot was cast. The results are as follows.

Dawn Walker	166 votes.....	58.45%
Deaconess Ruth McDonnell	118 votes.....	41.55%

Dawn Walker was elected to serve as a commissioned member of the Board of Directors.

The ballot for Board of Directors – Lay was presented to the assembly. The results are as follows.

Neal Bredehoeft.....	203 votes.....	69.52%
Samuel Rathmann	193 votes.....	66.10%
Don Sanders.....	172 votes.....	58.90%

Neal Bredehoeft and Samuel Rathmann were elected to serve as lay members of the Board of Directors.

The ballot for the Council on Mission and Ministry – Ordained was presented to the assembly. The results are as follows.

Rev. David Mahsman.....	121 votes	42.31%
Rev. Dr. Mark Rabe.....	165 votes.....	57.69%

Rev. Dr. Mark Rabe was elected to serve as an ordained member of the Council for Mission and Ministry.

The slate for the Council on Mission and Ministry – Commissioned was presented to the assembly. The results are as follows.

DCE Leah Kortmeyer.....	272 votes.....	100%
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DCE Leah Kortmeyer was elected to serve as a commissioned member of the Council on Mission and Ministry.



The ballot for the Council on Mission and Ministry – Lay was presented to the assembly. The results are as follows.

Kent Grebing.....	99 votes	36.00%
Kevin Herweck.....	176 votes	64.00%

Kevin Herweck was elected to serve as a lay member of the Council on Mission and Ministry.

The chair recognized Rev. Craig Meissner who brought forward an overture related to seminary education, “To Affirm the Pastoral Formation Done By Our LCMS Seminaries.” There was a second. With the consent of the body, this overture was referred to Floor Committee Four to be considered and then be printed in the next issue of *Today’s Business*.

Two videos were shared with the District Convention. The first was regarding the blessing of Lutheran schools and the second was on shared ministry.

Rev. Craig Otto assumed the chair of the District Convention. He welcomed Rev. Peter Lange, first vice president of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod to the stage to give his report. He brought greetings on behalf of President Harrison and shared the framework for President Harrison’s theological approach to District Convention visits for this triennium, Book of Concord Lutherans. Rev. Lange shared a video from President Hagan to begin his formal report. After the video, Rev. Lange continued his report, which concluded with a video that included information about the 2026 Synod Convention in Phoenix.

Rev. Lange welcomed Rev. Ben Ball, Synod second vice president to the stage for a time of Q&A.

After the Q&A, President Hagan resumed the chair and a video on family ministry was shared with the District Convention.

The chair welcomed Jonathan Schultz, president and CEO of Concordia Publishing House who brought greetings on behalf of the institution. Kevin Herwick, vice president and Chief Operating Officer of Concordia Plan Services then brought greetings on behalf of that institution. Finally, Rev. Todd Biermann, executive director of the Concordia Center for the Family who brought greetings on behalf of that institution.

President Hagan announced that the Springfield Circuit would be caucusing after the conclusion of the afternoon session to elect a circuit visitor. The ordained advisory delegates would also be caucusing at that time.

The chair welcomed Arnold, chairman of Floor Committee Three – Theology, Church, and Culture to the stage to present the work of his committee.



Resolution 3-01: To Celebrate the 500th Anniversary of the *Small Catechism* and Encourage Heads of Households to Teach It in the Home was presented. The committee moved adoption. With the consent of the committee, the resolution was adopted. Resolution 3-01 was put before the District Convention.

For	308 votes	99.04%
Against	3 votes	0.96%

Resolution 3-01 was adopted as amended.

Resolution 3-02 To Offer Care and Support for Families Affected by Homosexuality and Transgenderism was presented. The committee moved adoption. With the consent of the committee, the resolution was amended. Resolution 3-02 was put before the District Convention.

For	275 votes	91.97%
Against.....	24 votes	8.03%

Resolution 3-02 was adopted as amended.

Resolution 3-03: Resolution 3-03 To Oppose Missouri State Amendment 3 and Defend God's Gift of Life was presented. The committee moved adoption.

It was moved and seconded to amend the resolution. The content of the amendments to the resolution are included here:

WHEREAS, the joy of Christ's birth is also for the child inside his mother's womb (Acts 2:39), as attested by the account of John leaping in Elizabeth's womb (Luke 1:41, 44), and

WHEREAS, the eternal Word becoming flesh in the womb of the Virgin is essential to how sinful man is saved (Gal 4:4-5; 1 Tim 2:5), since, as Gregory of Nazianzus put it, "For that which He has not assumed He has not healed; but that which is united to His Godhead is also saved (Critique of Apollinarianism, par. 5);"

RESOLVED, that the Missouri District of the LCMS in convention memorialize Synod in convention to declare, that the pro-choice and abortion rights ideology is a heresy, which no Christian in good conscience can hold, and be it further

The question was called on debate for the amendment.

For	226 votes	76.09%
Against.....	71 votes	23.91%

The motion to end debate passed. The amendment to Resolution 3-03 was put before the District Convention.



For	226 votes	76.09%
Against.....	71 votes.....	23.91%

The amendment passed.

With the orders of the day called, Pottschmidt closed the day's session with a prayer and a hymn was sung. The District Convention went into recess until 8:00 a.m. Tuesday morning.



Rev. Randy Asburry served as chair for the beginning of Tuesday's session. The first part of the orders of the day was the triennial memorial service. This service was summarized in Tuesday's edition of *Today's Business* and is included here:

Missouri District First Vice President Rev. Bill Marler led delegates in the Matins Memorial Service on Tuesday morning. In his sermon, based on Matt. 25:21, Marler reflected on the lives and faithful service of pastors and church workers who have entered eternal rest.

He reminded listeners that while no one is indispensable, each servant is used by God to carry out His mission. "To live is Christ," Marler said, means that every season of life—even one marked by weakness or weariness still has purpose in Christ. With humility, faithfulness, and courage, we serve until we are called home.

As we remember those who have gone before us, we are strengthened to take up our call anew, encouraged by the promise of hearing one day: "Well done, good and faithful servant. Come and share your Master's happiness." In the words of Marler, "Let us leave here with a renewed will to march on, even through the mud and mire, just to reach it."

The service also included Rev. Michael Pottschmidt, senior pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Concordia, who read the names of church workers who entered eternal rest between June 1, 2022, and May 31, 2025. As each name was read, a bell was rung in memoriam.

Vice President Thieme assumed the role of District Convention chair and welcomed back Golden to deliver part two of his essay. A summary of the essay, included in Tuesday's *Today's Business*, is included here:

Rev. Dr. Kevin Golden, essayist for the District Convention, delivered Part II of the convention essay series on Tuesday morning. Continuing the theme "Bold Hope in Christ," drawn from 2 Cor. 3:12, Golden offered a theological meditation on two Old Testament accounts of hope, illustrating the boldness that arises when God's people are held by His promises.

The first account began with the people of Israel entering the Promised Land in the book of Joshua. Golden recounted the Lord's provision—from the Exodus through wilderness wanderings to the conquest of Jericho highlighting the faithfulness of Yahweh in delivering His people. But the narrative turned with the sin of Achan, who took devoted items from Jericho in disobedience to Yahweh's command. As a result, Israel suffered a humiliating defeat at Ai, and Achan was put to death in the Valley of Achor—literally, the "Valley of Trouble." A pile of stones was left as a memorial to the communal consequence of one man's sin.

Yet, Golden emphasized that the story of Achor does not end in judgment. Over six hundred years later, in Hosea 2:15, the Lord promised to transform the Valley of Achor into "a doorway of hope." Despite Israel's ongoing idolatry, Yahweh would restore His unfaithful bride, Israel. This eschatological promise found its fulfillment in Christ, the second Adam, who brings life where once there was death. Golden noted the shocking mercy of the Gospel—that Christ redeems even those who, like Hosea's wife, had become unfaithful. With that confidence, the Church boldly proclaims Christ to all, for no one lies beyond the reach of His grace.



The second account moved forward in redemptive history to the Babylonian exile. After decades of captivity, Judah was freed by the Edict of Cyrus in 539 BC. Yet, upon returning to Jerusalem, the people found only ruins where the temple once stood. Golden invited delegates to relate to that feeling of loss, noting common laments heard today: empty pews, dwindling Sunday school classes, or once-vibrant ministries now quiet.

Still, the prophet Zechariah addressed the returned exiles with a startling proclamation: “Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope” (Zechariah 9:12). Though they had known captivity and desolation, Yahweh bound them not to fear, but to the hope of a coming King. That hope was fulfilled in Jesus Christ, who entered Jerusalem on a donkey to suffer, die, and rise. Golden reminded the assembly that although physical buildings may fall and earthly institutions waver, the reign of Christ continues wherever His means of grace are delivered—Word, Baptism, Supper, and Absolution.

The essay concluded with a personal reflection, as Golden shared photos of the three congregations he has served. Each, he said, bears its own “account of hope,” because each is filled with Christ. He encouraged congregations to look not at what has been lost, but to see their communities through the lens of bold hope. Whether it is engaging preschool families, caring for the elderly, or responding to human need, congregations are to act boldly, for the Church is not a relic of the past but Christ’s living body in the present.

Golden reminded delegates: “You are not surrounded by decline. You are surrounded by hope—because you are held by Christ.” With that certainty, the Church presses on, acting with great boldness in proclaiming and living the hope that is hers in Christ alone.

President Hagan resumed chairing the District Convention and invited Secretary Powell to provide a registration report. Registrations as of 9:15 a.m. were:

Registrant Group	Registered	Potential Registrants
All Registrants	434	448
Voting Pastoral Delegates	162	166
Voting Lay Delegate	176	179
Non-Voting Clergy	14	17
Commissioned DCE	3	3
Commissioned Deaconess	2	3
Commissioned Teacher	7	7
Commissioned Emeritus	7	7
Non Voting Emeritus Pastor	10	10
Guest	22	25
District Staff, Volunteers	31	31



Chair of the Nominating Committee Rodriguez was welcomed back to the stage to present the slates for the Committee on Nominations. There were no floor nominations for ordained, commissioned, or lay positions on the committee for nominations. Therefore, the slates were approved with the consent of the body. The slates were:

Ordained:

Rev. Barrett Buchmueller
 Rev. Dr. James Fickenscher
 Rev. Kyle Fittje
 Rev. Ryan Taylor
 Rev. Brian Thieme

Commissioned:

DCE Clint Colwell
 DCE Bernard Fortmeyer
 Aaron Hentges
 Deaconess Anna Johnson
 Deaconess Sarah Longmire

Lay:

Erik Burgdorf
 Karl Ed Holderle
 Russell Kruse
 Nathaniel Maichel
 Steve Stearns

The members of the nominating committee were thanked for their work.

Chairman Sletten, returned for the elections for the Committee on Nominations. The ballot for two ordained positions on the Committee on Nominations was put before the District Convention. The results are as follows.

1. Rev. Barrett Buchmueller.....	89 votes	32.60%
2. Rev. Dr. James Fickenscher.....	136 votes	49.82%
3. Rev. Kyle Fittje.....	72 votes	26.37%
4. Rev. Ryan Taylor.....	62 votes.....	22.71%
5. Rev. Brian Thieme.....	169 votes.....	61.90%

Rev. Brian Thieme was elected to serve as an ordained member of the Committee on Nominations. A second ballot was cast. The results are as follows.

1. Rev. Barrett Buchmueller.....	60 votes	21.43%
2. Rev. Dr. James Fickenscher.....	153 votes	54.64%
3. Rev. Kyle Fittje.....	40 votes.....	14.29%
4. Rev. Ryan Taylor.....	27 votes.....	9.64%



Rev. Dr. James Fickenscher was elected to serve as an ordained member of the Committee on

Nominations. The ballot for two commissioned positions on the Committee on Nominations was put before The District Convention. The results are as follows.

1. DCE Clint Colwell145 votes..... 52.73%
2. DCE Bernard Fortmeyer..... 73 votes26.55%
3. Aaron Hentges.....88 votes32.00%
4. Deaconess Anna Johnson.....93 votes 33.83%
5. Deaconess Sarah Longmire.....138 votes 50.18%

DCE Clint Colwell and Deaconess Sarah Longmire were elected to the commissioned positions on the Committee for Nominations.

The ballot for two lay positions on the Committee on Nominations was put before the District Convention. The results are as follows.

1. Erik Burgdorf.....140 votes.....51.47%
2. Karl Ed Holderle.....77 votes 28.31%
3. Russell Kruse.....134 votes 49.26%
4. Nathaniel Maichel.....95 votes 34.93%
5. Steve Stearns.....87 votes 31.99%

Erik Burgdorf was elected to serve as a lay member of the Committee on Nominations. A second ballot was cast. The results are as follows.

1. Karl Ed Holderle.....35 votes 12.92%
2. Russell Kruse.....153 votes 54.46%
3. Nathaniel Maichel.....52 votes 19.19%
4. Steve Stearns.....31 votes 11.44%

Russell Kruse was elected to serve as a lay member of the Committee on Nominations.

With elections finished, Sletten and members of the election were recognized for the work at District Convention.

Rev. Dr. Bart Day brought greetings on behalf of The Lutheran Church Extension Fund. Dr. Bernard Bull brought greetings on behalf of Concordia University, Nebraska. Rev. Dr. Chad Kendall brought greetings on behalf of Concordia University, Chicago.

Rev. Dr. Jon Furgeson, chairman of Floor Committee Four, returned to the stage to bring forward Resolution 4-08: To Affirm That Pastoral Formation in The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod is Done By Synodically Approved Seminaries. The committee moved adoption. The resolution was amended with the consent of the committee. The question was called and the body consented to ending debate. Resolution 4-08 was put before the assembly.



For 263 votes 91.00%
 Against..... 26 votes..... 9.00%

Resolution 4-8, as amended, was adopted.

Arnold, chairman of Floor Committee Three returned to the stage to continue the work of his committee. In the committee's work, they brought forward two new resolutions, Resolution 3-06: To Oppose Missouri State Amendment 3 and Resolution 3-07: To Defend God's Gift of Life. In order to consider these resolutions, the motion was made to divide the question, Resolution 3-03A, which was the resolution amended at the close of Monday's session. The motion to divide the question was put before the District Convention.

For 265 votes 90.44%
 Against 28 votes 9.56%

The motion to divide the question passed.

Resolution 3-06: To Oppose Missouri State Amendment 3 was put before the District Convention. The committee moved adoption. The resolution was amended with the consent of the committee. The question was called. The motion to end debate was put before the assembly.

For 266 votes 92.89%
 Against 22 votes 7.64%

The motion to end debate passed. Resolution 3-06 as amended was put before the assembly.

For 280 votes 96.89%
 Against 9 votes 3.11%

Resolution 3-06, as amended, was adopted.

Resolution 3-07: To Defend God's Gift of Life was put before the District Convention. The committee moved adoption. It was moved and seconded to amend the resolution by adding a whereas and modifying the final resolve.

"Whereas, to teach that the personhood is only conferred at birth or afterwards is to reject God the Son's incarnation in the Womb, therefore be it..."

"Resolved, that the Missouri District of the LCMS in convention memorialize Synod in convention to declare, that the ~~pro-choice and abortion rights ideology~~ ~~is a heresy~~ teaching that abortion is acceptable due to the non-personhood of the fetus is a heresy that rejects a full understanding of the incarnation, which no Christian in good conscience can hold."

With the consent of the one making the motion to amend and the individual making the second, the amendment was further amended with the addition of the phrase, "in the church" in both the whereas and resolved.



“Whereas, to teach in the church that the personhood is only conferred at birth or afterwards is to reject God’s the Son’s incarnation in the womb, therefore be it...”

“Resolved, that the Missouri District of the LCMS in convention memorialize Synod in convention to declare, that the ~~pro-choice and abortion rights ideology~~ is a heresy teaching in the church that abortion is acceptable due to the non-personhood of the fetus is a heresy that rejects a full understanding of the incarnation, which no Christian in good conscience can hold.”

It was moved and seconded to amend the amendment to remove the word heresy and replace it with false teaching. Having tested the will of the assembly, the chair ended debate on the amendment to the amendment. The amendment to the amendment was put before the assembly.

For	165 votes	76.09%
Against	111 votes	40.22%

The amendment to the amendment passed.

Having tested the will of the assembly, the chair ended debate on the amendment. The amendment was put before the assembly.

For	259 votes	91.84%
Against	23 votes	8.16%

The amendment passed.

Having tested the will of the assembly, the chair put amended Resolution 3-07 before the assembly.

For	265 votes	93.64%
Against	18 votes	6.36%

Resolution 3-07 as amended passed.

The following delegates asked that their affirmative votes for Resolution 3-07 be recorded: Jonathan P. Finck (Trinity, New Haven), Rev. Matthew Hayter (Trinity, New Haven), Daniel Lohmeyer (St. Paul, Union), and Rev. Andrew Preus (Trinity, New Haven).

3-05: To Commend Congregations, Lutherans For Life, and other Appropriate RSOs Involved in Sanctity of Life Efforts was put before the District Convention. Having tested the will of the assembly, the resolution went before the District Convention.

For	280 votes	98.25%
Against	5 votes	1.75%

Resolution 3-05 was adopted.

Floor Committee Three was thanked for their work by the District Convention.



Sletten returned to present the slate of circuit visitors for ratification.

For	275 votes	98.57%
Against	4 votes	1.43%

President Hagan took this opportunity to recognize members of the Board of Directors and the Praesidium who have finished their terms of service. This includes Vice President Marler and Vice President Thieme and Board Members Rev. Jeremy Schultz and Brian Mitchell.

Also, President Hagan recognized the District Convention host congregation, St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Concordia, the District Convention Committee and staff, the Wyndham staff, Southwest Audio Visual, Padget Communications, especially Convention Parliamentarian Trina Brown, our student assistants, the Altar Guild from Trinity Lutheran Church in Columbia, and all of our ushers and volunteers.

Pottschmidt and Vice President Thieme led the assembly in the closing devotion. Vice President Thieme's message was summarized in Tuesday's *Today's Business* and is included here:

The Missouri District Convention concluded with a devotion led by Second Vice President Rev. Brian Thieme, centered on Peter's confession in John 6:68–69: "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life." Drawing from Scripture and the faithful examples of biblical figures, the devotion reminded delegates that Christ alone is our anchor in times of uncertainty, and His Word alone brings eternal life. With a call to bold confession and continued trust in Jesus, Thieme encouraged delegates to leave strengthened in faith.

As part of the service, the newly reelected President Hagan, along with the circuit visitors, were installed. The District Convention adjourned at 12 p.m. During the devotion, Synod First Vice President Rev. Peter Lange installed President Hagan and President Hagan installed the circuit visitors.

With no objections, the chair adjourned the twenty-second District Convention of the Missouri District of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod "In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit" at noon.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rev. Samuel Powell
Missouri District Secretary



Convention Resolutions

Resolution 1-01

To Encourage a Heightened Awareness and Support of Lutheran Campus Ministries

Whereas, God, in His Word, instructs us to continue growing in our life of faith; and

Whereas, the Missouri District Campus Ministry Network supports, encourages, and equips Missouri District campus ministries to reach, resource, and release young adults as witnesses who share the message of Jesus Christ during and after their college years; and

Whereas, there is often little or nothing on the public campus to support Christian culture, life, and faith; and

Whereas, the public campus culture can often be hostile to the Christian life and faith; and

Whereas, the local campus ministries offer a place of sanctuary, renewal, and belonging in the midst of the challenging life of our college students in the current culture; therefore be it

Resolved, the Missouri District encourages congregations to utilize and to notify the Missouri District Campus Ministry Network when students are enrolled in colleges and universities; and be it further

Resolved, the Missouri District encourages all college students to participate in the annual GO Leadership Retreat; and be it further

Resolved, the Missouri District shares Missouri District Campus Ministry Network information during all District youth events; and be it further

Resolved, the Missouri District encourages congregations near campuses without Campus Ministry Network representation to connect with the Missouri District Campus Ministry Network; and be it further

Resolved, the Missouri District encourages congregations to financially support the Missouri District Campus Ministry Network, local campus ministries, and participants that attend Missouri District Campus Network events including the GO Leadership Retreat; and be it finally

Resolved, the Missouri District encourages congregations to support the Missouri District Campus Ministry Network, local campus ministries, and participants with regular prayer.

Resolution 1-02

To Make Aware and Encourage Efforts in *Mission Field Missouri*

Whereas, God desires all people come to the knowledge of Jesus and be saved; and

Whereas, 52% of the population of Missouri, over three million people, are currently unchurched and part of the mission field; and

Whereas, these unchurched people are scattered across the state in urban areas, small cities, towns, and rural communities; and

Whereas, God has established “mission outposts” in the churches and schools of the Missouri District; and



Whereas, by the grace of God, many people have been trained and equipped for mission through initiatives such as Plus One, *SHINE!*, and Every One His Witness; and

Whereas, Missouri, due to our geographic location, diverse population base, and educational opportunities, also has influence on people worldwide; therefore be it

Resolved, that the Missouri District encourages every church and school to recognize themselves as a mission among the unchurched in Missouri (to be understood as *Mission Field Missouri*); and be it further

Resolved, that the Missouri District encourages every church and school to pray regularly for the unchurched in their local communities; and be it further

Resolved, that the Missouri District encourages congregations to make use of Missouri District resources to better reach out to the unchurched in their community; and be it further

Resolved, that the Missouri District encourages congregations within their communities to partner together in *Mission Field Missouri*; and be it finally

Resolved, congregations are encouraged to continue participation in District Mission initiatives such as Plus One, *SHINE!*, and Every One His Witness and future mission endeavors.

Resolution 1-03

To Encourage and Celebrate Multiethnic Ministry

Whereas, it is the 150th anniversary of the LCMS outreach to Chinese immigrants in St. Louis; and

Whereas, Jesus's command is to "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations" (Matthew 28:19); and

Whereas, God is bringing people from "the nations" to the United States who are settling in communities throughout Missouri; and

Whereas, these new Americans are a "field ripe for the harvest" of faith and salvation; and

Whereas, multiethnic ministry brings together people from different nations, cultures, and backgrounds to work together while recognizing each ethnicity as wonderfully unique; and

Whereas, God is gathering people from multiple cultures and ethnicities to join together in reaching new generations of people coming to Missouri; and

Whereas, in the preceding triennium, within the Missouri District, God has raised up three pastors, two deaconesses, and a number of lay persons from other nations and ethnicities to serve as leaders in multiethnic ministry; therefore be it

Resolved, the Missouri District encourages congregations to celebrate and give thanks to God for the 150 years of multiethnic outreach and for the multiethnic pastors, deaconesses, and laity that God has raised up in the preceding triennium; and be it further

Resolved, the Missouri District encourages congregations to be aware of, pray for, and be open to opportunities for multiethnic ministry in their local communities; and be it finally

Resolved, as God grants and blesses these efforts, the Missouri District encourages congregations to make use of District and Synodical resources.



Resolution 2-01

To Approve Strategic Plan Critical Targets for 2025-28 Triennium

Whereas, the Missouri District Board of Directors adopted a strategic plan for the 2022-25 triennium with four critical targets:

1. Church Worker Recruitment and Retention
2. Family Discipleship Expansion
3. Community Engagement
4. Shared Ministry; and

Whereas, the strategic plan guided the Board and staff in their respective work during the triennium; and

Whereas, a detailed version of the strategic plan was sent to each congregation of the District to make them aware of the various initiatives; and

Whereas, six town hall meetings were held in the fall of 2024 for the Board and staff to gain input from across the District; and

Whereas, the feedback from more than 300 attendees from nearly 100 congregations was shared with the Board to inform the strategic plan for 2025-28; therefore be it

Resolved, that the Missouri District approve these four critical targets:

1. Church Worker Recruitment and Retention – Continuing to address the urgent need for pastors, teachers, and commissioned ministers while supporting the wellbeing and retention of those currently serving
 2. Discipleship in the Home – Expanding on the previous focus on family discipleship to emphasize equipping parents, guardians, and households to nurture faith development within the home
 3. Mission Field: Missouri – From “Community Engagement” to a more intentional and District-wide mission strategy, equipping congregations to see their local communities as mission fields for sharing the Gospel
 4. Leadership Development of laity and church workers – Strengthening lay and clergy leadership training, fostering collaboration among congregations, and equipping future church leaders
- to guide the development of a detailed strategic plan for the 2025-28 triennium.

Resolution 2-02

To Encourage Congregations to Intentionally Recruit Youth and Adults to Consider Church Work Vocations

Whereas, our Lord bids that we pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest fields (Matthew 9:37-38); and

Whereas, each spring there are more requests for placements of pastors and teachers than there are available servants from our seminaries and universities; and

Whereas, the LCMS *Set Apart to Serve* materials provides tools to assist congregations, schools, and adult mentors to encourage youth and adults to consider church work vocations; therefore be it



Resolved, that the Missouri District Convention encourage congregations to annually designate a Sunday as “*Tomorrow’s Teachers & Preachers Sunday*” to highlight church work vocations, share information about LCMS seminaries and universities, and receive offerings for either the congregation or District’s church work endowment funds; and be it further

Resolved, that congregations and Lutheran high schools collaborate to provide opportunities to visit LCMS universities to learn more about church work vocations and to promote the Missouri District Lutheran College Fair each time it is held; and be it further

Resolved, that each congregation would designate someone to assist with promotion of LCMS *Set Apart to Serve* materials and to share information about the LCMS seminaries and universities; and be it finally

Resolved, that congregations be encouraged to share the joy of serving the Lord in church work vocations by diligently recruiting youth and adults engaged in God’s Word and Sacraments, acknowledging the challenges but praying that the Holy Spirit guides to consider the joyful calling of church work vocations

Resolution 2-03

To Encourage Church Worker Retention

Amended by Convention

Whereas, one of the objectives of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) is to “Recruit and train pastors, teachers, and other professional church workers and provide opportunity for their continuing growth” (Constitution Article III 3); and

Whereas, another objective of the LCMS is to “Provide evangelical supervision, counsel, and care for pastors, teachers, and other professional church workers of the Synod in the performance of their official duties” (Constitution Article III 8); and

Whereas, the vocation of professional church worker is filled with great opportunities to encourage people in their faith daily; and

Whereas, the number of active rostered church workers has decreased from 14,647 in 2020 to 11,885 in 2023; and

Whereas, congregations have limited resources for providing a sabbatical; and

Whereas, research findings from a 2024 Synod survey of workers and congregational lay leaders indicate that lay leaders recognize and affirm their responsibility in caring for church workers; and

Whereas, **that** lay leaders desire to be more proactive in the care they provide for support and welfare of their church workers; and

Whereas, lay leaders would appreciate any information, resources, or best practice recommendations to this end; therefore be it

Resolved, lay leaders and church workers be encouraged to collaborate for the mutual building of the body of Christ with its church workers; and be it further

Resolved, that the District President and the District staff provide a sample sabbatical guideline to each congregation’s Board of Elders; and be it further



Resolved, that the Convention commends Lutheran Church Extension Fund for its partnership with MinistryFOCUS to provide grants to professional church workers for educational debt; and be it further

Resolved, that the Convention also commends the ministries of Grace Place Wellness Ministry, DOXOLOGY: The Lutheran Center for Spiritual Care and Counsel, and Shepherd’s Canyon Retreat for their efforts to provide church workers spiritual, emotional, and psychological tools, personal consultation, refreshment in the Word, and advanced education; and be it further

Resolved, that the congregations and the congregational leaders of the Missouri District be encouraged to refer their church workers to the above opportunities; and be it finally

Resolved, to proactively foster a culture of care and appreciation through prayer, recognition, and practical support for those serving in church work.

Resolution *2-04

To Study Shared Ministry Among Small Congregations

Amended by Convention

Whereas, Missouri District currently has a growing number of congregations that are too small and/or lack the resources to call a full-time pastor; and

Whereas, the Missouri District experiences the ongoing challenge to supply Synodically trained, ordained and commissioned workers to serve in their midst; and

Whereas, in the Holy Scriptures we hear how the first disciples responded to the needs of fellow believers during a time of famine in another region, “So the disciples determined, every one according to his ability, to send relief to the brothers living in Judea” (Acts 11:29) ; and

Whereas, God leads us to consider other congregations and their needs by sharing the resources of workers, with these words “Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others...I hope in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you soon” (Philippians 2: 4, 19) ; and

Whereas, in 2 Corinthians 9:2c-3 we hear how congregations stewarded the support for workers by collaborating in advance to ensure the success of shared resources and by their zeal in the resurrected Lord, saying “...And your zeal has stirred up most of them. But I am sending the brothers so that our boasting about you may not prove empty in this matter, so that you may be ready...” ; and

Whereas, the Synod Handbook provides an orderly way to respond to the needs of congregations struggling to support workers, stating;

“The circuit forum is the group which aids the process of keeping congregations, particularly the lay leaders, commissioned ministers, and pastors, supportive of one another in their common confession and mutually active in developing programs for the good of member congregations, in considering and recommending new work, and in suggesting improvements for services and programming at the national and District levels and is encouraged to meet at least twice a year” (Synod 2023 Handbook Section 5.3.1) ; and

Whereas, “(a) The circuit visitor shall endeavor to provide resources, opportunities, and assistance so God’s people can grow in their faith” (Synod 2023 Handbook Section 5.3.1) ; and



Whereas, “(b) Among the functions which the circuit forum may perform are the following:”
... “(3) To devise and develop programs and services relevant to the needs of circuit congregations, lay leaders, teachers, and pastors” (*Synod 2023 Handbook* Section 5.3.1); and

Whereas, “The circuit convocation is a larger gathering of members from circuit congregations during a year in which there is no national or District Convention” (*Synod 2023 Handbook* Section 5.4.1); and

Whereas, “The purpose of a circuit convocation is to provide a setting in which congregational members may know of and celebrate the ministry pursued by each congregation, may review and discuss the work of the circuit forum, may discuss and evaluate mission potential within the circuit, and may receive information on various phases of the work pursued through Districts and the Synod” (*Synod 2023 Handbook* Section 5.4.1); and

Whereas, “(a) Its emphasis should be on inspiration, education, and motivation, and mission and theological discourse both within and beyond the circuit. The convocation should also be a place for in-depth discussion among all circuit congregation members of the theological and missiological issues before the Synod” (*Synod 2023 Handbook* Section 5.4.1); and

Whereas, “(b) The circuit visitor shall serve as Chairman of the circuit convocation and other circuit gatherings” (*Synod 2023 Handbook* Section 5.4.1); and

Whereas, “(c) The circuit visitor and any other officers shall have the primary responsibility of preparing the agenda for the circuit convocation” (*Synod 2023 Handbook* Section 5.4.1);

Resolved, that circuit visitors initiate the planning and implementation of a circuit forum to consider the needs of their small congregations, **and to study and instruct on what Scripture and our confessions teach on the Church, the ministry, and the call, and** study shared ministry recommendations for supporting small congregations; and be it finally

Resolved, that circuits meet in convocation in non-Convention years as required by Synod bylaws (5.4.1) to address and recommend support needs for our sister congregations that are small.

Resolution 2-05

To Encourage Christian Discipleship in the Home

Amended by Convention

Whereas, the home is the foundational setting for Christian discipleship;
“Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise” (Deuteronomy 6:4-7); and

Whereas, daily devotions, prayer, and hymn singing are vital practices for nurturing faith; and

Whereas, Christian education in the home strengthens family bonds and nurtures faith; and

Whereas, congregations often provide training for parents in leading devotions and resources such as Bibles, *Small Catechisms*, hymnals, *Portals of Prayer*, and other devotional materials; and



Whereas, the Missouri District has trained more than a dozen Tell the Next Generation facilitators in collaboration with Concordia Center for the Family to help congregations equip parents in discipleship in the home; therefore be it

Resolved, that parents and other guardians responsible for the care of children are encouraged to read God's Word, pray, and have devotions in the home as part of faith formation utilizing the Bible, Luther's *Small Catechism*, *Lutheran Service Book*, **hymnals of the Synod**, and a family altar; and be it

Resolved, that congregations of the Missouri District provide **theologically sound** devotional resources for Christian discipleship in the home; and be it finally

Resolved, that congregations in need of assistance in family discipleship be encouraged to utilize a Tell the Next Generation facilitator through the Missouri District office.

Resolution 2-06

To Encourage Fathers to Provide Spiritual Leadership in the Home

Amended by Convention

Whereas, the Holy Scriptures teach "Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord" (Eph. 6:4); and

Whereas, secular society provides competing values to draw fathers away from their Christian vocation of discipleship for their children; and

Whereas, children are more likely to remain faithful to the Christian faith into adulthood when they see their father actively leading in this area; and

Whereas, faith formation has been misunderstood as primarily the responsibility of the church, while the above Scriptures, as well as sociological studies, show that parents are the primary influence on faith formation:

- when the father and mother attend church regularly, 33 percent of their children end up as regular churchgoers;
- when the mother attends regularly but the father is non-practicing, only two percent of their children become regular churchgoers;
- when the father attends regularly but the mother is non-practicing, 44 percent of the children become regular churchgoers (Haug and Warner, "Vol. 2 of Population Studies No. 31", [Strasbourg, 2000]);
- and the church's responsibility lies in equipping the parents; and

Whereas, another study, focused on Sunday School, found similar results on the impact of parents:

- when both parents attend Bible study in addition to the Sunday service, 72 percent of their children attend Sunday school when grown;
- when only the father attends Sunday school, 55 percent of the children attend when grown;
- when only the mother attends Sunday school, 15 percent of the children attend when grown;
- when neither parent attends Sunday school, only six percent of the children attend when grown (Nick Cady, "The Impact on Kids of Dad's Faith and Church Attendance", June 20, 2016, www.nickcady.org); and



Whereas, additionally, the survey found that:

- if a child is the first person in a household to become a Christian, there is a 3.5 percent probability everyone else in the household will follow;
- if the mother is the first to become a Christian, there is a 17 percent probability everyone else in the household will follow;
- when the father is first, there is a 93 percent probability everyone else in the household will follow; therefore be it

Resolved, that fathers are encouraged to take a more active role in the Christian education of their children, providing guidance and leadership in faith formation; and be it finally

Resolved, that congregations of the Missouri District provide *theologically sound* resources for fathers in the home.

Resolution 3-01

To Celebrate the 500th Anniversary of the *Small Catechism* and Encourage Heads of Households to Teach It in the Home

Amended by Convention

Whereas, the year 2029 marks the 500th anniversary of the publication of both Martin Luther's Small and Large Catechisms; and

Whereas, in the year 2029 the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod will gather for its 70th Regular Convention and, prior to the Convention, will choose a Convention theme; and

Whereas, Martin Luther's *Small Catechism* is fundamental for teaching the basic doctrines found in the Scriptures to persons desiring to understand God's truth concerning the Ten Commandments, the Creed, the Lord's Prayer, the Sacrament of Holy Baptism, Confession, and the Sacrament of the Altar including instructions for individuals (Table of Duties) and various prayers; and

Whereas, the *Small Catechism* is a magnificent teaching tool for the head of household to use for the devotional life of the family and teaching foundational Biblical truths by using the questions and answers within each chief part, the Table of Duties, basic questions and answers for the family, and daily prayers; therefore be it

Resolved, that the Missouri District in convention encourage congregations and various entities within the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod to recognize and celebrate the treasure for the sake of the church that is Martin Luther's *Small Catechism*; and be it further

Resolved, that the Missouri District in convention encourage the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod to include in its regular Convention theme for 2029 the celebration of the 500th anniversary of Martin Luther's *Small Catechism*; and be it further

Resolved, that the Missouri District in convention encourage *pastors*, congregations, and schools to continue to use the Luther's *Small Catechism* to teach the Christian faith to their members and those considering membership, and encourage members to use the Catechism at home for family devotions; and be it finally



Resolved, that the Missouri District in convention encourage the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod to promote the 500th anniversary of Luther’s *Small Catechism* by publicizing this important event in the history of the Lutheran Church and to produce materials that will encourage and equip heads of households to teach the *Catechism* within the home.

Resolution 3-02

To Offer Care and Support for Families Affected by Homosexuality, ~~and~~ Transgenderism, and Sexual Libertinism

Amended by Convention

Whereas, God in His almighty power has made humans in His image, which has subsequently been defaced and damaged through original sin (Genesis 1; Apology 2.17-18; *Formula of Concord Solid Declaration* 1.10-11); and

Whereas, God made humans male and female (Gen. 1:27, Matt. 19:4), and designed marriage between a man and a woman (Gen. 2:24) for the purposes of companionship and support (Gen. 2:18, 20–23), procreation (Gen. 1:28), and protection from sin (1 Cor. 7:1-9); and

Whereas, God has designed and gifted sexual intimacy and intercourse to occur only within marriage between one husband and one wife (Ex. 20:15; Deut. 5:18; Num. 5:11-31; Matt. 5:27-30); and

Whereas, the world and our own sinful flesh continue to tempt Christians away from God’s design for marriage and sexuality, with errors such as sexual libertinism, homosexuality, and transgenderism; and

Whereas, the families of our congregations and church workers face these temptations and struggle to find resources for instruction, spiritual care, and personal counseling that are faithful to Biblical designs for marriage and sexuality; and

Whereas, Synod’s Created Male and Female Task Force, created by the Office of National Mission in accordance with 2019 Res. 11-03A and continued by Synod in 2023 Res. 1-04A, has begun its work in studying these problems among rostered church workers and in Synod schools, identifying existing and needed resources, and developing programs that might offer care to those struggling with these temptations and their families; therefore be it

Resolved, that the Missouri District in convention encourage its member congregations and church workers to pray for those whose families have been affected by homosexuality, ~~and~~ transgenderism, and sexual libertinism and also encourage them to remain steadfast in their commitment to uphold and teach God’s design for marriage and sexuality while navigating difficult familial relationships, and lovingly support them as they bear these burdens; and be it further

Resolved, that the Missouri District continue its efforts to identify Biblically faithful counselors and make that list available for those whose families are affected by homosexuality, ~~and~~ transgenderism, and sexual libertinism; and be it further

Resolved, that the Missouri District thank the Created Male and Female Task Force for its work and study its report in anticipation of the 2026 Synod Convention; and be it further



Resolved, that the Missouri District memorialize the Synod to continue the Created Male and Female Task Force in the next triennium, with a specific encouragement to develop and facilitate conferences, seminars, and retreats to help the families of our congregations and church workers who have loved ones dealing with these temptations; and be it further

Resolved, that the Missouri District memorialize Synod to direct its seminaries, colleges, and other responsible agencies (Districts, RSOs, etc.) to identify Biblically faithful Lutheran counselors who will abide by God's revealed design for marriage and sexuality, and aid in providing theological education and standards to ensure their Biblical faithfulness; and be it further

Resolved, that the Missouri District memorialize Synod to direct its seminaries, colleges, and other responsible agencies (Districts, RSOs, etc.) to identify and support theologically trained pastors, seminarians, and laypeople who may wish to seek further training in counseling in order to provide care to those struggling with these challenges; and be it finally

Resolved, that the Missouri District in convention memorialize Synod to encourage the institutions of the Concordia University System to establish or expand counseling programs that provide for both Biblically faithful counseling to students tempted by homosexuality, ~~and~~ transgenderism, ~~and~~ sexual libertinism and the training of Biblical faithful counselors to care for those inside and outside of the church who are tempted or whose lives and families have been affected by homosexuality, ~~and~~ transgenderism, ~~and~~ sexual libertinism.

Resolution 3-05

To Commend Congregations, Lutherans For Life, and other Appropriate RSOs Involved in Sanctity of Life Efforts

Whereas, God calls us not to "hurt or harm our neighbor in his body, but help and support him in every physical need" (*Small Catechism*, Fifth Commandment); and

Whereas, Lutherans for Life exists "to equip Lutherans and their neighbors to be Gospel-motivated voices For Life"; and

Whereas, many congregations in the District have created life teams or life chapters using materials from Lutherans for Life and, in turn, support their work throughout the Synod; and

Whereas, many other RSOs and congregations have actively promoted the dignity of life from conception to natural death through advocacy, education, service, and outreach; and

Whereas, these RSOs and congregations have provided critical support to individuals and families in need, offering resources, prayer, and compassionate care to those facing difficult decisions regarding life and health; and

Whereas, the *Small Catechism* teaches and admonishes all people about their duties and responsibilities with respect to the orders established by God of, among others, husband and wife, parents and children; and

Whereas, the Word of God bids the members of the Body of Christ to "do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith" (Gal.6:10); therefore be it

Resolved, that the Missouri District in convention commend Lutherans for Life, Life Teams and Chapters, and other RSOs and congregations for their Gospel-motivated witness to alternatives to abortion, such as adoption, and for their vocal and material support of such alternatives; and be it further



Resolved, that our congregations be encouraged to study the holy orders found in the *Small Catechism*'s Table of Duties, especially regarding the orders of husband and wife, parents and children; and be it further

Resolved, that the Missouri District continue to promote and support the formation of Life Teams and Chapters in congregations throughout the District; and be it further

Resolved, that the Missouri District in convention commend and celebrate the efforts of the RSOs and congregations which have made a difference in defending the sanctity of human life through their tireless work, dedication, and advocacy; and be it finally

Resolved, that Missouri District in convention encourage ongoing support and participation in efforts to promote the sanctity of life and stand united in prayer and action for the protection and dignity of every human being from conception to natural death.

Resolution 3-06

To Oppose Missouri State Amendment 3

Amended by Convention

Whereas, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod in convention has repeatedly condemned abortion on demand and affirmed the right to life for all, including the preborn in the womb (2019 Res. 11-01A, 2010 Res. 6-02A, 2007, Res. 6-06, 1998 Res. 3-14 and 6-02, 1979 3-02A, 1971 Res. 2-39); and

Whereas, the landmark 2022 Supreme Court Decision, *Dobbs v. Jackson*, overturned the ~~constitutional~~ right to abortion that had been enshrined in 1974 ~~1973~~'s *Roe v. Wade* and 1992's *Planned Parenthood v. Casey*, returning the issue of abortion rights to the **people and their elected representatives**; and

Whereas, 2024 Missouri Constitutional Amendment 3 amended the state constitution to establish a right to abortion up to "fetal viability," limiting restrictions on or prohibition of abortion to the period after "fetal viability"; and

Whereas, congregations and workers of the Missouri District desire to stand against abortion and the harm it inflicts upon families and children within the State of Missouri, trusting the better hope found in God, our Maker and Redeemer; therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Missouri District in convention publicly declare its opposition to Amendment 3; and be it finally

Resolved, that the Missouri District encourage congregations to peacefully and proactively speak about God's gift of life within their callings and support political action at the **federal**, **state**, and local levels to abolish abortion.



Resolution 3-07

To Defend God's Gift of Life

Amended by Convention

Whereas, Scripture clearly teaches that life begins at conception (Job 10:9-11; Ps. 51:5; Ps. 139:13-17; Jer. 1:5; Luke 1:41-44), and that the child in the womb is a living human created by God to be protected from all harm, including murder (Gen. 9:6; Ex. 20:13; Num. 35:33; Acts 7:19; 1 John 3:15); and

Whereas, the joy of Christ's birth is also for the child inside his mother's womb (Acts 2:39), as attested by the account of John leaping in Elizabeth's womb (Luke 1:41, 44), and

Whereas, the eternal Word becoming flesh in the womb of the Virgin is essential to how sinful man is saved (Gal. 4:4-5; 1 Tim. 2:5), since, as Gregory of Nazianzus put it, "For that which He has not assumed He has not healed; but that which is united to His Godhead is also saved (Critique of Apollinarianism, par. 5);" ~~therefore, be it~~ **and**

~~Whereas, to teach in the church that the personhood is only conferred at birth or afterwards is to reject God's the Son's incarnation in the womb, therefore be it~~

Resolved, that the congregations and workers of the Missouri District be encouraged to pray for and work toward an end to abortion; and be it further

Resolved, that pastors and laity be encouraged to study the forthcoming CTCR update to its 1984 report on abortion, as requested by the 2023 Synod Convention (2023 Res. 11-03); and be it finally

Resolved, that the Missouri District of the LCMS in convention memorialize Synod in convention to declare, that the ~~pro-choice and abortion rights ideology is a heresy~~ **teaching in the church that abortion is acceptable due to the non-personhood of the fetus is a false teaching that rejects a full understanding of the incarnation**, which no Christian in good conscience can hold.

Resolution 4-01

To Realign Circuits

Whereas, Synod bylaw 3.1.2 stipulates "(a) An electoral circuit shall consist either of one or two adjacent visitation circuits, as shall be determined by the District Board of Directors on the basis of the following requirements: each pair of delegates shall represent from 7 to 20 member congregations, involving an aggregate confirmed membership ranging from 1,500 to 10,000.

(b) Exceptions to these requirements may be made only by the President of the Synod upon request of a District Board of Directors"; and

Whereas, Synod bylaw 5.1.2 states "Districts shall establish visitation circuits according to geographical criteria"; and

Whereas, the Missouri District has requested exceptions to these requirements in previous Convention cycles due to circuits with less than the minimum number of confirmed membership; and

Whereas, the number of visitation circuits with less than the minimum number of confirmed members has increased to three in 2023 and currently stands at four; and



Whereas, the Missouri District Board of Directors charged the President to appoint a task force to address this matter and to attempt to bring all electoral circuits into conformity with the bylaw requirements; and

Whereas, the task force was composed of First Vice President Rev. William Marler, Secretary Rev. Samuel Powell, Special Assistant to the President Rev. Terry Weinhold, Executive Director of Congregational Services Rev. Peter Kirby, and President Rev. Dr. R. Lee Hagan; and

Whereas, the task force consulted with circuit visitors, pastors, congregations, and circuit Winkels in developing their recommendations; and

Whereas, the recommendations were presented to the January 2025 Missouri District Board of Directors for discussion; therefore be it

Resolved, that the 2025 Missouri District Convention make changes to the following circuits to bring them into conformity with the Synod bylaws:

- Circuit 4, Carrollton:
 - Add Faith – Kirksville
 - Add Peace – Milan
- Circuit 5, Columbia:
 - Subtract St. John – Mexico
- Circuit 10, Jefferson City:
 - Add Peace – Camdenton
- Circuit 14, Northeast Missouri:
 - Add Grace – Wellsville
 - Add Trinity – Wellsville (Middletown)
 - Add St. John – Mexico
 - Subtract Faith – Kirksville
 - Subtract Peace – Milan
- Circuit 15, Rolla:
 - Add Immanuel – West Plains
 - Add Trinity – Lebanon
- Circuit 20, St. Louis Kirkwood:
 - Add Holy Cross Deaf – St. Louis
- Circuit 21, St. Louis North:
 - Subtract Holy Cross Deaf – St. Louis
- Circuit 24, Sedalia:
 - Subtract Peace – Camdenton
- Circuit 26, Springfield:
 - Subtract Immanuel – West Plains
 - Subtract Trinity – Lebanon
- Circuit 28, Wentzville
 - Subtract Grace – Wellsville
 - Subtract Trinity – Wellsville (Middletown)



And be it finally

Resolved, that Circuits 21, St. Louis North, and 22, St. Louis Overland, remain as separate visitation circuits, but combine as one electoral circuit.

Resolution 4-02

To Revise bylaws Article III.D and Article IV.A

Whereas, the Missouri District Board of Directors identified the need for bylaw revision in its work on revising the *Board of Directors Policy Manual*; and

Whereas, these proposed changes focus primarily on the duties of the Board of Directors and the President and strive to provide greater clarity for each; therefore be it

Resolved, that the Missouri District Convention make the following bylaw changes (additions in red and omissions with strikethrough):

Article III – THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

D. DUTIES

Except as otherwise expressly provided in these bylaws, the Board of Directors shall hold responsibility for the District between Conventions. To this end it shall:

1. At least annually review **with the President the District's strategic plan;** ~~and when necessary revise the vision, mission, and strategies it has formulated in order to establish short, mid and long term goals through the President;~~
2. Receive and act on the recommendations of the President, council, and committees assigned by the Board of Directors;
3. Coordinate the District's work with Synod's; 4.5.1 (c)
4. Submit proposed annual support goals to the **congregations;**
5. Establish an annual budget of the District on the basis of the share of the Lord's work assumed by the congregations;
6. Balance the budget as nearly as possible and be authorized to do any and all such things as may be necessary or expedient to accomplish this end;
7. **Work with the President and appropriate staff to establish District policies to acquire** ~~Acquire~~, hold, lease, mortgage, pledge, sell, convey, or otherwise dispose of property (real or personal, tangible or intangible) ~~in~~ **on** behalf of the Missouri District. **The Board will have final-approval authority for the purchase or sale of all real property.**
8. ~~Provide for adequate support personnel as well as policies and procedures for the operation of the District office;—~~
9. ~~Determine and define the number, role, function, and responsibility of staff members;—~~
8. Report to the Convention of the District;
9. Approve the site of the District Convention upon recommendation of the ~~District~~ President;
10. ~~Engage a CPA firm to audit the financial records of the District at least annually or at any time during the year as it deems advisable;—~~ **Provide for an annual audit of the District's financial records;**



11. Engage legal counsel to advise the District regarding legal matters;
12. ~~Provide for the bonding of all officers handling District funds;~~ Conduct an annual review with the President and appropriate staff to ensure that the District has appropriate insurance coverage;
13. Appoint an archivist;
14. ~~Conduct,~~ Supervise and manage oversee all affairs of the District not otherwise assigned.

Article IV - DUTIES OF OFFICERS AND STAFF

A. DUTIES OF THE PRESIDENT

The President shall:

1. Exercise ecclesiastical supervision over the doctrine, practice, life, and administration of all elected, called, and appointed officers and the Ministers of Religion – Ordained, Ministers of Religion – Commissioned, and certified church workers, lay, of the District;
2. Perform the duties set forth in Synod bylaw 4.4 and Synod Constitution Article XII and especially serve as chief executive of the District who leads the Board of Directors in the formulation of the District's vision, mission and strategies and in their implementation;
3. Be a member of the Board of Directors;
4. Convene the circuit visitors at least annually;
5. Be a non-voting ex-officio member of all committees including those for professional conferences except the Committee on Nominations;
6. Designate one of the Vice Presidents as his representative to any commission or committee he may deem advisable;
7. Make such appointments as are directed by the District through its bylaws or resolutions;
8. Appoint all necessary committees and an assistant Secretary for the Convention;
9. Be responsible that the resolutions of the Synod, and District and Board of Directors are implemented and coordinated;
10. Make sure that the District personnel, staff, boards, task forces, and committees are working together in harmony to implement the mission, vision and strategies adopted by the Convention and the Board of Directors;
11. Be responsible for an up-to-date procedures manual **necessary for the effective and efficient operation of the District;** ~~adequately indexed for recording procedures necessary for the effective and efficient operation of the Convention and also for officers, board, council, committees, and District personnel;~~
12. **Be responsible for procedures necessary for the effective and efficient operation of the Convention;**
13. Have responsibility for supervising the staff according to their respective assignment of duties. He may appoint members of the staff to assist him;
14. Ensure that the needs of District congregations (especially those enumerated in Article V.D) are addressed.



Resolution 4-03

To Revise Bylaws per CCM Recommendations

Whereas, the Board of Directors has been working with the LCMS Commission on Constitutional Matters in the approval process for an updated *Board of Directors Policy Manual*; and

Whereas, the Commission on Constitutional Matters offered informal recommendations regarding the District bylaws; and

Whereas, discussions between Board and Commission members have indicated that many of the recommendations would provide greater clarity in the bylaws; therefore be it

Resolved, that the Missouri District bylaws be amended as follows (additions in red and omissions with strikethrough):

Article II - ADMINISTRATION

A. BASIC PRINCIPLES OF DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION

1. The President is the chief executive of the District. Upon his request, or as may be provided by the bylaws of the District, he shall be assisted by the Vice Presidents and the circuit visitors in supervising the doctrine, practice and life of the Ministers of Religion – Ordained, Ministers of Religion – Commissioned, and congregations of the District.
2. The President shall supervise the work program of the District.
3. The staff and the Council on Mission and Ministry shall be directly responsible to the President and shall report plans and major decisions for approval with power of appeal to the Convention.
4. The Council on Mission and Ministry and all committees shall make reports to each District Convention.
5. All officers, the Board of Directors, the Council on Mission and Ministry, and committees shall be ultimately responsible to the District Convention.
6. **The District shall maintain and monitor a conflict of interest policy consistent with Synod bylaw 1.5.2.** ~~The District shall maintain and monitor a conflict of interest policy. The Synod bylaw 1.5.2 shall be the bylaw of the District.~~

Article II - ADMINISTRATION

E. BOARD, COUNCIL, AND COMMITTEES

1. The Board of Directors is directly responsible to the District Convention.
2. The committees which are directly responsible to the District Convention shall be:
 - a. A Constitution Committee (appointive)
 - b. A Committee on Nominations (elected)
 - c. A Committee of Elections (appointive)
3. The Council on Mission and Ministry is directly responsible to the President.
4. **All committees shall be under the ecclesiastical supervision of the President.** ~~All Ministers of Religion—Ordained and Ministers of Religion—Commissioned conference committees of the Missouri District shall be directly responsible to the President. All Ministers of Religion—Ordained and Ministers of Religion—Commissioned shall attend their respective conferences on an annual basis (Synod bylaw 4.8.2[d]).~~
5. The President may appoint committees and task forces as required to assist the staff in their work.
6. All Convention floor committees shall be directly responsible to the President.



Article III – THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

A. MEMBERSHIP

1. ~~The Board of Directors shall consist of the following members, all with a vote: The Board of Directors shall consist of the following members, all with a vote: President, the First Vice President, the Secretary of the District elected by the Convention, seven (7) members elected by the Convention, a treasurer appointed by the Board of Directors, and up to three (3) members appointed by the Board of Directors to fill needed areas of expertise:~~
 - a. The President of the District (Minister of Religion – Ordained)
 - b. The First Vice President of the District (Minister of Religion – Ordained)
 - c. The Secretary of the District (Minister of Religion – Ordained)
 - d. Two (2) Ministers of Religion – Ordained, elected at large
 - e. Two (2) Ministers of Religion – Commissioned, elected at large
 - f. Three (3) laypersons, elected at large
 - g. The members of the Board of Directors elected by the Convention shall appoint the treasurer of the District at the first meeting of the Board of Directors following the Convention. The treasurer shall be a layperson.
 - h. The members of the Board of Directors elected by the Convention “shall also have the authority to choose to appoint to the board up to three voting lay members from the District’s congregations to obtain additional skill sets (legal, finance, investment, administration, etc.)” (Synod bylaw 4.5.1).
 - i. Elected members of the Board of Directors, other than the Secretary, the President, and the First Vice President, shall serve six (6) year terms. The term of appointive members of the Board of Directors shall expire at the installation of a newly elected Board of Directors.

Article III – THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

B. ORGANIZATION

1. The Secretary shall be the Secretary of the Board of Directors. The members of the Board of Directors elected at the Convention shall elect the Chairman, Vice Chairman, and such other officers of the board as deemed necessary **at the first meeting of the triennium**. The Chairman and Vice Chairman shall be elected from those members of the Board of Directors elected by the Convention.
2. The Board of Directors shall meet at least **quarterly** ~~four (4) times a year~~ and shall keep accurate minutes of its meetings.
3. Special meetings may be called by the Chairman or upon request of three board members. Those calling a special meeting shall set the date of such meeting. The Office of the President shall notify each board member of such special meeting and its purpose.
4. A majority of the voting members of the Board of Directors must be present at a properly called meeting to constitute a quorum.
5. The Chairman shall conduct the meetings and be responsible for the agenda of each meeting.
6. In the event of a vacancy on the Board of Directors, the remaining members of the board elected by the Convention may elect a successor for the unexpired term.
7. The Board of Directors shall establish, maintain, and follow policy and procedure manuals.
8. Special committees may be appointed within the Board of Directors at its discretion **according to Synod bylaws 1.5.3.2 and 1.5.3.3**.



Article III – THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

D. DUTIES

Except as otherwise expressly provided in these bylaws, the Board of Directors shall hold responsibility for the District between Conventions. To this end it shall:

1. At least annually review and when necessary revise the vision, mission, and strategies it has formulated in order to establish short, mid and long term goals through the President;
2. Receive and act on the recommendations of the President, council, and committees assigned by the Board of Directors;
3. Coordinate the District's work with Synod's; 4.5.1 (c)
4. Submit proposed annual support goals to the;
5. Establish an annual budget of the District on the basis of the share of the Lord's work assumed by the congregations;
6. Balance the budget as nearly as possible and be authorized to do any and all such things as may be necessary or expedient to accomplish this end;
7. Acquire, hold, lease, mortgage, pledge, sell, convey, or otherwise dispose of property, real or personal tangible or intangible, ~~on~~ ~~in~~ behalf of the Missouri District;
8. Provide for adequate support personnel as well as policies and procedures for the operation of the District office;
9. Determine and define the number, role, function, and responsibility of staff members;
10. Report to the Convention of the District;
11. Approve the site of the District Convention upon recommendation of the ~~District~~ President;
12. Engage a CPA firm to audit the financial records of the District at least annually or at any time during the year as it deems advisable;
13. Engage legal counsel to advise the District regarding legal matters;
14. Provide for the bonding of all officers handling District funds;
15. Appoint an archivist;
16. Conduct, supervise, and manage all affairs of the District not otherwise assigned.

Article IV - DUTIES OF OFFICERS AND STAFF

All officers of the District, whether elected or appointed, shall discharge the duties assigned to them in the Synod Constitution and bylaws and the District bylaws.

A. DUTIES OF THE PRESIDENT

The President shall:

1. Exercise ecclesiastical supervision over the doctrine, practice, life, and administration of all elected, called, and appointed officers and the Ministers of Religion – Ordained, ~~and~~ Ministers of Religion – Commissioned, ~~and certified church workers, lay,~~ of the District;
2. Perform the duties set forth in Synod bylaw 4.4 and Synod Constitution Article XII and especially serve as chief executive of the District who leads the Board of Directors in the formulation of the District's vision, mission and strategies and in their implementation;
3. Be a member of the Board of Directors;
4. Convene the circuit visitors at least annually;



5. Be a non-voting ex-officio member of all committees including those for professional conferences except the Committee on Nominations;
6. Designate one of the vice presidents as his representative to any commission or committee he may deem advisable;
7. Make such appointments as are directed by the District through its bylaws or resolutions;
8. Appoint all necessary committees and an assistant Secretary for the Convention;
9. Be responsible that the resolutions of the Synod, and District and Board of Directors are implemented and coordinated;
10. Make sure that the District personnel, staff, boards, task forces, and committees are working together in harmony to implement the mission, vision and strategies adopted by the Convention and the Board of Directors;
11. Be responsible for an up-to-date procedures manual, adequately indexed for recording procedures necessary for the effective and efficient operation of the Convention and also for officers, board, council, committees, and District personnel;
12. Have responsibility for supervising the staff according to their respective assignment of duties. He may appoint members of the staff to assist him;
13. Ensure that the needs of District congregations (especially those enumerated in Article V.D) are addressed.

Article V – COUNCIL ON MISSION AND MINISTRY

B. MEMBERSHIP

Council members shall:

1. Be elected by the Convention with two (2) Ministers of Religion – Ordained, two (2) Ministers of Religion – Commissioned, and two (2) laypersons;
2. As many as three additional council members may be recommended by the council Chairman, approved by the President and appointed by the Board of Directors; the term of appointive members of the Council shall expire at the installation of a newly elected Council;
3. Appointees to the council shall have a minimum of three years professional or volunteer experience appropriate to the council responsibilities;
4. **Include the President or his appointee.**

Article VIII - ELECTION AND APPOINTMENT PROCEDURES

A. GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. The following shall be elected at each Convention: The President, the vice Presidents, the Secretary, members of the Board of Directors, members of the Council on Mission and Ministry, the circuit visitors, and the Committee on Nominations.
2. All appointive offices shall be filled after the Convention.
3. In making appointments, the Board of Directors and President shall give consideration to provide a cross-section of representation throughout the District.
4. ~~Each~~ **The** District Convention shall elect to a six-year term on the Board of Directors one (1) Minister of Religion — Ordained, elected at large and one (1) Minister of Religion — Commissioned, elected at large, and two (2) laypersons, elected at large. At alternating District Conventions laypersons shall be elected at large to six-year terms, with ~~two~~ **two** (2) being elected at one Convention and ~~one~~ **one** (1) being elected at the following Convention.



5. Each District Convention shall elect to a six-year term on the Council on Mission and Ministry one (1) Minister of Religion — Ordained, one (1) Minister of Religion — Commissioned, and one (1) layperson.

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B. COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS

1. A Committee on Nominations consisting of four Ministers of Religion – Ordained, two Ministers of Religion – Commissioned, and four laypersons, representing all areas of the District is to be elected as a standing committee at each Convention.
2. The members of the Committee on Nominations shall serve one term of three years and are eligible to serve again after at least three years have elapsed. A list of candidates for membership on this committee shall be submitted to the Convention by the outgoing Committee on Nominations.
3. The President shall convene and orientate the Nominating Committee at least eighteen (18) months prior to the Convention. The President shall appoint the Chairman from among the elected members of the Nominating Committee.
4. Duties of Committee on Nominations:
 - a. The Committee on Nominations shall circularize the Ministers of Religion – Ordained and congregations of the District for names and qualifications of Ministers of Religion – Ordained, Ministers of Religion – Commissioned, and laypersons to serve as Secretary, members of the Board of Directors, or members of the Council on Mission and Ministry.
 1. Ministers of Religion – Ordained to serve as District Secretary, members of the Council on Mission and Ministry, and at-large member of the Board of Directors.
 2. Ministers of Religion – Commissioned to serve as at-large members of the Board of Directors and members of the Council on Mission and Ministry.
 3. Laypersons to serve as members of the Board of Directors and the Council on Mission and Ministry.
 - b. The committee itself shall, when sufficient recommendations are not submitted by the announced deadline, place eligible candidates on the ballot.
 - c. In presenting a slate to the Convention, the committee shall supply a brief biographical sketch of each candidate appearing on the ballot. All names shall be listed alphabetically on the official ballot.
 - d. The committee shall endeavor to represent all the areas of the District in nominating at least two candidates for each elected office **for which the committee is responsible for providing nominations** ~~or position with the exception of the President, the vice Presidents, and the Circuit Visitors.~~ The committee shall further endeavor to represent the needed skill sets for the Board of Directors (legal, finance, investment, administration) and the Council on Mission and Ministry. The Convention reserves the right to place additional names on the ballot. No candidate shall be nominated by the nominating committee for more than one position with the exception of membership on the Committee on Nominations.
 - e. Nominations for the District representative and alternate for the Synod's Committee for Convention Nomination shall be according to Synod bylaw 3.12.3 ff.



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C. COMMITTEE ON ELECTIONS

1. A Committee on Elections consisting of four Ministers of Religion – Ordained, two Ministers of Religion – Commissioned, and four laypersons shall be appointed by the President.
2. Duties of the Committee on Elections:
 - a. The Committee on Elections shall conduct and supervise all elections of the District according to the elections manual of the Missouri District. The committee shall be authorized to interrupt any **Convention business** ~~business transactions~~ for the purpose of conducting the election.
 - b. The election shall proceed according to the following order: President, First Vice President, other Vice Presidents, Secretary, Board of Directors, Council on Mission and Ministry, the ratification of circuit visitors, and the committee on nominations.
 - c. Primary and election ballots shall be collected during the sessions in which they were distributed.
 - d. A majority of all votes cast shall be required for election to all elected offices and elected board positions.
 - e. The election of the President and First Vice President shall follow the procedure of District bylaw II.D.3.
 - f. **Elections other than that of President and Vice President shall follow the procedure of Synod bylaw 4.7.3.**
 - g. The elections for the second, third, and fourth Vice Presidents shall proceed as follows.
 1. Nominations shall be by direct nominating ballot of eligible pastors from the District. Each voting delegate shall be entitled to place in nomination as many persons as there are Vice Presidents to be elected. The persons receiving the greatest number of nominations shall be the candidates in the election for Vice Presidents, the number of candidates to be three times the number of offices to be filled.
 2. The rank of Vice Presidents shall be determined by the order of their election or, if more than one is elected in the same voting, by the number of votes received by each.
 3. ~~In the election, each voting delegate shall be entitled to vote for as many candidates as there are offices to be filled. A candidate whose total vote equals or exceeds a majority of the number of delegates voting shall be declared elected.~~
 4. ~~If more candidates receive a majority than there are offices to be filled, those receiving the greatest number of votes shall be declared elected.~~
 5. ~~When a second or succeeding ballot is required for a majority, the candidates receiving the fewest votes shall be dropped from the ballot, leaving two candidates for each position to be filled.~~
 6. ~~This procedure shall be followed until all the offices have been filled.~~
 - g. ~~Elections other than that of President and Vice Presidents shall follow the procedure of Synod bylaw 4.7.3.—~~



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D. VACANCIES

1. If the Office of President becomes vacant, the First Vice President shall serve as President until the next Presidential election. The new President may serve part-time, with the consent of the Board of Directors, until the next election.
2. If the President becomes incapacitated, his work shall be assumed temporarily by the First Vice President. The decision as to when the President has become incapacitated and when he is no longer incapacitated shall be made by the Board of Directors.
3. A vacancy in any vice presidency shall be filled by advancing the lower-ranking Vice Presidents. The resulting vacancy may be filled by an **appointment** ~~election~~ of the Board of Directors. A slate of nominees shall be made by the Praesidium from candidates for the vice presidency at the previous Convention.
4. If the Office of Circuit Visitor becomes vacant, the Office shall be filled by Presidential appointment.
5. Vacancies on board, council, and committees shall be filled in a manner as prescribed in the District bylaws governing board, council, and committee administration.

Resolution 4-04

To Revise Bylaws Concerning the Convention Nominating Committee

Whereas, the 2018 Missouri District Convention reduced the number of elected positions significantly by eliminating the four service boards with the Council on Mission and Ministry, but no changes were made to the nominating committee; and

Whereas, the 2018 Missouri District Convention also changed the terms of office for the elected members of the Board of Directors and Council on Mission and Ministry from three-year terms to six-year terms, thus further reducing the number of positions being elected at each Convention; and

Whereas, the successive nominating committees have observed that more time is spent securing candidates for the nominating committee than the other positions; therefore be it

Resolved, that the 2025 Missouri District Convention amend bylaws VIII.B. as follows:

Article VIII - ELECTION AND APPOINTMENT PROCEDURES

B. COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS

1. A Committee on Nominations consisting of **two** ~~four~~ Ministers of Religion – Ordained, two Ministers of Religion – Commissioned, and **two** ~~four~~ laypersons, **endeavoring to be representative of** ~~representing~~ all areas of the District is to be elected as a standing committee at each Convention.



Resolution 4-05

To Revise Bylaws Concerning Conference Committees

Whereas, the *Handbook of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod* requires that ordained and commissioned ministers meet annually for official conferences; and

Whereas, changes were made to the bylaws in 2018 to reflect that the District has not held educators conferences during the same year as Lutheran Education Association National Convocation and to recognize that as a designated conference by the Missouri District; and

Whereas, the current Missouri District bylaws contain language that is unnecessary; therefore, be it

Resolved, that the bylaws of the Missouri District of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod be amended with the following additions and removals from Article IX:

A. PURPOSE

The Missouri District shall conduct Official Conferences for Ministers of Religion – Ordained and Ministers of Religion – Commissioned in compliance with 4.8.1 of the Synod bylaws.

B. RECOGNITION OF OFFICIAL CONFERENCES

1. The Official Missouri District Conferences for Ministers of Religion – Ordained shall be ~~in cycles A and C of the triennium~~ the Missouri District Pastors Conference. ~~In cycle B, the Official Conference shall be the~~ **or the** Missouri District Professional Church Workers Conference.
2. The Official Missouri District Conferences for Ministers of Religion – Commissioned shall be ~~in cycle A the Lutheran Education Association National Convocation. In cycle B, the Missouri District Professional Church Workers Conference, will serve as the Official Conference. In cycle C, and the Missouri District Educators Conference, or the Lutheran Education Association National Convocation. will serve as the Official Conference.~~

C. COMPOSITION OF OFFICIAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEES

1. ~~The Praesidium and three pastors, selected by the pastors' conference in cycle C, will serve as the planning committee, including the program and selection of speakers, for all District pastors' conferences.~~ **Three pastors will be selected by the Missouri District Pastors Conference following the District Convention to serve as members of the conference committee, along with the Praesidium.**
2. The Ministers of Religion – Commissioned Educators' Conference Committee (Educators' Conference) shall consist of the President, **Director of Schools** ~~assistant to the President—education~~, and representative educators from across the Missouri District (including high schools, elementary schools, and early childhood programs) to be appointed by the President.
3. The Professional Church Workers' Conference Committee shall consist of the President and an assistant to the President. The President shall also appoint two Vice Presidents, three of the Ministers of Religion – Ordained selected by the **Pastors Conference** ~~pastors' conference~~, four representative educators from across the Missouri District (including high schools, elementary schools and early childhood programs), and one Minister of Religion – Commissioned who is not serving primarily in an educational setting.



Resolution 4-06

To Review and Clarify Prior Approval

Whereas, one of the expressed purposes of Synod is to “recruit and train pastors, teachers, and other professional church workers and provide opportunity for their continuing growth” (Article III.3); and

Whereas, Synod has the responsibility to oversee that training, and has done so in various forms throughout its history; and

Whereas, Synod has delegated a portion of that responsibility to the prior approval panels outlined in various bylaws (3.6.6.1, 3.10.5.7.3, 3.10.6.8.2, 3.10.6.9.2); and

Whereas, the restructuring of Synod by the 2010 Convention eliminated existing agencies tasked with prior approval for seminary faculty members (namely, the Board for Pastoral Education); and

Whereas, Synod in convention passed 2013 Res. 5-11B, which amended current bylaw 3.10.5.7.3 by establishing a three-person prior approval panel for the appointment of full-time seminary faculty members, to be comprised of three ordained members, including “the President of Synod (or his designee), the Chairman of the Council of Presidents (or his designee), and the Chairman of the Board for National Mission (or his designee)”; and

Whereas, Synod in convention subsequently passed 2016 Res. 7-06B, which added current bylaw 3.10.6.9 to establish a three-person prior approval panel for the appointment of those teaching theology classes at a Concordia University System institution, to be comprised of three ordained members, including “the President of Synod (or his designee), the Chairman of the Council of Presidents (or his designee), and a member of the Concordia University System board selected by the chair”; and

Whereas, those panels have responsibility not only to work on behalf of the Synod but also are responsible to the Synod; and

Whereas, some questions have arisen in recent years regarding the transparency of the process, the standards by which approval is determined, and the exact composition, and appropriateness, of the panels themselves; therefore be it

Resolved, that the Missouri District (hereafter, District) in convention give thanks to the Lord of the Church for using the Synod and its agencies to preserve and enlarge the workers of the harvest (Matthew 9:35–38); and be it further

Resolved, that the District in convention give thanks to those engaged in the various prior approval processes for being engaged in difficult and important work; and be it further

Resolved, that the District in convention memorialize the Synod to reexamine the composition and processes of prior approval panels, especially those involved in the appointment of full-time seminary faculty members and those teaching theology classes at a Concordia University System institution; and be it further

Resolved, that the District in convention memorialize the Synod to expand the composition of those two panels to include a total of five voters each, possibly drawing from other boards, commissions, and entities of Synod charged with oversight or guidance of doctrine and practice (including, for example, representatives from Commission on Doctrinal Review or Commission on Theology and Church Relations); and be it further



Resolved, that the District in convention memorialize the Synod to establish bylaws that might guide the members of the prior approval panel in assessing candidates and providing rationale for the decisions they make to the candidates themselves and to their calling institutions, taking into account all due privacy concerns and laws; and be it finally

Resolved, that the District in convention memorialize the Synod in convention to propose amended bylaws no later than the 2029 Synod Convention.

Resolution 4-07

To Increase the Missouri District Church Worker Scholarship Endowment Fund

Whereas, the Resolution 4-03 of the 2022 Missouri District Convention directed “the President and Board of Directors to study the feasibility of a capital campaign to address ministry needs within the District, not limited to but including, increasing the Missouri District Church Worker Scholarship Endowment Fund so that greater support can be provided to the Missouri District students in church worker programs”; and

Whereas, the President and Board of Directors studied the feasibility of a capital campaign with an external consultant; and

Whereas, the President and Board of Directors agreed to continue efforts to increase the Church Worker Scholarship Endowment Fund without the expenses associated with a formal capital campaign; and

Whereas, the Missouri District Church Worker endowment fund has increased by \$104,179 since the 2022 Missouri District Convention; and

Whereas, the need of financial support for church work students continues to increase; and

Whereas, church worker recruitment and retention continues to be a great need for congregations and schools of the District; therefore be it

Resolved, that the congregations and schools of the District be commended for the promotion of the annual *Tomorrow’s Teachers & Preachers* emphasis to increase the Missouri District Church Worker Scholarship Endowment Fund; and be it further

Resolved, that the Convention establish a goal of increasing the Missouri District Church Worker Scholarship Endowment Fund by at least 10% by June 30, 2028; and be it further

Resolved, that congregations and schools of the District be encouraged to participate in the annual *Tomorrow’s Teachers & Preachers* emphasis to receive door offerings and other gifts for the endowment fund; and be it further

Resolved, that congregations of the District be encouraged to assist the District in promoting non-cash gifts such as commodity, investment, and estate gifts among their members; and be it further

Resolved, that updates on the progress of reaching this goal be provided through the Missouri District Annual Report; and be it finally

Resolved, that the Convention chaplain lead the Convention in prayer, giving thanks to God for the generosity of the saints who have supported the Missouri District Church Worker Endowment Fund and that God would move the hearts of many to provide gifts for the support of the preparation of church workers for generations to come.



Resolution 4-08

To Affirm That Pastoral Formation in The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod is Done By Synodically Approved Seminaries

Amended by Convention

Whereas, the Office of the Holy Ministry has been instituted by Christ Himself (John 20:19-23, Eph. 4:11-16), and

Whereas, the third Objective of the LCMS Constitution (Article III) is to “Recruit and train pastors, teachers, and other professional church workers and provide opportunity for their continuing growth,” and

Whereas, a central purpose in the formation of the LCMS, 178 years ago, was to share together in the task of preparing and recognizing LCMS pastors, whom LCMS congregations would then be free to choose and call for service. Thus, the LCMS has, from its beginning, supported and operated its own seminaries: Concordia Seminary, Saint Louis, Missouri, and Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana, and

Whereas, in May 2025, the president of Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana, and the president of Concordia Seminary, Saint Louis, Missouri, wrote letters to the LCMS responding to questions about non-LCMS online theological programs appealing to LCMS students and donors, and

Whereas, the presidents of Concordia Seminary, Saint Louis, and Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, clearly stated in their letters that graduates of ~~neither of these~~ **non-approved** programs may be ordained or installed in an LCMS congregation or ministry. Further, ~~neither of these~~ **non-approved** programs ~~is~~ **are not** owned, operated, or governed by the LCMS, and

Whereas, these two presidents (of Concordia Seminary, Saint Louis, and Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne) are two of the three members of the Pastoral Formation Committee. This Committee’s primary role is “... ensuring that the Synod’s objective of training pastors is fulfilled consistently (Bylaw 3. National Organization and Responsibilities, 3.10, Other Councils, Committees, and Boards, D. Pastoral Formation Committee and Constitution Article III, 3),” and

Whereas, the 2023 Synodical Convention, in Resolution 6-02A, resolved that “districts and members of the Synod honor, use, and promote Synod-approved programs and not create independent programs of pastoral preparation or direct men to a pastoral preparation program outside of our Synod’s seminaries,” therefore be it

Resolved, that the Missouri District of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod in convention acknowledge and affirm LCMS Bylaw 2.5.2 regarding calls and proper service, which states:

“Congregations that are members of the Synod and their association schools shall call and be served only by (1) ordained ministers who have been admitted to their respective ministries in accordance with the rules and regulations set forth in these Bylaws and have thereby become members of the Synod; (2) candidates for the pastoral ministry who have satisfied the qualifications and requirements for assignment of first calls by the Council of Presidents acting as the Board of Assignments; or (3) ordained ministers who are members in good standing of church bodies that have been formally recognized to be in altar and pulpit fellowship with the Synod when agreements for such calls are in place”

and be it further resolved



Resolved, that any congregation that should call or be served by a man not certified to serve as a pastor in the LCMS be addressed by the appropriate Synodical disciplinary process as described in Bylaw 2.5.4, which states:

“Congregations that violate these requirements and persist in such violation shall, after due admonition, forfeit their membership in the Synod.” and be it

Resolved, that the Missouri District of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod also acknowledge and affirm Synod Bylaws 2.6.2. and 2.6.3, regarding qualifications for and right to Synod membership, which state:

Bylaw 2.6.2

“Individuals who have been declared qualified for a first call and assigned first calls in accordance with Bylaw sections 2.7–2.9 shall, by the rites of both ordination or commissioning and installation in accordance with Bylaw section 2.10, become members of the Synod,

Bylaw 2.6.3,

“There is no inherent right to membership in the Synod, and the decision as to qualification for a first call and the assignment of first calls shall be at the sole discretion of the Synod” and be it

~~And be it finally~~ **Resolved**, that the Missouri District in convention give thanks to God for the work of our seminaries and the Gospel they proclaim, **and be it finally**

Resolved, that the Missouri District send this resolution as a memorial to the 2026 Synod Convention.



Report of the President to the 2025 Missouri District Convention

The 2022-2025 triennium has provided great opportunities for the congregations and schools of the Missouri District, in the midst of significant challenges. Congregations saw worship attendance figures increase in the early part of the triennium, but most congregations did not reach pre-pandemic numbers. Retirements and acceptance of calls were more limited during 2020-21. However, there have been significant transitions of church workers during the last three years. At the same time, the Missouri District *SHINE!* servant event has involved more than 10,000 participants the last two years. There also have been a number of new initiatives by congregations across the District as studies have begun for new high schools and the launch of a new elementary school. The MOScholars tax credit program has enabled the Missouri District to provide more than \$2.3 million in scholarships in the last three years. Missouri District Lutheran schools saw many new families enroll students during the pandemic, and most have been retained. As St. Paul invites the Colossians to pray for open doors for the Word to proclaim Christ (Colo. 4:2-5), we also pray that our congregations, schools, and individual Christians would make the most out of every opportunity by clearly proclaiming the Gospel.

Critical Targets for 2022-2025

The Missouri District Board of Directors adopted the following critical targets for the staff and leadership for what was expected to be a triennium:

1. Church Worker Recruitment and Retention – Church worker recruitment and retention has been our top priority this triennium. The District hosted two college fairs with participation from all Concordia University System universities and both seminaries. LCMS Set Apart to Serve also participated in both fairs to highlight church work vocations. Additionally, the annual *Tomorrow's Teachers & Preachers* emphasis has led to an increase to the Church Worker Scholarship endowment fund by \$104,179 since the triennium began. Church work vocations have been promoted through the District's YouthLead event in 2023 and at the annual District Youth Gatherings. The District also was able to celebrate the ordination of Nepalese pastors Nabin Samal and Ratna Mangar and Eritrean pastor Lewi Jermiya. Through a partnership with Lutheran Church Extension Fund and MinistryFOCUS, an LCMS Recognized Service Organization, the District was able to provide funds to assist District church workers struggling with educational debt.
2. Family Discipleship Expansion – The Missouri District has partnered with Concordia Center for the Family to provide Tell the Next Generation facilitators across the District to assist congregations in equipping parents for passing on the faith within the home. Additional training is scheduled for April 2025 in St. Louis. Family discipleship has been a frequent topic presented at E2 conferences, professional conferences, and the Tell the Next Generation conference, one of which is tentatively scheduled for Fall 2025. The Missouri District worked with Heit's Point Lutheran Ministries to host a Family Camp in June 2024 for families. Dr. Mart and Cheryl Thompson were the leaders for the camp and focused on helping parents in their God-given role in teaching the faith to their children. A second Family Camp is scheduled at Heit's Point for June 9-13, 2025. Several circuits and congregations are also working to provide local conferences focused on marriage and family support.



3. **Community Engagement** – This triennium saw the chartering of three new congregations in Platte Woods, University City, and Ozark. Of particular note is that the congregation in Platte Woods is made up of people of the Oromo tribe in Ethiopia and Eritrea. Church planting continues to be a strong emphasis with early planting (and re-planting) efforts in St. Louis among different ethnic groups (including Amharic, Kunama, and Spanish language), in Kansas City, and in St. Charles County. The District is developing a pilot project for two congregations and a dual parish to help them move beyond outreach events to consistently reaching out to the mission field that is their community. Tools and resources for community engagement have also been shared at E2 conferences and Pastors conferences.
4. **Shared Ministry** – Shared Ministry workshops have been held across the District and within every circuit, at circuit visitor training, E2 conferences, and Pastors conferences. Shared Ministry was presented at several 2024 Circuit Convocations. One exciting example of Shared Ministry is the Rolla Circuit congregations partnering together to hire a staff person to work in the area of family discipleship. New shared ministries have been established between Good Shepherd in Centralia and Campus in Columbia, along with Zion in Bolivar and Our Savior in Buffalo. Shared ministry has been one of the primary areas of conversation in circuit visitor training, which has increased from once a year to twice a year, beginning in 2023. Tools to assist circuit visitors and congregation leaders in developing shared ministry have been developed, including sample agreements and steps toward establishing a shared ministry.

Challenges Facing Our Congregations

The cultural pressures facing our young people and families are constant. Our young people are faced with ideologies that are at odds with God’s design for humanity and families. An agenda that seeks to destroy the role of the Church and parents in the lives of the children has permeated social media, the entertainment industry, and higher education at many public and private universities. Likewise, sports have lured a generation of families away from the Church each weekend. While the Synod, with the support of the Commission on Theology and Church Relations, the seminaries, and Recognized Service Organizations such as DOXOLOGY, has helped to address matters of sexual orientation and gender identity from the truth of God’s Word, there is a growing need for faithful Christian therapists, whose counsel is faithful to the Scriptures, especially regarding God’s creation of male and female and His design for marriage. Faithful parents are joined in a search with their pastors for Christian counselors whose practice is built on the foundation of the Bible, not undermining it. My office sent a pastoral letter in October 2024 to address Missouri Amendment 3 and the effort to codify the right to abortion with little or no restrictions in the Missouri Constitution. A bulletin insert was also provided, as well as links to further explain the proposed ballot initiative. Sadly, Amendment 3 was adopted. Christian families who deal with infertility are also seeking faithful guidance regarding “reproductive technologies.” Once again, we see the influence of the culture and its attacks on life and families. Many Christians are now seeking guidance on how faithful Christians and our congregations can respond.



Bold Hope in Christ for the Church Today

These are challenging times for the Christian Church and for faithful Lutheran congregations. Worship attendance has continued to decline. The call process has become more difficult with the decline in enrollment at the seminaries and the growing number of retirees. Many congregational leaders are discouraged when they look at the issues facing their individual congregations.

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, our hope is in Christ, not a pastor who we need to walk through the door with an “S” on his chest and a cape flowing in the wind. Your pastor has not been sent by God to be the savior; that job is already taken. Your hope is not in plans and programs, but in the risen Christ, who rules over His Church just as much today as He did during your congregation’s so-called glory days. While there are great challenges facing the Church, our hope is in the One who came down to earth, to suffer, die, and rise again. He is the source of our hope.

Since we have such a hope, we are very bold. We can be bold because we know that Jesus is our Immanuel, God with us. He dwells with us through times of suffering and affliction, as well as times of joy and celebration. We need not fear or despair because He has promised to be with us always. We do not need to fear the world because the One who is in us is greater than the one who is in the world.

We also are filled with hope because we know that God’s Word will not return to Him empty. Every congregation of the District has exactly what you need because you have the Word of God. From early childhood centers to Lutheran high schools, from congregations to a seminary, and in the home of every member family, God is at work through His Word as it is preached, prayed, taught, sung, and lived.

Our hope is also in the work of the Holy Spirit through the means of grace. It is not up to us to bring anyone to faith in Jesus. At the same time, since we know that the Holy Spirit is at work through the Word, we can boldly proclaim the truth of the Gospel in our congregations, schools, homes, and communities, trusting that the Holy Spirit will create faith where and when it pleases Him.

Open Doors for the Gospel

The Mission Report will highlight all of the various mission activities of the Missouri District during this triennium. In particular, there are two areas of District missions that I wish to note because they involve care and outreach to the critical age of young adults, many of whom are absent in our congregations: campus ministry and military outreach.

Campus ministry is such an important way that our congregations can partner together to support young people who are studying at universities and colleges in Missouri. The Missouri District Campus Ministry Network provides a website where parents and students can notify the Lutheran campus ministry point person of a student attending college near one of our sixteen campus ministries. Additionally, Campus Lutheran Church in Columbia, in partnership with the Missouri District, provides an annual campus ministry leadership conference for student and adult leaders from across the District (and beyond). It is so important for the Church to provide care and support for the young people as they face all of the negative influences that can be found on college campuses.

The Missouri District has two congregations that are intentionally caring for Lutherans at Fort Leonard Wood and Whiteman Air Force Base, but also reaching many who have no connection with any church. Faith Lutheran Churches in St. Robert and Knob Noster are the “tip of the spear” in our mission and ministry among military personnel. These ministries include caring for the military families in their congregations, but also getting “on base” to build relationships and share the hope of the Gospel.



Another open door for the Gospel is outreach to the growing ethnic diversity in Missouri. However, reaching out to people of different ethnicities is nothing new for us in this District. This year marks the 150th anniversary of the Western District (the forerunner of the Missouri District) beginning outreach to Chinese immigrants in St. Louis. Today, the Gospel is being proclaimed in Missouri District congregations and missions in more than a dozen different languages.

As noted above, Lutheran elementary schools, high schools and early childhood centers provide open doors for the Gospel as thousands of children are taught the Christian faith and prepared for lives of service to the Church and world. While there are challenges facing our schools in terms of finances and finding faithful teachers, there are great opportunities for kingdom growth through our existing and future Lutheran schools.

There are also open doors for the Gospel through congregations and Recognized Service Organizations that seek to support the sanctity of life and care for expectant mothers and their children. Trinity Lutheran Church in Clinton provides Zoe's Home, a pregnancy and parenting home. Several Missouri District congregations have partnered with Swaddling Clothes, a Missouri-based Recognized Service Organization, that assists congregations in caring for expectant and new mothers and children in their communities. Showing Christ's mercy and care for mothers and their children are tangible ways that our congregations can demonstrate our commitment to the sanctity of life.

Transitions

The Missouri District executive staff had two significant additions since the last convention. Joshua Swartz began serving as the Director of Schools on July 1, 2022. His leadership and support of Lutheran schools and the introduction of MOScholars has been particularly important. Peter Kirby joined the staff as the Executive Director of Congregational Services in January 2023, overseeing support for congregations and the survey process of calling congregations. The Missouri District is blessed with the leadership of veteran staff members who are dedicated to the support of the congregations, schools, and church workers they are called to serve.

Go Forward with Bold Hope in Christ

While the challenges facing our congregations are great, we are not deterred from the work that the Lord has given to us. My prayer for the Missouri District congregations, schools, church workers, and laypeople is that we would truly be bold in our confession on account of the hope that we have in Christ. Now is not the time for weak resignation, but boldness and confidence. In closing, I encourage you all with the words of St. Paul to the church at Rome, "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope," (Rom. 15:13, ESV).

Respectfully submitted by,

President Rev. Dr. R. Lee Hagan



Acceptance Speech of the President at the 2025 Missouri District Convention

In the afternoon of June 25, 1530, Chancellor of Saxony Christian Beyer stood before Emperor Charles V and read the German version of the Augsburg Confession. Dr. Beyer's loud voice carried so that the crowd gathered outside the hall in the courtyard were able to hear its presentation, which lasted approximately two hours. Seven German princes and two city councils had subscribed to the confession. At the risk of their lives and their earthly kingdoms, they boldly confessed their hope in Christ. Beyer read these words from Article IV of the Augsburg Confession, "We receive forgiveness of sin and become righteous before God out of grace for Christ's sake when we believe that Christ has suffered for us and that for his sake our sin is forgiven and righteousness and eternal life are given to us." This was their bold confession, and it remains what we believe, teach and confess still today!

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, there is much fear and apathy among our congregations today. Church leaders may wonder if the best days are behind us. We look back upon the past with longing and look to the future with uncertainty. And at times, we are hesitant even in the present because of the feeling that we're too small or too old or we've tried it all before. But Jesus Christ has indeed risen from the dead. The living Christ gives hope to those who were paralyzed by fears and doubts. Christ is not in the tomb! He sits at the Father's right hand in glory. Last night we sang, "This is the feast of victory for our God," because Christ has conquered sin and death! This is the hope that we proclaim. This is what we believe, teach and confess. This is the hope of which we sing. Because Christ has risen we have such hope and because we have such hope, we are very bold! My prayer for our congregations is that the next three years would be marked by boldness in proclaiming the Risen Christ, that we have boldness to proclaim the Gospel. It may be proclaimed in different places and amongst different people, but it is the same Gospel of Christ's victory and the hope that it brings.

In Springfield and Washington circuits, the boldness of our congregations means starting new Lutheran high schools. That's bold. In some congregations, boldness means reaching out through ministries that support expectant mothers and children in need. In other congregations, they are boldly serving the underserved in their community by providing clothing, food and even shelter. You've certainly seen such things after the recent tornado in St. Louis. Their boldness may take on different forms, but it always provides opportunities to boldly confess Jesus Christ! That's why we are here, and it's why we serve.

The four critical targets that the District just adopted, that our District Board of Directors have wrestled with focus on key things for our future:

1. Church Worker Recruitment and Retention. We want to continue this emphasis, because of the great need for bold servants in our congregations and schools.
2. Discipleship in the Home. Our goal is to continue to assist congregations in equipping the homes to be places where Christ is at the center of the home and the Gospel is boldly taught there.
3. Mission Field: Missouri. This is the recognition that we have a mission field of over three million souls who are unchurched right here in our own midst. As our mission statement says, "The Missouri District exists to serve and encourage congregations to fulfill the Great Commission and promote the unity of the true faith."
4. Leadership Development. The District will provide training to assist congregations in developing leaders for our congregations and schools, amongst rostered church workers and laypeople.



The common goal thread among the four targets is bold hope in Christ!

The resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead changes everything and gives our lives hope and purpose. Pastors all have their favorite theologians that they like to read. The last few years I've really gone back again and again to Swedish Lutheran Bishop, Bo Giertz. His writings are just as timely today as they were when he became Bishop in Sweden nearly seventy years ago. A newly translated work was called *A Shepherd's Letter*. It's encouragement for the church to be bold, to be bold as we hope in Christ. In it Bishop Giertz writes, "The church's whole existence depends on a miracle: that he who was dead has risen again and is now with them all their days. The church itself is a participation in this miracle. She would not exist if Christ's resurrection power was not at work in her ... Everything that the Resurrected One does and works, all that he draws into his sphere of life, all that he justifies and sanctifies, all that he uses in some way as a means of grace, it is permeated by the hidden power of the resurrection" (p. 9-10). "Everything depends on this: that Christ is risen, that God's Son was delivered for our trespasses and raised for our justification' (Rom 4:25)." (p. 17)

Dear friends in Christ, Our Lord has indeed risen from the dead. May this hope make us bold confessors of the faith as we hold to the truth of God's Word. May we be bold witnesses who tell others about the hope that is within us. And may we be bold servants of Christ as we proclaim the Gospel boldly to all whom we serve. The resurrection of Jesus gives hope to every believer and that means that every congregation can be bold on account of the hope that we have in Christ Jesus!

June 24, 2025, in the afternoon, hundreds of God's people will return home from another convention, returning to their callings at home and at work and in the church. These are the places where God has called you to serve Him and to demonstrate the bold hope that we have in Christ. For less than forty-eight hours, we will have gathered here to be reminded of our Savior's resurrection and to know and to live out what that hope means in each and every one of our congregations! My prayer is that our congregations could be described as all having bold hope in Christ. He is risen. He is risen indeed. Alleluia! May God grant it for Jesus' sake. Amen.

President Rev. Dr. R. Lee Hagan



Attendance Register of the 2025 District Convention

Voting Pastoral

Delegates

Aizenberg, Samuel
Andrada, Ted
Arnold, Tyler
Asburry, Randy
Auringer, Jason
Bartok, Jim
Bell, Randall
Benkendorf, Rod
Bereuter, Bryce
Berry, Matthew
Bibb, Tysen
Biernacki, Chris
Blankenship, William
Block, Larry
Boettcher, Mark
Bohlmann, Matthew
Boisclair, David
Brann, Johannes
Braun, Allen
Breite, Douglas
Broadus, Daniel
Burgdorf, Noah
Canaday, Matthew
Castens, Kyle
Clark, Matthew
Cody, Richard
Constien, Stephen
Dehne, John
Dickerson, Paul
Diener, Michael
Dittmar, David
Dock, Jeff
Elliott, Bruce
Emshoff, Keith
Ensor, Lew
Etzler, Andrew
Fiene, Hans
Fittje, Kyle
Freeman, Jeremy
Freudenburg, Trevor
Friedrichs, Galen
Froiland, Brandon
Furgeson, Jon
Gehrke, Wes
Gillmore, Steven
Gimbel, Andrew
Gorline, Jeremy
Goucher, Mark
Greene, Frank
Griffin, Gary
Gruenwald, David
Gutz, Glen
Hagerman, Nicholas
Hanke, Will

Hatcher, Joshua
Hayter, Mat
Heaton, William
Hellwege, John
Hetzel, Brian
Hochgrebe, Ryan
Hoehner, Mark
Hoemann, Paul
Huebner, Wayne
Iannelli, Mike
Johnson, Erik
Jonas, Scott
Junkin, Mark
Karg, Rory
Kelm, Virgil
Kennell, Andrew
Ketelsen, Joshua
Kettner, David
King, Idonis
Klaustermeier, Jeremy
Koenig, Jarod
Kohn, Elden
Kohnke, Kevin
Kopper, Evandro
Kranz, Mark
Krueger, Joel
Kuddes, Jeffrey
Kuhlman, Nathan
Kurz, Joel
Kyler, Jeffrey
Landgraf, Paul
Lawrence, Wayne
Lehenbauer, Ronald
Lucas, Frank
Malone, Robert
Mattsfield, Wade
Mauss, Doug
May, Jacob
McCalley, Joseph
McGinley, Dave
Meggers, David
Mehl, Silas
Meissner, Craig
Miille, Timothy
Moore, David
Morris, Tim
Newman, Drew
Oberdieck, David
Okine, Michael
Orr, William
Otto, Craig
Parvey, Adam
Parviz, Kevin
Peoples, Matthew
Perling, John

Pierce, Kent
Pitsch, Scott
Poppen, Tyler
Pottschmidt, Michael
Powell, Samuel
Preus, Andrew
Priem, Matthew
Ramstad, Christopher
Reiser, Gregg
Resner, Steve
Resner, Matthew
Riebau, Robert
Roberts, Bryan
Rodriguez, Joe
Roeglin, Matthew
Rolf, David
Ross III, Bernard
Roth, David
Rottmann, Erik
Ruback, Nathan
Rupe, Ryan
Rusnak, Joshua
Rutherford, Stephen
Salo, Scott
Samal, Nabin
Schlie, Joseph
Schmidt, Joshua
Schoedel, John
Schultz, Jeremy
Schweigert, Jon-Michael
Sippy, Jeffrey
Sletten, Jake
Smith, William
Sponaugle, Justin
Steckling, Timothy
Steensma, Richard
Tessone, Andrew
Theiss, Benjamin
Thomas, James
Truwe, Gregory
Wade, Tanner
Warner, Daniel
Wehmeyer, Craig
Weiler, Scott
Weisenborn, Paul
Whittle, Brian
Wildauer, Weston
Williams, Guillaume
Wilshusen, James
Winckler, Michael
Woerth, Warren

Voting Lay Delegates

Alexander, Steven
Andrew, Brian

Anheier, John
Arenz, Steven
Bachmann, Jacob
Bailey, John
Bartok, Kim
Bauche, Warren
Baumhoegger, Harry
Bechel, Lucas
Becker, Louis Scott
Behrens, Mark
Belter, Brian
Bentlage, David
Birk, Bob
Blake, Debra
Bliese, Mark
Bohlmann, Paige
Brauer, Rick
Brown, Diana
Cannon, Mark
Cantrell, Robert
Cassout, Katherine
Chappelow, Tony
Church, Kevin
Close, Joe
Cooper, Gary
Cottrell, Mitchell
Craig, Todd
Crespo, Jr., Willie
Crosby, William
Curry, Timothy
Davidson, Ian
Davis, Henry
Dawson, Matthew
Decker, Nathan
Derendinger, Daniel
Dieckman, Dallas
Diefenbach, John
Doherty, George
Drag, Gary
Edwards, Brian
Ehlers, Terry
Ehrichs, Aaron
English, David
Ensor, Stacey
Finck, Jonathan
Flandermeyer, Gary
Frankenbach, Paul
Gholson, Billy
Gipson, Robert
Golden, Greg
Gorline, Timothy
Gotsch, Richard
Gregg, Corey
Greiwe, John
Grimpo, Alan



Voting Lay Delegates

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Haas, Denise
 Hackman, Sally
 Hall, Dan
 Hall, Jeremy
 Harp, Justin
 Harris, Allen
 Heins, Chris
 Hill, Randy
 Hollander, Russell
 Hoppe, Russ
 Howard, Jim
 Iannelli, Michael
 Ingle, Bob
 Jenkins, Chaim
 Jernigan, Floyd
 Johnson, Michael
 Jurgensmeyer, Edward
 Kaibel, Jerome
 Kamp, Gary
 Kelly, Charles
 Kidwell, Rich
 Kiefer, Daniel
 Killebrew, Christopher
 Kirchhoff, Aaron
 Kirn, Brian
 Klatt, Ronald
 Kliewer, Brock
 Klinge, Daniel
 Knoemschild, Timothy
 Koch, Mark
 Krueger, Ray
 Langer, Deborah
 Larson, Steve
 Lawrence, Jacqueline
 Lekar, Mark
 Lenz, Christopher
 Lieb, David
 Linhardt, Dean
 Lohmeyer, Dan
 Maloy, Mark
 Malwitz, Michael
 Matthews, Mark
 May, Michelle
 McCoig, Larry
 McCreery, John
 McKenna, Brian
 Meyer, Timothy
 Meyer, Eugene
 Miille, Pamela
 Moeller, Debbie
 Moentmann, Werner
 Moore, Russell
 Moudy, Duane
 Noggle, Heather
 Nordstrom, Daniel
 Norton, Amy
 Otting, Stan

Olson, Kelly
 O'Neill, Jordan
 Otten, Stephen
 Perling, Heidi
 Petry, Jake
 Ponder, Luke
 Rodieck, Jay
 Rupp, Joe
 Rusche, Richard
 Russell, Mark
 Rutherford, Tasha
 Sanders, Donald
 Saubert, Carl
 Scherer, Keith
 Schlegl, Tim
 Schmidt, Jonathan
 Schmidt, Ken
 Schneider, Marty
 Schroeder, Kent
 Schubert, Jason
 Seider, Aaron
 Simon, Ralph
 Sletten, Courtney
 Smith, Julie
 Snyder, Paul
 Spinks, Wes
 Spitler, Allen
 Sponaugle, John
 Staehling, Philip
 Stahlman, Bill
 Stearns, Bryan
 Stearns, Steven
 Stein, Gary
 Summerlin, Mark
 Talbott, Mary
 Tenholder, Mike
 Thompson, Richard
 Tilman, Guy
 Toney, Mike
 Torres, Luis A
 Triplet, Jim
 Tritch, Randal
 Trowbridge, Bill
 Turner, James
 Vickrey, Steve
 Voltmer, Darrel
 Voss, Chuck
 Wachter, Andrew
 Wallis, Daniel
 Walthal, Melton
 Weicken, Stephen
 Werner, David
 Werr, Jeffrey
 Wessel, Chris
 Western, Joe
 Wichern, Jeff
 Wilson, Todd
 Winters, Matt

Woerth, Benjamin
 Yonke, Brian

Non-Voting Clergy

Biermann, Todd
 Buchmueller, Ryan
 Knapp, Robert
 Kohm, Jason
 Krueger, Ken
 Lehenbauer, Andrew
 Mallardi, Rocco
 Marks, Matthew
 Moser, Steve
 Muchler, Craig
 Nebel, Mark
 Ninke, John
 Rattelmuller, George
 Taylor, Ryan
 Zamora, Juan

Commissioned DCE

Glaskey, Jason
 Kortmeyer, Leah
 Zickfield, James

Commissioned

Deaconess

Gage, Donna
 McDonnell, Ruth

Commissioned

Emeritus

Breite, Christine
 Buchholz, David
 Fortmeyer, Amelia
 Fortmeyer, Bernard
 Frank, Dave
 Nummela, Thomas

Commissioned

Teacher

Choate, Lauren
 Christman, John
 Gruenwald, Mark
 Moennig, Amanda
 Moore, Samz
 Roundey, William
 Wormington, Dana

Guest Speakers

Ball, Ben
 Golden, Kevin
 Lange, Peter

District Staff,

Backer, Colleen
 Behrmann, Cassie
 Hagan, Lee

Hampton, Christie
 Hasz, Marty
 Irwin, Sarah
 Kirby, Peter
 Krege, Peter
 Nummela, Pamela
 Kreienkamp, Dan
 Schellin, Martha
 Sieveking, Leah
 Swartz, Josh
 Thompson, Sue

Media Team

Bradley, Ella
 Clark, Noah
 Hagan, Jack
 Moede, Caroline
 Swartz, Kaitlynn
 Swartz, Kiera

First Vice President

Marler, William

Guests

Biermann, Heather
 Belter, Liz
 Dittmar, Arlene
 Ericson, Berit
 Glanz, Abby
 Gruenwald, Margaret
 Hagan, Jill
 Holland, Hayleigh
 Holland, Peyton
 Jernigan, Barbara
 Mattick, Thomas
 Moede, Jacob
 Morris, Kristopher
 Nelson, Teresa
 Nuckols, Mark
 Rattelmuller,
 LaVonne Sias, John
 Swartz, Dawn
 Tenholder, Carol
 Wilkey, Sharon
 Zitelman, John



Membership Changes In The Missouri District

(As of June 1, 2025)

Bring any errors to the attention of the District President.

Pastors

Candidates Ordained/Installed

Aizenberg, Samuel (SL '24) ordained Faith -Las Vegas, NV 6/23/24 by M. Gibson, installed Immanuel – Carrollton 7/7/24 by B. Thieme

Boos, Brandon (SL '22) ordained and installed Faith – Oakville 12/18/22 by J. Brunette

Evans, Timothy (SL '23) ordained and installed LCMS Ministry to the Armed Forces – St. Louis 4/30/23 by C. Muehler

Gerzevske, Matthew (SL '24) ordained and installed Trinity – St. Louis 11/03/24 by R. Asbury

Groth, Jason (SL '24) ordained Zion – Kalamazoo, MI 5/26/24 by M. Saylor, installed LCMS Office of International Mission – St. Louis 8/18/24 by W. Huebner

Hensley, Adam (Colloquy 11/29/22) installed Concordia Seminary – St. Louis 8/25/23 by T. Egger

Hill, Christopher (SL '23) ordained and installed Salem – Affton 7/9/23 by L. Hagan

Jermiya, Lewi (SL '23) ordained and installed St. Trinity – St. Louis 11/19/23 by D. Lewis

King, Idonis (SL '24) ordained and installed St. Trinity – 9/22/24 by L. Hagan

Koehler, Timothy (SL '22) ordained and installed SMP St. Andrew – Cape Girardeau 1/22/23 by J. Shaw

Kohm, Jason (SL '24) ordained and installed Holy Cross – O'Fallon 6/30/24 by L. Hagan

Knepper, Christopher (SL '24) ordained and installed Bethlehem – St. Louis 5/19/24 by L. Hagan

Lanning, James (SL '22) ordained Good Shepherd – Cedar Park, TX 6/26/22 by S. Headley, installed Good Shepherd – Centralia 7/31/22 by L. Hagan

Mangar, Ratna (SL '24) ordained and installed St. John's – St. Louis 8/25/24 by W. Wilson

Nelson, Andrew (SL '23) ordained and installed Chapel of the Cross – St. Peters 6/17/23 by M. Hoehner

Payne, Bryan (FW '23) ordained and installed LCMS Office of International Mission – St. Louis 6/11/23 by M. Muenchow

Pietsch, Stephen (Colloquy 5/2/23) installed Concordia Seminary – St. Louis 8/25/23 by T. Egger

Resner, Steven (SL '23) ordained and installed Immanuel – Jefferson City 6/25/23 by L. Hagan

Ronsick, Eric (SL '24) ordained and installed Trinity – Cape Girardeau (Egypt Mills) 3/9/25 by L. Hagan

Ryherd, Brian (SL '22) ordained and installed SMP Abiding Savior – St. Louis 1/29/23 by J. Shaw

Samal, Nabin (SL '24) ordained and installed St. John's – St. Louis 8/25/24 by W. Wilson

Schulte, Timothy (SL '22) ordained and installed Lutheran Bible Translators – Concordia 6/5/22 by L. Hagan

Sipes, Jacob (SL '23) ordained Redeemer – Seymour, IN 6/11/23 by A. Currao and installed Immanuel – Washington 6/25/23 by B. Thieme

Smith, Alexander (SL '22) ordained Hope – High Ridge 7/30/22 by L. Hagan, installed Lutheran High School South – St. Louis 8/19/22 by J. Cox

Tanz, Jared (SL '22) ordained and installed SMP St. Andrew – Cape Girardeau 1/22/23 by J. Shaw

Warner, Daniel (FW '23) ordained and installed Zion – Gordonville and St. Paul – Chaffee 7/22/23 by L. Hagan

Winckler, Michael (SL '24) ordained and installed Trinity – Friedheim 6/23/24 by L. Hagan

Wondrasch, Connor (SL '24) ordained Concordia Seminary – St. Louis 7/12/24 by R. Asbury, installed Lutheran High School South – St. Louis 8/20/24 by L. Hagan

Transferred to Our District

Andrada, Edward (FG) to Grace – Uniontown and Zion – Uniontown 7/7/24 by R. Asbury

Asher, Joseph (MNS) to Emeritus 1/6/25

Berndt, Jeffry (NOW) to Candidate 11/28/22

Biernacki, Christopher (SO) to St. Paul – Wildwood 1/22/23 by L. Hagan

Bluege, Joseph (TX) to Faith - Branson 6/26/22 by W. Marler

Bohlmann, Matthew (KS) to Candidate 2/23/23

Boos, Antonio (Tony) (MI) to Lutheran Senior Services – St. Louis 8/21/24 by J. Christiansen

Broadus, Daniel (OH) to Holy Trinity – Mound City 11/30/24 by D. Moore

Canaday, Matthew (IN) to Praise and Worship – Branson West 7/14/24 by L. Hagan

Cook, Joshua (IN) to Concordia Publishing House – St. Louis 2/19/25 by J. Corzine

Cook, Philip (KS) to Lutheran Urban Mission Agency – Kansas City 8/4/24 by L. Hagan

Corzine, Jacob (NI) to Concordia Publishing House – St. Louis 9/14/23 by L. Hagan

Cowell, Thomas (IW) to Christ – Platte Woods 8/20/23 by K. Morris

Cox, Patrick (EA) to Candidate 8/29/23

Eichhorn, Arthur (SI) to Emeritus 3/1/25

Emshoff, Keith (KS) to Holy Trinity – Grandview 6/29/24

Fickenscher, James (TX) to Concordia Seminary – St. Louis 8/23/24 by T. Egger



Flo, Paul (NEB) to Concordia Seminary – St. Louis
8/25/23 by T. Egger

Freudenburg, Trevor (IW) to Lord of Life –
Chesterfield 2/19/23 by L. Hagan

Fritsche, Joel (SI) to Concordia Seminary – St. Louis
8/25/23 by T. Egger

Galchutt, Daniel (KS) to Lutheran Church-Missouri
Synod – St. Louis 4/13/23 by L. Hagan

Garrels, Dennis (PSW) to Emeritus 12/30/24

Gaschler, Paul (IN) to Holy Cross – St. Louis 9/10/23
by R. Asbury

Gauthier, Brian (NEB) to LCMS Office of International
Mission – St. Louis 1/13/25 by M. Harrison

Gray, Barton (MI) to Emeritus 6/4/22

Griebel, Kirk (MNS) to Emeritus 5/2/23

Handrick, Thomas (SI) to Emeritus 7/8/22

Heckmann, Joel (OK) to Concordia Seminary – St.
Louis 11/20/24 by L. Hagan

Heimer, Stephen (TX) to LCMS Office of National
Mission – St. Louis 9/18/24 by M. Harrison

Hellwege, John (LCC) to Salem – Farrar and Zion –
Crosstown 6/25/23 by P. Winningham

Hirsch, John (TX) to Emeritus 12/15/22

Hoehler, David (CI) to Emeritus 5/23/24

Jander, David (MNS) to Lutheran Senior Services
8/18/24 by B. Thieme

Johnson, Erik (AT) to Concordia – Maplewood 1/26/25
by L. Hagan

Kerr, Jonathan (EN) to Emeritus 3/9/23

Kohnke, Kevin (NEB) to Emeritus 9/12/22

Kramer, Howard (OK) to Emeritus 11/2/22

Kuddes, Jeffrey (NEB) to Emeritus 4/30/23

Kurowski, Peter (SD) to Trinity – Boonville, Immanuel
– Jamestown, and Immanuel – Prairie Home
9/11/22 by D. Sonntag

Kyler, Jeffrey (MNN) to Zion – Rockville 10/20/22 by
W. Marler

Lane, Jason (SW) to Concordia Seminary – St. Louis
8/23/24 by T. Egger

Larson, Brandon (SI) to Concordia – Kirkwood
12/11/22 by S. Bongard

Maconachy, Samuel (EN) to Faith – Oakville 4/30/23
by J. Brunette

Mallardi, Rocco (KS) to Heit's Point Lutheran Ministry
– Lincoln 11/6/22 by K. Morris

Manor, Jonathan (NE) to Lutheran Church – Missouri
Synod – St. Louis 10/20/22 by P. Lange

Millard, Ronald, Jr. (EN) serving at Peace – O'Fallon

Mudge, Ronald (SW) to Concordia Seminary – St.
Louis 8/26/22 by T. Egger

Murphy, William (FG) to Lutheran Church of Webster
Gardens – Webster Groves 10/30/22 by D.
McGinley

Nebel, Mark (SI) to St. Paul Lutheran High School –
Concordia 8/18/24 by P. Mehl

Orr, William (CI) to Hope – St. Ann 7/10/22 by K.
Golden

Peoples, Matthew (NJ) to LINC – Houston, TX

Prill, David (CNH) to Alive in Christ – Columbia
11/5/23 by B. Thieme

Rajek, Cory (SD) to LCMS Office of International
Mission – St. Louis 9/11/24 by L. Hagan

Ramstad, Christopher (NEB) to Immanuel – Joplin
9/9/23 by L. Hagan

Rupe, Ryan (TX) to Our Savior – Fenton 8/27/23 by L.
Hagan

Rusnak, Joshua (RM) to St. Mark's – Eureka 9/16/23
by R. Asbury

Rutherford, Stephen (CI) to Immanuel and Zion –
Lincoln 2/19/23 by W. Marler

Schave, Steven (MI) to LAMP – Canton, MI 1/31/25

Schedler, Donald (CNH) to Emeritus 6/28/24

Schilbe, Scott (SI) to Our Redeemer – Overland
4/30/23 by D. Boisclair

Schudde, A. Mark (CNH) to Emeritus 9/26/24

Schlund, Andrew (SO) to Candidate 12/19/23

Schlund, Thomas (IW) to Concordia Seminary – St.
Louis 8/26/22 by T. Egger

Schmidt, John (NEB) to Emeritus 9/30/22

Scholl, Travis (AT) to Lutheran Senior Services – St.
Louis 9/25/22 by L. Hagan

Steckling, Timothy (NW) to Faith – Springfield
10/13/24 by W. Marler

Steensma, Richard (MN) to Candidate 1/9/23

Stein, Donald (SW) to Emeritus 12/1/22

Stock, Donald (IN) to Emeritus 11/4/24

Thompson, Lawton (SELC) to St. Paul's – Des Peres
7/16/22 by K. Golden

Tinetti, Ryan (MI) to Concordia Seminary – St. Louis
8/23/24 by T. Egger

Trampe, Heath (ND) to LCMS Office of National
Mission – St. Louis 2/7/25 by K. Robson

Vernava, Michael (CNH) to Emeritus 1/13/25

Vogts, Kevin (KS) to Emeritus 1/19/23

Weber, Roberto (IELA) to LCMS Office of Mission
Services – St. Louis 1/21/24 by K. Ziegler

Wilshek, David (SI) to Emeritus 8/31/22

Transferred from a Partner Church

Maita, Sergio (Iglesia Luterana de Venezuela) to LCMS
Office of International Mission – St. Louis 3/2/25
by T. Krey

Transferred to Other Districts

Agne, Paul (Redeemer – Potosi) to SE 1/12/25

Bartholomew, Andrew (Redeemer – Springfield) to MI
5/1/23

Barto, Gregory (Zion – Hillsboro) to SW 4/27/25

Becker, Wallace (Emeritus) to SELC 4/8/25



Below, Mark (Emeritus) to RM 8/6/24
 Biesenthal, Bruce (Emeritus) to TX 10/01/23
 Brandon, Kurt (Immanuel – Higginsville) to MI 8/11/24
 Brockopp, Elroy (Emeritus) to MI 8/2/22
 Broten, Derek (Candidate) to MNS 11/23/22
 Cundiff, Joel (St. Paul – St. Joseph) to KS 7/28/24
 DeBeir, Jerome (Candidate) to TX 9/1/23
 Deterding, Paul (Emeritus) to SELC 8/15/23
 Diekelman, William (Emeritus) to PSW 3/11/24
 Ferguson, Eamonn (Holy Trinity – Mound City) to NI 4/22/24
 Fisher, Maxx (Immanuel – Wentzville) to MI 9/8/24
 Gallagher, Frank (Emeritus) to CI 7/5/22
 Glenn, Micah (Concordia Seminary – St. Louis) to CNH
 Gray, Roosevelt (Emeritus) to MI 2/21/25
 Henrickson, Charles (Candidate) to IN 1/4/23
 Hercamp, Jacob (St. Peter – LaGrange) to IN 7/3/23
 Hirsch, John (Emeritus) to TX 8/16/23
 Hunsaker, Mark (Praise and Worship – Branson) to TX 8/1/23
 Jaseph, Philip (LCMS Office of International Mission – St. Louis) to SE 11/8/23
 Jurchen, Peter (Concordia Publishing House – St. Louis) to NEB 6/5/24
 Knippa, Michael (Lutheran High School South – St. Louis) to TX 7/9/22
 Krohe, Wayne (Emeritus) to MDS 5/20/24
 Lail, Robert (Candidate) to NOW 7/10/23
 Larson, Brandon (Concordia – Kirkwood) to PSW 2/28/25
 Lemmermann, Scott (Ascension – Kansas City) to SD 10/01/22
 Loesch, Jeremy (Candidate) to SE 11/6/23
 Luhman, Eric (Candidate) to FG 9/1/23
 Marriott, James (Concordia Seminary – St. Louis) to TX 8/1/22
 Mech, Gregory (Emeritus) to SW 7/2/22
 Meyer, Jonathan (Holy Cross – O’Fallon) to IN 8/7/23
 Meyer, Richard (Candidate) to NI 3/21/23
 Morris, Kristopher (Christ the King – Lake Ozark) to NEB 8/16/24
 Mueller, Alan (Immanuel – Sweet Springs) to FG 1/5/25
 Mueller, Jacob (Holy Cross – Emma) to KS 5/26/24
 Nelson, Andrew (Chapel of the Cross – St. Peter) to SW 3/15/25
 Paetow, Derek (Gethsemane – Lemay) to NI 10/13/24
 Palmer, Jonathan (Faith – Oakville) to SELC 6/30/22
 Quick, Terry (Lutheran Senior Services – St. Louis) to IE 9/16/23
 Ratcliffe, Keith (Our Savior – Platte City) to MNN 5/29/23
 Schave, Steven (LAMP Ministry) to MI 7/26/22
 Schilbe, Scott (Our Redeemer – Overland) to SI 6/30/23

Schlie, Jesse (Trinity – Jefferson City) to IE 3/16/25
 Schrader, Alexander (Immanuel – Olivette) to MI 12/2/24
 Schreiber, Iromar (Hope – Republic) to SE 1/12/25
 Schulte, Gary (LCMS Office of Mission Services – St. Louis) to SD 12/1/23
 Schultz, Charles (St. Paul – Imperial) to SW 11/24/24
 Shaw, Jason (St. Paul – Jackson) to NI 10/13/23
 Slater, Troy (Faith – Richmond) to KS 6/6/22
 Steinbrueck, Roger (Emeritus) to SW 2/12/24
 Thorson, Brian (Grace – Lexington) to MNS 5/5/24
 Torreson, Theodore (The Exchange Communities – Jackson) to IW 12/2/23
 Trinklein, John (LCMS Office of Mission Services – St. Louis) to NEB 7/31/23
 Voelker, William (Our Redeemer – Marshall) to NEB 9/11/23
 Ward, Dale (SMP New Beginnings – Pacific) to IN
 Wendorff, Carl (Faith – Warsaw) to IW 8/4/23
 Wenthe, Dean (Emeritus) to IN 9/30/24
 Wood, Mark (LCMS – St. Louis) to EN 2/20/25
 Wurst, Robert (LCMS – St. Louis) to MI 12/31/24
 Zagore, Robert (Candidate) to EN 4/4/23
 Zerkel, Bradley (Candidate) to CNH 7/24/23

Changes within District

Becker, Andrew (St. John – Arnold) to LCMS Office of National Mission – St. Louis 2/25/25
 Bohlmann, Matthew (Candidate) to Immanuel – St. Charles 8/13/23 by L. Hagan
 Boisclair, David (Bethesda – Pine Lawn and Faith – Velda City) to Our Redeemer – Overland 11/19/23 by R. Asbury
 Buchmueller, Barrett (LCMS Office of National Mission – St. Louis) to St. Paul, St. Joseph 3/2/25 by C. Otto
 Chisamore, Brian (Candidate) to Missouri District as Institutional Chaplain 2/11/24 by A. Kennell
 Copus, William (Candidate) to St. Matthew – Concordia 9/18/22 by J. Mueller
 Cox, Joseph (teacher, Lutheran High School South – St. Louis) to Campus Pastor, Lutheran High School South – St. Louis 7/1/22
 Foss, Richard (Faith – Springfield) to St. Paul – Jackson 11/25/23 by J. Schmidt
 Frith, Mark (Lutheran Church Extension Fund – St. Louis) to Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty – St. Louis 11/29/22 by L. Hagan
 Gledhill, Eric (Faith – Jefferson City) to LCMS Ministry to the Armed Forces – St. Louis 8/14/22 by B. Thieme
 Gibbs, Karl (Immanuel – Carrollton) to LCMS Ministry to the Armed Forces – St. Louis 1/26/23 by L. Hagan



Griffin, Gary (Emeritus) to Trinity – Sarcoxie 11/19/23 by W. Marler
Haupt, Benjamin (Concordia Seminary – St. Louis) to Christ Memorial – St. Louis 8/4/24 by J. Cloeter
Heller, Brian (Lutheran Senior Services – St. Louis) to Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod – St. Louis 10/13/22 by P. Lange
Kirby, Peter (Lutheran Hour Ministries – St. Louis) to Missouri District – St. Louis 1/26/23 by L. Hagan
Kohnke, Kevin (Emeritus) to St. Paul – Jonesburg 1/19/25 by L. Hagan
Krikava, James (LCMS Office of International Mission – St. Louis) to LCMS – St. Louis 12/6/24 by M. Harrison
Krueger, Kenneth (Concordia Plans – St. Louis) to Ministry Focus – Fenton 11/10/24 by D. Meggers
Kuddes, Jeffrey (Emeritus) to Faith – Richmond 8/27/23 by B. Thieme
Kuddes, Jeffrey (Faith – Richmond) to Grace – Lexington 10/27/24 by W. Marler
Kueker, Jesse (Trinity – Clinton) to Concordia Seminary – St. Louis 8/26/22 by T. Egger
Marler, William (Emeritus) to Immanuel – Joplin 7/10/22 by K. Fittje
Millard, Ronald (Peace – Cottleville) to Lutheran High School of St. Charles County – St. Peters 8/18/24 by J. Gorline
Miller, James (Candidate) to Lutheran Senior Services – St. Louis 5/7/23 by R. Taylor
Mueller, Bart (Holy Trinity – Grandview) to St. John – Jefferson City and St. John – Westphalia 8/11/24 by L. Hagan
Nava, Jaime (Concordia – Maplewood) to LCMS Ministry to the Armed Forces – St. Louis 6/26/22 by K. Golden
Oddi, David (Emeritus) to Shepherd of the Lakes – Forsythe 1/12/25 by L. Hagan
Ostermeyer, Timothy (Emeritus) to Beautiful Savior – Bridgeton 6/30/24 by L. Hagan
Peeples, Matthew (LINC – Houston, TX) to Faith – Oakville 3/30/25 by L. Hagan
Reiter, Craig (Holy Cross – Ste. Genevieve) to Concordia Seminary – St. Louis 11/20/24 by L. Hagan
Riebau, Robert (Concordia Publishing House – St. Louis) to Reformation – Affton 11/12/23 by D. Gruenwald
Rudowske, Richard (LCMS Office of Mission Services – St. Louis) to Lutheran Bible Translators – Concordia 2/4/23 by L. Hagan
Schnackenberg, James (Emeritus) to St. John – Purdy 9/18/22 by W. Marler
Schoedel, John (Emeritus) to St. John – Beaufort 10/29/23 by W. Zastrow
Schultz, Nathan (Candidate) to Christ Memorial – St. Louis 2/12/23 by J. Cloeter

Sippy, Jeffrey (Lutheran Senior Services – St. Louis) to Zion – Bolivar and Our Savior – Buffalo 3/10/24 by L. Hagan
Sommer, Christopher (Faith – Oakville) to Lutheran High School South – St. Louis 8/18/23 by J. Cox
Steensma, Richard (Candidate) to Faith – Jefferson City 11/19/23 by L. Hagan
Wilson, William (Emeritus) to St. John – St. Louis 7/21/24 by L. Hagan
Wilshusen, James (Ebenezer – Leslie) also at Bethlehem – New Haven 10/2/22 by L. Hagan
Yount, Andrew (SMP The Bridge – Washington) to SMP A Bridge to Faith – Washington 7/23/23 by M. Hayter
Zimmerman, Darrell (Emeritus) to Cedar Hill – Cedar Hill 2/11/24 by J. Wagner

Candidate Status

Gensch, Jeremiah (Child of God – St. Peters) 2/1/24
Henrickson, Charles (St. Matthew – Bonne Terre and Grace – DeSoto) 12/31/23
Knapp, Robert (St. Paul – Marshfield) 9/1/22
Schlund, Thomas (Concordia Seminary – St. Louis) 3/28/25
Zagore, Robert (LCMS – St. Louis) 8/24/22

Retired

Abernathy, Roger (Salem – Farrar, Zion – Crosstown) 7/1/22
Bangert, Mark (Immanuel – Washington) 8/1/23
Berndt, Jeffry (Candidate) 11/21/23
Bilgreen, David (Cedar Hill – Cedar Hill) 12/31/23
Bretscher, David (Beautiful Savior – Bridgeton) 9/1/22
Christiansen, Joel (Lutheran Church of Webster Gardens – Webster Groves) 1/1/23
Conkling, Martin (Lutheran High School of St. Charles County – St. Peters) 7/1/23
Crockett, Dell (Grace – Pagedale) 7/1/23
Deterding, Paul (Saint Paul Lutheran High School – Concordia) 7/1/23
Dressler, Steven (Trinity – Altenburg) 5/31/23
Dubberke, William (Candidate) 12/19/23
Ellul, Gary (St. Paul – Jonesburg) 12/31/23
Fale, John (LCMS Office of International Mission – St. Louis) 12/31/24
Foss, Richard (St. Paul – Jackson) 12/31/24
Genthner, Glenndon (LCMS Office of International Mission – St. Louis) 4/22/23
Gray, Roosevelt (LCMS Office of National Mission – St. Louis) 4/1/24
Hageman, James (Our Redeemer – Overland) 1/1/23
Herman, Luther (Trinity – Clarks Fork, Immanuel – Jamestown, Immanuel – Prairie Home) 9/11/22
Kuhn, Dale (Resurrection – Sunset Hills) 11/1/23



Kurka, Gerald (St. Paul – Stover) 4/10/23
 Lim, Edward (Immanuel – Olivette) 12/31/24
 Lindemann, Rodney (Timothy – Blue Springs) 1/16/23
 Lukefahr, David (Faith – Kirksville, Grace – Milan) 8/18/24
 Marler, William (Immanuel – Joplin) 9/4/23
 Mech, Gregory (Immanuel – Joplin) 7/1/22
 Oddi, David (Hope – Maryville) 7/1/22
 Pederson, Joe (St. Paul – Cuba) 12/31/23
 Pelsue, David (Reformation – Affton) 1/1/23
 Pfanstiel, Barry (Trinity – Cape Girardeau) 9/1/22
 Persich, Wayne (Candidate) 12/1/22
 Reimnitz, David (Bethlehem – Raymore) 4/20/25
 Rhodes, Thomas (Zion – Bolivar) 3/1/23
 Roach, John (Concordia – Bourbon) 4/30/23
 Rutt, Douglas (Concordia Seminary – St. Louis) 1/31/23
 Scheperle, Gerald (St. John – Jefferson City and St. John – Westphalia) 6/30/24
 Steinbrueck, Roger (Trinity – Friedheim) 6/30/22
 Tanney, Michael (St. John – St. Louis) 6/30/24
 Thomas, Glen (St. Paul – Des Peres) 10/24/24
 Weiser, Tim (Immanuel – Rosebud) 11/1/23
 Wenthe, Dean (LCMS – St. Louis) 9/30/24
 Winningham, Paul (Grace – Uniontown and Zion – Uniontown) 6/30/24
 Wilkey, Mickey (Shepherd of the Lakes – Forsyth) 7/24/23
 Zimmerman, Darrell (LCEF Grace Place Wellness – St. Louis) 7/1/23

Deceased

Atsinger, Victor (Emeritus) 10/10/22
 Baker, Thomas (Emeritus) 10/10/24
 Constien, Victor (Emeritus) 8/31/24
 Doubek, William (Emeritus) 5/30/24
 Eberhart, Frank (Jesus El Buen – Kansas City) 4/4/23
 Garrels, Dennis (Emeritus) 3/23/25
 Gaudin, Arthur (Emeritus) 6/18/22
 Gray, Barton (Emeritus) 5/3/25
 Jansen, Ronald (Emeritus) 1/27/24
 Johnson, David (Emeritus) 11/16/24
 Kramer, Howard (Emeritus) 2/4/25
 Kriete, Robert (Emeritus) 6/8/22
 Kuhn, Robert (Emeritus) 3/1/25
 Lampe, Gary (Mt. Olive – St. Louis) 5/19/25
 Leeman, Karl (Emeritus) 1/17/23
 Loum, John (Emeritus) 10/26/22
 Martin, Mark (St. Paul – Independence) 10/21/22
 Miesner, Donald (Emeritus) 1/22/23
 Schaefer, Henry (Emeritus) 5/6/24
 Schaser, Rudolf (Emeritus) 6/7/24
 Scheidt, Paul (Emeritus) 4/5/24
 Schmidt, Alvin (Emeritus) 11/28/22
 Schmidt, Warren (Emeritus) 2/23/25

Schoedel, Walter (Emeritus) 11/9/23
 Schuette, Ronald (Emeritus) 7/14/24
 Schumacher, Benjamin (Faith – St. Robert) 8/30/24
 Smith, Gregory (Emeritus) 10/14/24
 Stohs, Milton (Emeritus) 12/12/22
 Tormoehlen, Alger (Emeritus) 2/7/25
 Urban, Otto (Emeritus) 8/28/22
 Wenger, Mark (Emeritus) 9/12/22
 Wolf, Blake (Emeritus) 2/13/24
 Young, Kenneth (Emeritus) 12/13/22

Resigned/Removed from Roster

Fields, Anthony (Immanuel – Jefferson City) 6/30/22
 Herrmann, Erik (Concordia Seminary – St. Louis) 6/19/23
 Miller, James (Lutheran Senior Services – St. Louis) 8/6/24
 Otte, John (Timothy, Blue Springs) 5/21/24

Formation of Dual Parish

Ebenezer – Leslie and Bethlehem - New Haven 10/1/22
 Concordia – Bourbon and St. Paul – Cuba 8/7/23
 Grace – DeSoto and St. Matthew – Bonne Terre 11/19/23
 Zion – Bolivar and Our Savior – Buffalo 2/4/24
 Trinity – Altenburg and Immanuel – New Wells 7/31/24

Congregations Dissolved

Grace – Malden 10/25/20
 Immanuel Chapel – St. Louis 7/10/22
 The Bridge – Washington 10/17/22 (merged with Faith – Washington and became A Bridge to Faith)
 Bethesda – St. Louis (Pine Lawn) 11/15/23
 Faith – St. Louis (Velda City) 11/15/23
 Immanuel – Princeton 4/6/24

Congregations Added to Synod

Oromo – Platte Woods 1/29/23
 All Nations – University City 6/2/23
 My Church – Ozark 8/20/23

Congregations Transferred to Our District

Peace – O’Fallon (EN) 8/1/22

New Rostered Emeriti



Membership Changes in the Missouri District

(As of June 1, 2025)

Bring any errors to the
attention of the District
President.

Official Roster of Ordained Ministers

Sole Pastor

Aizenberg, Samuel
Andrada, Edward
Backs, Ronnie
Bell, Randall
Benkendorf, Rodney
Berry, Matthew
Bibb, Tysen
Biernacki, Christopher
Boettcher, Mark
Brann, Johannes
Braun, Allen
Broaddus, Daniel
Burgdorf, Noah
Canaday, Matthew
Cody, Richard
Constien, Stephen
Copus, Perry
Denholm, George
Dickinson, Dwight
Diener, Michael
Dittmar, David
Dock, Jeffrey
Dressler, Martin
Eatherton, Lawrence
Ellerbrock, Keith
Elliott, Bruce
Emshoff, Keith
Ensor, Lewis
Etzler, Andrew
Femmel, Mark
Fiene, Hans
Fittje, Kyle
Freeman, Jeremy
Freudenburg, Trevor
Friedrichs, Galen
Futrell, Richard

Gehrke, Wesley
Gorline, Jeremy
Goucher, Mark
Griffin, Gary
Gutz, Glen
Hanke, Karl
Hayter, Matthew
Heaton, William
Hellwege, John
Hetzel, Brian
Hoemann, James
Hubbard, L. Alan
Iannelli, Michael
Johnson, Erik
Jonas, Scott
Junkin, Mark
Kelm, Virgil
Kennell, Andrew
Ketelsen, Joshua
Klaustermeier, Jeremy
Kohn, Elden
Kohnke, Kevin
Kranz, Mark
Kuddes, Jeffrey
Kuhlman, Nathan
Kurowski, Peter
Kyler, Jeffrey
Landgraf, Paul
Lange, Peter A.
Lanning, James
Lawrence, Wayne
Lucas, Frank
Malone, C. Robert
Mattsfeld, Wade
May, Jacob
McCracken, Garry
Mehl, Silas
Meissner, Craig
Mülle, Timothy
Mueller, Bart
Newman, Drew
Oberdieck, David
Oddi, David
Orr, William
Ostermeyer, Timothy
Parviz, Kevin
Perling, John
Petty, Rick
Poppen, Tyler
Preus, Andrew
Raedeke, Frederick
Ramstad, Christopher
Reiser, Gregg
Resner, Matthew
Resner, Steven
Riebau, Robert

Roberts, Bryan
Roeglin, Matthew
Ross, Bernard
Roth, David Jr.
Rottmann, Erik
Rutherford, Stephen
Salo, Scott
Sanchez-Zapata, Vicente
Schnackenberg, James
Schweigert, Jon-Michael
Sippy, Jeffrey
Sletten, Jacob
Smith, William
Snyder, Walter
Sonntag, Donaldo
Sponaugle, Justin
Staffeld, Timothy
Steckling, Timothy
Swyres, Eric
Theiss, Benjamin
Thomas, James
Wagner, Jason
Warner, Daniel
Weiler, John
Weisenborn, Paul
Whittle, Brian
Wildauer, Weston
Williams, Guillaume
Wilshusen, James
Winckler, Michael
Woerth, Warren
Wolters, Luke
Zimmerman, Darrell

Senior or Administrative Pastor

Arnold, Tyler
Asburry, Randy
Auringer, Jason
Bernhardt, Robert
Block, Larry
Boisclair, David
Bolling, Gerard
Bongard, Stephen
Breite, Douglas
Brunette, John
Castens, Kyle
Chinberg, Douglas
Clark, Matthew
Cloeter, Jeffrey
Dehne, John
Dinger, Andrew
Froiland, Brandon
Furgeson, Jon
Garrett, Dion

Gimbel, Andrew
Greene, Frank
Gruenwald, David
Hagerman, Nicholas
Hatcher, Joshua
Hoehner, Mark
Huebner, Wayne
Karg, Rory
Kettner, David
Koenig, Jarod
Kopper, Evandro
Krueger, Joel
Kurz, Joel
Lehenbauer, Ronald
Lewis, David A.
Liebmann, Robert
Marks, Matthew
May, Jeremy
McGinley, David
Miller, Stephen
Moore, David
Morris, Timothy
Mueller, James L.
Otto, Craig
Parvey, Adam
Pierce, Kent
Pottschmidt, Michael
Powell, Samuel
Rodriguez, Joe
Rolf, David
Rouland, Mark
Ruback, Nathan
Schmieding, Scott
Schultz, Jeremy
Sell, Mark
Steensma, Richard
Sullivan, Joseph
Tessone, Andrew
Thieme, Brian
Truwe, Gregory
Wehmeyer, Craig
Wilson, William

Associate Pastor

Albers, Steven
Andrews, Steven
Bereuter, Bryce
Bluege, Joseph
Brown, Robert
Buchmueller, Barrett
Cowell, Thomas
Dickerson, Paul
Fieberkorn, Michael
Gaschler, Paul
Gerzevske, Matthew



Hill, Christopher
Hochgrebe, Ryan
Jermiya, Lewi
Karsten, Darwin
King, Idonis
Knepper, Christopher
Kohm, Jason
Lehenbauer, Andrew
Maconachy, Samuel
Mangar, Ratna
Mastic, Andrew
Mauss, Douglas
McCalley, Joseph
Meggers, David
Moser, Stephen
Okine, Michael
Peeples, Matthew
Pitsch, A. Scott
Priem, Matthew
Prill, David
Roma, Thomas
Rupe, Ryan
Rusnak, Joshua
Samal, Nabin
Schlie, Charles
Schlie, Joseph
Schmidt, Joshua
Schram, Nicholas
Schultz, Nathan
Sipes, Jacob
Stacy, Eric
Taylor, Ryan
Thompson, Lawton
Uglum, James
Vaughn, David
Wade, Tanner

Assistant Pastor

Andrus, David
Bartok, James
Bohlmann, Matthew
Clemens, Daniel
Harrison, Matthew
Haupt, Benjamin
Kieschnick, Charles
Kobs, Matthew
Prince, James
Selbana, Abdi
Vo, Minh Chau

Emeritus Pastor

Abernathy, Roger
Allwardt, William

Altenberger, Roger
Alter, Anthony
Anderegg, Richard
Anderson, Darryl
Appold, Mark
Arle, Edward
Asher, Joseph
Asmus, Gerhard
Bachert, Alan
Bacon, Arthur
Bangert, Mark
Benedum, Thomas
Benson, David
Berndt, Jeffry
Bertels, Ricky
Bilgreen, David
Bischoff, Clifford
Block, Harold
Boedecker, David
Boettcher, Loren
Boheim, Keith
Bond, Dale
Bowder, Russell
Brandt, Gary
Brandt, Warren
Brauer, James
Bretscher, David
Bruss, Eldor
Buckman, Allan
Burge, David
Bush, John
Bush, Julius
Butcher, John
Cameron, Bruce
Campbell, Phillip
Carter, Stephen
Christiansen, Joel
Clancy, Bryant
Conkling, Martin
Cook, Richard
Crockett, Dell
Dautenhahn, John
Dissen, David
Dittmer, Terry
Dressler, Steven
Drewitz, Glen
Droegemueller, Carl
Dubberke, William
Dubisar, Douglas
Eichhorn, Arthur
Eickmann, Jerrold
Ellul, Gary
Engler, Albert
Fale, John
Flo, Steven
Folle, Ronald

Foss, Richard
Francisco, Thurman (Tim)
Frye, Frank
Gadeken, Robert
Geil, Allen
Genthner, Glenndon
Gibbs, Jeffrey
Gilbert, Dan
Goddard, Paul
Griebel, Kirk
Guetersloh, Ralph
Haeger, Martin
Hageman, James
Handrick, Thomas, Sr.
Hawkinson, Mark
Hemmingson, Gerald
Henrichs, Robert
Herman, Luther
Hertwig, Frederick
Hirsch, Bradley
Hobratschk, John
Hoehler, David
Hoehne, Ronald
Hoehner, Robert
Hoffstetter, Gary
Hoppe, Hector
Hower, Stephen
Hummel, Edward
Joersz, Jerald
Kamprath, Stephen
Kastens, Dennis
Kerr, Jonathan
Kirchner, Duane
Kirk, James
Knolhoff, Wayne
Koeller, Martin
Koenig, Clifford
Kolb, Barry
Kolb, Robert
Kriefall, Daniel
Kuhn, Dale
Kurka, Gerald
Lampe, Kendall
Lampe, Kenneth
Langhoff, Donald
Larson, Mark S.
Lieb, Francis
Liebmann, Martin
Liebnau, David
Likens, James
Lim, Edmund
Lindemann, Rodney
Loesch, Keith
Loza, David
Luckritz, Harold
Lukefahr, David

Luley, William
Maas, Duane
Mahsman, David
Manteufel, Thomas
Markel, Jerry
Marler, William
Mattson, Daniel
Matzat, Donald
Matzat, William
Melchior, Edward
Meseke, Morris
Metzger, William
Meyer, Dale
Mitkos, Leslie
Moeller, Randall
Moody, Richard
Muehler, Gary
Nafzger, Samuel
Nelson, Jeffrey
Nicolaus, Jon
Ninke, John
Pederson, Joe Ed
Peckman, Paul
Peckman, Richard
Peckman, Walter
Pelsue, David
Persich, Wayne
Pfanstiel, Barry
Prange, Paul
Raj, Victor
Rattelmuller, George
Rau, Harold
Rawlings, David
Reimnitz, David
Rhiver, James
Rhodes, Thomas
Riggert, Jerry
Roach, John
Rosin, Robert
Rossow, Francis
Rossow, Lowell
Rowold, Henry
Rutt, Douglas
Rux, Jarold
Samuel, Victor
Schack, Gary
Schade, Allen
Schamber, Kenneth
Schedler, Donald
Scheidt, Paul
Schempf, Michael
Scheperle, Gerald
Schenk, Allen
Schiefer, Elmer
Schmeisser, Kirk
Schmidt, David



Schmidt, Dennis
 Schmidt, John
 Schoech, Thomas
 Schoenfeld, King
 Schrieber, Paul
 Schroeder, William
 Schudde, A. Mark
 Schult, Paul E.
 Schulz, Wallace
 Schwiesow, Wayne
 Shaw, Paul
 Short, Paul
 Shreckhise, Robert
 Sievers, Kenneth
 Simmons, Arthur
 Simmons, Ronald
 Simmons, William
 Smith, David
 Smith, Mark
 Sprick, Donovan
 Stanley, Vincent
 Stein, Donald
 Stock, Donald
 Stolle, Gary
 Streufert, Stephen
 Stueve, Eugene
 Sveom, Dale
 Tanney, Michael
 Temple, John
 Teuscher, Daniel
 Theiss, Terry
 Thomas, Glen
 Thur, Richard
 Troyke, James
 Vernava, Michael
 Vogts, Kevin
 Wachter, Keith
 Wanner, Michael
 Watson, Edward
 Weinhold, Terry
 Weiser, Tim
 Wilkey, Mickey
 Wilkins, Timothy
 Wilshek, David
 Winningham, Paul
 Winters, Walter
 Wittenberger, Denis
 Wittmayer, Garland
 Wollenburg, Alan
 Wuerffel, Theodore
 Wyssmann, Gene
 Zastrow, William

Candidate Status

Bijjiga, Jaya
 Bluege, Joseph
 Bolstad, Arthur
 Burgell, Nathan
 Clow, Keith
 Cox, Patrick
 Gensch, Jeremiah
 Grund, Terry
 Hemler, Jonathan
 Knapp, Robert
 Kurz, Erich
 LaBore, Richard
 LeClair, Edward
 Rhoads, John
 Richard-Wokoma, P.A.
 Schlund, Andrew
 Schlund, Thomas
 Schnakenberg, Kevin
 Schuetze, Nathaniel
 Scott, Tobin
 Tomesch, Jordan
 Wilson, Lynn

Synodical Administrator

Harrison, Matthew
 Sias, John

Synodical Executive or Staff

Askins, Roy
 Baneck, James
 Becker, Andrew
 Borchert, Mark
 Corzine, Jacob
 Daenzer, Sean
 Day, J. Bart
 Galchutt, Daniel
 Gauthier, Brian
 Griebenaw, Douglas
 Hall, Gary
 Harmelink, Daniel
 Heimer, Stephen
 Heller, Brian
 Hernandez, Carlos
 Hokana, Steven
 Johnson, Ross
 Kiessling, Mark
 Kinnaman, Scot
 Krikava, James
 Krupski, Philip
 Lange, Peter K.
 Lehenbauer, Joel
 Manor, Jonathan
 McMiller, Daniel

Meyer, Michael
 Mitchell, Christopher
 Muchler, Craig
 Palmer, Wayne
 Rabe, Mark
 Rajek, Cory
 Robson, Kevin
 Serina, Richard
 Trampe, Heath
 Zittlow, Todd

District Administrator

Hagan, R. Lee

District Executive or Staff

Geis, William
 Hasz, Martin
 Kirby, Peter

Synod Missionary

Clausing, Jonathan
 Groth, Jason
 Jastram, Daniel
 Jensen, Nathaniel
 Maita, Sergio
 McMiller, Tyler
 Mizel, Christopher
 Payne, Bryan
 Rall, Ronald
 Stinnett, Eric
 Weber, Roberto
 Wildauer, Micah
 Wood, Matthew

District Missionary

None

Other Missionary

Grulke, Carl
 Schulte, Timothy

Campus Missionary

None

Seminary Faculty or Staff

Adams, David
 Arand, Charles
 Bahkou, Abjar
 Biermann, Joel

Bode, Gerhard
 Borcharding, Alan
 Burreson, Kent
 Dost, Timothy
 Egger, Thomas
 Fickenscher, James
 Flo, Paul
 Fritsche, Joel
 Golden, Kevin
 Heckmann, Joel
 Hensley, Adam
 Kueker, Jesse
 Lane, Jason
 Lewis, David I.
 Marrs, Richard
 Maxwell, David
 Mudge, Ronald
 Nafzger, Peter
 Nielsen, Glenn
 Okamoto, Joel
 Oswald, Jeffrey
 Penhallegon, Phillip
 Peter, David
 Pietsch, Stephen
 Prieto, Ely
 Reiter, Craig
 Robinson, Paul
 Rockenbach, Mark
 Saleska, Timothy
 Sanchez, Leopoldo
 Schuchard, Bruce
 Schumacher, William
 Seifrid, Mark
 Thompson, W. Mart
 Thormodson, Jeffrey
 Tinetti, Ryan
 Vieker, Jon
 Voelz, James

Lutheran High Faculty or Staff

Cox, Joseph
 Femmel, Mark
 Lange, Thomas
 Millard, Ronald, Jr.
 Nebel, Mark
 Smith, Alexander
 Sommer, Christopher
 Wondrasch, Connor

Principal Only Elementary/High School

Hoehner, Matthew
 Mehl, Paul



Institutional Chaplain

Boos, Antonio (Tony)
 Briggs, Robert
 Chisamore, Brian
 Haun, Monte
 Jander, David
 Mueller, James P.
 Nilges, Chris
 Roma, Ron
 Stratmann, David

Other Specialized Ministry

Frith, Mark
 Seltz, Gregory
 Scholl, Travis

Military Chaplain

Ancira, Mario
 Bomberger, Kenneth
 Engle, Tristan
 Evans, Timothy
 Gibbs, Karl
 Gledhill, Eric
 Hamer, Brian
 Muehler, Carl
 Nava, Jaime
 Niemtschk, Bobby
 Ochner, Douglas

Auxiliary Ministry

Broge, Jason
 Cook, Anthony
 Cook, Joshua
 Figur, Nilo
 Lakies, Chad
 Zeigler, Michael

Recognized Service Organization

Cook, Philip
 Erdman, Alan
 Krueger, Kenneth
 Mallardi, Rocco
 NaThalang, Pornprom
 (Ted)
 Rickenberg, Kermit
 Rudowske, Richard, Jr.
 Schave, Steven

Teacher Elementary

Greene, John

Specific Ministry Pastor (SMP)

Blankenship, William
 Boos, Brandon
 Gillmore, Steven
 Greer, Johnny
 King, Brian
 Koehler, Timothy
 Lewis, Johnathan
 Loum, Cyril
 Murphy, William
 Roedemeier, Dennis
 Ronsick, Eric
 Ryherd, Brian
 Schmitt, David
 Schoedel, John
 Stallings, Cory
 Tanz, Jared
 Yount, Andrew



Membership Changes in the Missouri District

(As of June 1, 2025)

Bring any errors to the attention of the District President.

Commissioned Ministers

Graduates Installed

Adams, Jacob (AA '21) to Immanuel – Washington, commissioned and installed 9/11/22 by C. Wehmeyer

Aufdenberg, Ann (Colloquy RF '22) to Saxony Lutheran High School – Jackson, commissioned and installed 8/23/23 by J. Schmidt

Bahr, Lisa (Colloquy S'23) to Lutheran High School of Kansas City – Kansas City, commission and installed 8/20/23 by J. Schultz

Beck, Julie (Colloquy RF '23) to Christ Community – Kirkwood, commission and installed 8/14/23 by M. Hoehner

Bernhardt, Grace (S '21) to Christ Community – Kirkwood, commissioned and installed 8/15/22 by M. Hoehner

Berry, Amanda (SL Sem '21) to Concordia – Sikeston, commissioned and installed 9/11/22 by M. Berry

Bruns, Keziah (S '21) to Lutheran High School of Kansas City – Kansas City commissioned and installed 8/14/22 by K. Wyssmann

Brockman, Hannah (M '19) to Lutheran High School of St. Charles County – St. Peters, commissioned and installed 8/13/23 by M. Rouland

Brown, Katie (S '2006) to Lutheran High School of Kansas City – Kansas City, commissioned and installed 11/6/24 by C. Otto

Burgess, Kara (Colloquy RF '24) to Christ Community – Kirkwood, commissioned and installed 8/12/24 by M. Hoehner

Cannon, Cristyn (Colloquy RF '20) to St. Paul's – Des Peres, commissioned and installed 8/14/22 by G. Thomas

Chappell, Nicole (RF '23) to Christ Community – Kirkwood, commission 7/2/23 by J. Henning and installed 8/14/23 by M. Hoehner

Choate, Lauren (Colloquy RF '23) to Trinity – Freistatt 4/14/24 by J. Sletten

Daniels, Amanda (Colloquy RF '24) to Green Park – St. Louis, commissioned and installed 1/22/25 by J. Furgeson

Drachnik, Amanda (Colloquy S '22) to Immanuel – St. Charles, commissioned and installed 8/14/22 by S. Schmieding

Eckhoff, Eric (Colloquy AA '23) to Martin Luther Academy – Kansas City, commissioned and

installed 4/24/24 by T. Cowell

Fasnacht, Hannah (S '24) to St. Paul's – Des Peres, commissioned and installed 8/11/24 by G. Thomas

Federwitz, Nathan (M '23) to Lutheran Bible Translators – Concordia, commissioned and installed 9/19/23 by R. Rudowske

Federwitz, Sarah (FW Sem '23) to Lutheran Bible Translators – Concordia, commissioned and installed 9/19/23 by R. Rudowske

Fish, Katie (M '22) to Zion – St. Charles, commissioned and installed 8/11/24 by M. Rouland

Fisher, Janie (Concordia Seminary SL '22) to Immanuel – Wentzville, commissioned and installed 7/17/22 by J. Auringer

Fitzgerald, Cherilyn (Colloquy S '22) to Immanuel – Olivette, commissioned and installed 8/21/22 by A. Schrader

Fredrickson, Jenna (S '21) to Immanuel – Wentzville, commissioned and installed 8/14/22 by J. Auringer

Frerking, Michelle (RF '22) to Immanuel – St. Charles, commissioned and installed 8/14/22 by S. Schmieding

Fruend, Abigale (M '23) to Immanuel – Wentzville, commissioned and installed 8/13/23 by J. Auringer

Gasser, Mary (Colloquy S '21) to The King's Academy – Lake Ozark, commissioned and installed 10/23/22 by K. Morris

Griffith, Daniel (Colloquy RF '22) to Green Park – Saint Louis, commissioned and installed 1/18/23 by D. Gruenwald

Hinck, Katarina (M '22) to St. Paul's Early Childhood Center – Des Peres, commissioned and installed 8/13/23 by G. Thomas

Holland, Kenneth (Colloquy 'S) to Timothy – Blue Springs, commissioned and installed 5/12/24 by R. Hochgrebe

Holthus, Emma (S '22) to Child of God – Saint Peters, commissioned and installed 8/27/23 by J. Gorline

Horst, Jenna (M '22) to St. Paul's Early Childhood Center – Des Peres, commissioned and installed 8/14/22 by G. Thomas

Hsu, Kan (Concordia Seminary SL '24) to Immanuel/Light of Christ Chinese - Olivette, commissioned and installed 11/24/24 by R. Karg

Hussey, Samantha (Colloquy RF '21) to Christ Community – Kirkwood, commissioned and installed 8/15/22 by M. Hoehner

Iannucelli, Anna (M '22) to Immanuel – Olivette, commissioned and installed 8/21/22 by A. Schrader

Jennings, Sarah (Colloquy RF '21) to Zion – St. Charles, commissioned and installed 2/1/23 by M.



- Rouland
- Kelley, Ashley (Colloquy RF '23) to Trinity – Cape Girardeau, commissioned and installed 8/11/24 by D. Breite
- Kelly, Quinn (RF '24) to Child of God – St. Peters, commissioned and installed 8/25/24 by J. Gorline
- Klug, Rachel (Colloquy M '22) to Christ Community – Kirkwood, commissioned and installed 8/15/22 by M. Hoehner
- Krey, Tirzah (FW Sem '23) to LCMS Office of International Mission – St. Louis, commissioned and installed 08/10/2023 by T. Krey
- Lowe, Mikayla (S '22) to Chapel of the Cross – St. Peters, commissioned and installed 8/7/22 by M. Hoehner
- Mansfield, Cheryl (Colloquy RF '15) to Lutheran North Middle and High School – St. Louis, commissioned and installed 8/16/22 by R. Karg
- Massmann, Adrienne (Colloquy RF '22) to Immanuel – Washington, commissioned and installed 5/7/23 by M. Bangert
- Meier, Kristyna (Colloquy M '23) to Immanuel – Perryville, commissioned and installed 8/11/24 by M. Marks
- Melin, Elizabeth (SL Sem '23) to Lutherans in Jewish Evangelism, Inc. – St. Louis, commissioned and installed 1/7/24 by J. Melin
- Meyer, Dana (Colloquy M '18) to St. Paul's – Des Peres, commissioned and installed 8/28/22 by G. Thomas
- Meyer, Theresa (M '22) to Immanuel – Wentzville, commissioned and installed 8/14/22 by J. Auringer
- Miller, Brinn (RF '24) to Lutheran North Middle and High School – Saint Louis, commissioned and installed 8/30/24 by N. Ruback
- Miller, Patti (FW Sem '22) to Village – Ladue, commissioned and installed 2/26/23 by T. Arnold
- Miller, Katrina (AA '23) to Bethlehem – St. Louis, commissioned and installed 1/7/24 by G. Bolling
- Mooney, Erin (Colloquy RF '21) to Lutheran High School of St. Charles County – St. Peters, commissioned and installed 9/14/22 by R. Taylor
- Mueller, Brett (S '22) to Our Savior – Fenton, commissioned and installed 8/14/22 by M. Sell
- Naber, Karyn (SL Sem '24) to Lutheran Senior Services – St. Louis, commissioned 8/18/24 by W. Hugo, installed 9/25/24 by C. Nilges
- O'Neal, Grace (S '22) to Saint Paul Lutheran High School – Concordia, commissioned and installed 8/14/22 by P. Mehl
- Payne, Keah (FW Sem '23) to LCMS Board for International Mission – St. Louis, commissioned and installed 6/11/23 by M. Bersche
- Pennington, Nathan (S '23) to Immanuel – Washington, commissioned and installed 8/27/23 by C. Wehmeyer
- Plug, Melissa (FW Sem '24) to LCMS Board for International Mission – St. Louis, commissioned and installed 9/15/24 by R. Stuckwisch
- Ramstad, Mollie (S '10) to Martin Luther – Joplin, commissioned and installed 8/22/24 by C. Ramstad
- Riemer, Olivia (M '23) to Zion – St. Charles, commissioned and installed 8/13/23 by M. Rouland
- Reynolds, Aaron (RF '22) to Lutheran High School – Saint Louis, commissioned and installed 8/19/22 by J. Cox
- Roth, Rebecca (M '23) to Lutheran North Middle and High School – St. Louis, commissioned and installed 9/22/23 by N. Ruback
- Sandort, Melissa (Colloquy M '22) to Child of God – St. Peters, commissioned and installed 12/18/22 by J. Gorline
- Schaff, Noel (S '04) to LCMS Office of International Mission – St. Louis, commissioned and installed 2/16/25 by C. Ferry
- Schnegelberger, Emma (RF '24) to Zion – St. Charles, commissioned and installed 8/11/24 by M. Rouland
- Schulte, Erin (SL Sem '23) to Lutheran Bible Translators – Concordia, commissioned and installed 12/17/23 by R. Rudowske
- Schultz, Jesse (RF '23) to Christ Community – Kirkwood, commissioned and installed 8/14/23 by M. Hoehner
- Seibel, Martha (RF '11) to LCMS Office of International Mission – St. Louis, commissioned and installed 06/01/22 by C. Mizel
- Simmons, Benjamin (RF '23) to King of Kings – Chesterfield, commissioned and installed 7/16/23 by D. Chinberg
- Smith, Mphastso (S '24) to Christ Community – Kirkwood, commissioned and installed 8/12/24 by M. Hoehner
- Spiehs, Clarissa (S '23) to Saint Paul High School – Concordia, commissioned and installed 8/13/23 by P. Mehl
- Stadler, Grant (S '22) to Lutheran High School of St. Charles County – St. Peters, commissioned and installed 8/13/23 by M. Rouland
- Stadler, Rebekah (S '23) to Zion – St. Charles, commissioned and installed 8/13/23 by M. Rouland
- Steinbacher, Angela (S '17) to LCMS Office of International Mission – St. Louis, commissioned and installed 8/21/22 by C. Mizel
- Symmank, Gabrielle (M '22) to Lutheran Association for Special Education – St. Louis, commissioned and installed 9/22/23 by N. Ruback
- Tanney, Catherine (Colloquy M '19) to Christ



Community – Kirkwood, commissioned and installed 8/12/24 by M. Hoehner
 Teggatz, Rachel (RF '22) to Child of God – Saint Peters, commissioned and installed 8/21/22 by J. Gorline
 Tinkey Flores, Jamielynn (FW Sem '23) to LCMS Office of International Mission – St. Louis, commissioned and installed 08/10/2023 by T. Krey
 Tompkins, Sarah (S '24) to st. Paul's Early Childhood Center – Des Peres, commissioned and installed 8/11/24 by G. Thomas
 Ward, Abigail (Concordia Seminary SL '23) to Calvary High School – Jefferson City, commissioned and installed 8/16/23 by S. Resner
 Wells, Angela (Colloquy S '20) to Trinity – Alma, commissioned and installed 9/11/22 by B. Ross
 White, Lisa (Colloquy RF '22) to St. Paul – Jackson, commissioned and installed 9/25/22 by J. Shaw
 Whittler, Timothy (Colloquy RF '22) to St. John's – Arnold, commissioned and installed 8/14/22 by J. Schultz
 Williams, Jennifer (Colloquy S '24) to Springfield – Springfield 10/27/24 by S. Moser
 Williams, Lissa (Colloquy RF '23) to Child of God – Saint Peters, commissioned and installed 8/27/23 by J. Gorline
 Wilson-Fluegge, Marie (Colloquy RF '23) to Salem – Affton, commissioned and installed 4/14/24 by W. Huebner
 Wientge, Jennifer (Concordia Seminary SL '20) to Lutheran Senior Services, commissioned 5/21/23 by D. Gruenwald, installed 6/11/23 by M. Haun
 Wood, Christopher (IR '24) to Zion – Saint Charles, commissioned and installed 3/29/25 by M. Rouland
 Wolf, Miriam (S '22) to Trinity – Jefferson City, commissioned and installed 8/14/22 by S. Powell
 Wuebbels, Richard Jr. (Colloquy I '21) to Immanuel – Wentzville, commissioned and installed 8/14/22 by J. Auringer
 Zhang, Helen (Concordia Seminary SL '24) to Immanuel/Light of Christ Chinese - Olivette, commissioned and installed 11/24/24 by R. Karg

Transferred from Other Districts

Anderson, Laurie (SI) to United in Christ – Frohna 8/11/24 by S. Dressler
 Asher, Jennie (MNS) to Concordia Seminary – St. Louis 1/29/25 by L. Hagan
 Auger, Robert (MI) to Emeritus 2/28/25
 Bangert, Jason (TX) to Lutheran High School South – St. Louis 8/20/24 by L. Hagan
 Bangert, Jessica (TX) to St. Paul's Early Childhood

Center – Des Peres 8/11/24 by G. Thomas
 Barrington, Madelyn (OH) to Immanuel – St. Charles 8/13/23 by S. Schmieding
 Bartok, Sarah (OH) to Springfield – Springfield 8/28/22 by A. Bartholomew
 Becker, Jason (OH) to Lutheran North Middle and High School – St. Louis 9/22/23 by N. Ruback
 Becker, Jennifer (OH) to Candidate 8/16/23
 Biermann, Heather (MC) to Candidate 1/18/24
 Brunette, Janet (TX) to Emeritus 1/27/25
 Buchholz, Paige (KS) to Martin Luther Academy – Kansas City 9/3/23 by B. Froiland
 Buesing, Richard (MI) to Emeritus 11/30/23
 Chinberg, Kathleen (SD) to Candidate 2/19/25
 Clayton, Anna (NW) to Word of Life – St. Louis 8/13/23 by A. Dinger
 Cromley, Joshua (RM) to Candidate 2/4/24
 Curry, Alexis (SW) to Lutheran High School South – St. Louis 8/19/22 by J. Cox
 Drefs, Katherine (TX) to St. Paul's – Concordia 7/17/22 by M. Pottschmidt
 Eatherton, Lois (SW) to St. Paul's – Des Peres 8/11/24 by G. Thomas
 Eatherton, Smauel (SW) to Concordia Seminary – St. Louis 8/23/24 by T. Egger
 Ebersole, Carly (MNS) to Candidate 2/9/23
 Eberth, Cassandra (IN) to Word of Life – St. Louis 8/28/22 by A. Dinger
 Eckhoff, Sarah (KS) to Martin Luther Academy – Kansas City 8/28/24 by D. Clemens
 Eckstein, Joshua (FG) to Chapel of the Cross – St. Peters 8/14/22 by J. Uglum
 Eisman, Carl (EN) to Emeritus 12/18/23
 Esselman, Adele (MI) to Trinity – Jefferson City 8/27/23 by S. Powell
 Federwitz, Allison (NI) to Lutheran Bible Translators – Concordia 4/7/25
 Fiala, Trevor (FG) to Concordia – Kirkwood 4/6/25 by S. Bongard
 Firminhac, Callie (IN) to Zion – St. Charles 8/13/23 by M. Rouland
 Ford, Leslie (PSW) to Zion – St. Charles 8/13/23 by M. Rouland
 Foster, Matthew (SI) to Salem – Affton 8/6/23 by W. Huebner
 Gallegos, Carla (NW) to Candidate 12/6/22
 Gilson, Anna (MI) to Lutheran North Middle and High School – St. Louis 8/16/22 by R. Karg
 Gruenwald, Mark (NI) to LCMS Office of National Mission – St. Louis 1/11/24 by P. Lange
 Gruenwald, Matthew (CI) to Lutheran High School South – St. Louis 8/19/22 by J. Cox
 Gutterman, Jordan (SW) to Calvary – Kansas City 8/13/23 by B. Bereuter
 Haese, Taylor (IN) to Resurrection – St. Louis 7/24/22 by D. Gruenwald



Hanson, Laura (FG) to Lutheran High School South – St. Louis 8/18/23 by J. Cox
 Hellyer, Lisa (KS) to Lutheran Hour Ministries – St. Louis 6/15/23 by C. Lakies
 Hetzel, Jeremy (RM) to Pathfinder – Ellisville 9/24/23 by A. Mastic
 Heubi, Emma (SO) to Candidate 8/11/22
 Hill, Matthew (IN) to Grace Chapel – Bellefontaine Neighbors 8/21/22 by N. Ruback
 Hoehne, Matthew (NW) to Emeritus 11/16/24
 Holz, Kristin (OH) to Zion – St. Charles 8/13/22 by M. Rouland
 Johnson, Evan (NEB) to Candidate 9/16/24
 Kirsch, Adam (SW) to Lutheran High School of Kansas City – Kansas City 8/20/23 by J. Schultz
 Kramer, Carla (OK) to Emeritus 6/20/23
 Kramer, Michael (OK) to Emeritus 6/20/23
 Kroenke, Marissa (FG) to Candidate 10/1/23
 Kuhlmann, Linda (NOW) to Emeritus 11/6/24
 Lewis, Lori (MC) to Candidate 10/5/23
 Luepke, James (IN) to Emeritus 11/13/23
 Mallardi, Janine (KS) to Candidate 10/17/22
 Manahan, Renee (CI) to Candidate 8/9/24
 Meckes, Hannah (OH) to St. John – Ellisville 8/10/22 by D. Garrett
 Mellecke, Judith (MI) to Trinity – Jefferson City 8/27/23 by S. Powell
 Miller, Deanna (TX) to St. John's – Arnold 8/14/22 by J. Schultz
 Mull, Lisa (TX) to Immanuel – Olivette 8/21/22 by A. Schrader
 Ommen, Sharon (IW) to Emeritus 10/9/24
 Quigg, Juliann (CI) to Emeritus 10/21/24
 Sato, Stacy (CNH) to Candidate 6/1/22
 Schave, Kimberly (MI) to Concordia University - Ann Arbor 1/31/25
 Seeliger, Michaela (TX) to St. Johns – Arnold 9/8/24 by J. Schultz
 Sommermeyer, David (IN) to Emeritus 1/8/24
 Spieler, Brenda (FG) to St. John's – Arnold 8/14/22 by J. Schultz
 Staehr, Caleb (NI) to Trinity – Springfield 9/1/24 by N. Hagerman
 Steffens, Pamela (RM) to Emeritus 3/20/24
 Steingraber, Lori (NW) to Immanuel – Olivette 8/20/23 by R. Karg
 Stuhlman, Anne (NE) to The King's Academy – Lake Ozark 8/20/23 by K. Morris
 Swartz, Dawn (MI) to Child of God – St. Peters 8/21/22 by J. Gorline
 Swartz, Joshua (MI) to Missouri District – St. Louis 7/21/22 by L. Hagan
 Walker, Dawn (SW) to St. Paul's – Des Peres 7/31/22 by G. Thomas
 Wenzlick, Angela (RM) to Christ Community – Kirkwood 8/14/23 by M. Hoehner

White, Emily (NEB) to Faith – Branson 8/18/24 by J. Krueger
 Whitener, Abigail (NEB) to Abiding Savior – St. Louis 7/28/24 by A. Parvey
 Wilson, Kathrine (FG) to St. Paul's Early Childhood Center – Des Peres 10/26/22 by G. Thomas
 Wolfe, Michelle (NOW) to United in Christ – Frohna 8/14/22 by J. Hoemann
 Wolfgram, Dane (MNS) to Abiding Savior – St. Louis 1/12/25 by A. Parvey

Reinstated

Eckhoff, Debra (Reinstated by COP 4/24) to Candidate
 Cross, Rachel (Reinstated by COP 11/23) to Candidate
 Galchutt, Keri (Reinstated by COP 11/23) to Candidate
 Stark, Linda (Reinstated by COP 4/24) to Candidate
 Wietfeldt, Cathy (Reinstated by COP) 4/24 to Emeritus

Changes within District

Auger, Christopher (Calvary – Kansas City) to St. Paul – St. Joseph 8/11/24 by D. Moore
 Auger, Emma (Candidate) to Christ – Platte Woods 11/12/24 by T. Cowell
 Boehlke, Christian (LCMS Office of International Mission – St. Lois) to LCMS – St. Louis 8/6/24 by J. Sias
 Boone, Natalie (Christ Community – Kirkwood) to Zion – St. Charles 8/11/24 by M. Rouland
 Brandt, Pamela (Emeritus) to St. Pauls – Sedalia 8/18/24 by J. Freeman
 Chinberg, Kathleen (Candidate) to King of Kings – Chesterfield 3/30/25 by D. Chinberg
 Cortright, Kendall (LCMS Office of International Mission – St. Louis) to LCMS Office of National Mission – St. Louis 1/11/24 by P. Lange
 Dean, Brenda (Green Park – St. Louis) to St. John's – Arnold 8/14/22 by J. Schultz
 Dinger, Caitlin (Candidate) to Concordia Seminary – St. Louis 8/26/22 by T. Egger
 Douglas, Joshua (Lutheran School Association – Cole Camp) to LCMS – Saint Louis 8/17/23 by P. Lange
 Eckhoff, Debra (Candidate) to Lutheran School Association – Cole Camp 8/11/24 by T. Poppen
 Ebersole, Carly (Candidate) to Immanuel – Wentzville 8/13/23 by J. Auringer
 Eggerman, Laura (Candidate) to Mt. Calvary – Brentwood 11/12/23 by K. Hanke
 Erickson, Chelsea (Candidate) to King of Kings – Chesterfield 8/20/23 by D. Chinberg
 Ernstmeyer, Craig (Lutheran High School of St.



Charles County – St. Peters) to Messiah – Weldon Spring 8/20/23 by C. Schlie
 Frank, Laura (Candidate) to St. Pauls – Des Peres 8/13/23 by G. Thomas
 Freeman, Alan (LCMS Office of National Mission – St. Louis, Associate Director of School Ministry) to LCMS Office of National Mission – St. Louis, Director of School Ministry 1/11/23 by L. Hagan
 Fritsche, Clarion (LCMS Office of International Mission – St. Louis) to Our Savior – Fenton 8/6/23 by M. Sell
 Goltl, Amy (Candidate) to Immanuel – Olivette 8/20/23 by R. Karg
 Hanke, Melinda (Word of Life – St. Louis) to St. Paul's – Des Peres 8/14/22 by G. Thomas
 Hankemeier, Amanda (Candidate) to Green Park – St. Louis 1/22/25 by J. Furgeson
 Hartmann, Dennis (St. Paul – Jackson) to Trinity – Cape Girardeau 8/14/22 by D. Breite
 Hentges, Aaron (Lutheran High School of Kansas City – Kansas City) to Saint Paul Lutheran High School – Concordia 8/18/24 by P. Mehl
 Jacklin, Robert (St. John – Ellisville) to Lutheran North Middle and High School – St. Louis 9/22/23 by N. Ruback
 Jackson, Kirsten (Candidate) to Lutheran School Association – Cole Camp 8/21/22 by T. Poppen
 Jackson, Linda (Candidate) to St. Paul's Early Childhood – Des Peres 4/19/23 by G. Thomas
 Johnson, Evan (Candidate) to Holy Cross – Emma 1/12/25 by D. Federvitz
 Johnson, Mireya (Candidate) to Lutheran High School South – St. Louis 8/19/22 by J. Cox
 Jurchen, Deborah (Candidate) to St. John's – Arnold 8/14/22 by J. Schultz
 Klein, Amy (Lutheran High School of St. Charles County – St. Peters) to Concordia Plan Services – St. Louis 1/19/23 by P. Lange
 Kopp, Amy (Candidate) to Immanuel – Jefferson City 7/31/23 by S. Resner
 Klug, Rachel (Assistant Principal, Christ Community – Kirkwood) to Principal, Christ Community – Kirkwood 5/26/23 by M. Hoehner
 Kuhlmann, Douglas (Teacher, Lutheran High School of St. Charles County – St. Peters) to Executive Director, Lutheran High School of St. Charles County – St. Peters 1/10/24 by R. Taylor
 Krekel, Ronda (Emeritus) to Timothy – Blue Springs 8/11/24 by R. Hochgrebe
 Liebnau, Heather (Candidate) to Christ Community – Kirkwood 8/15/22 by M. Hoehner
 Longmire, Sarah (Lord of Life – Chesterfield) to St. Matthew – Lees Summit 7/3/22 by C. Otto
 Manahan, Renee (Candidate) to Christ Community – Kirkwood 8/12/24 by M. Hoehner
 Mattlin, Tyler (Immanuel – Higginsville) to Calvary –

Kansas City 7/21/24 by B. Bereuter
 McDonnell, Dr. Ruth (Candidate) to Salem – Affton 8/6/23 by W. Huebner
 McFerran, Peggy (Emeritus) to St. John's – Arnold 8/14/22 by J. Schultz
 McSwain, Stephanie (Child of God – Saint Peters) to Our Savior – Saint Charles 6/9/24 by M. Iannelli
 Meckes, Hannah (St. John – Ellisville) to Zion – St. Charles 8/11/24 by M. Rouland
 Mehl, Hope (Candidate) to Lutheran High School South – St. Louis 8/18/23 by J. Cox
 Mundt, Angela (Calvary – Kansas City) to Small Saints Learning Center – Liberty 9/10/23 by J. Rodriguez
 Nafzger, Kathryn (Candidate) to Lutheran North Middle and High School – Saint Louis 8/30/24 by N. Ruback
 Nixon, Christine (Immanuel – St. Charles) to Immanuel – Olivette 6/18/23 by R. Karg
 Obermeyer, Barbara (St. John's – Arnold) to St. John – Ellisville 8/10/22 by D. Garrett
 Pauling, Melissa (St. Paul's Early Childhood Center – Des Peres) to St. Paul's – Des Peres 8/11/24 by G. Thomas
 Petree, Andrea (St. Paul – Sedalia) to Trinity – Jefferson City 8/14/22 by S. Powell
 Phelps, Molly (Candidate) to Christ Community – Kirkwood 8/15/22 by M. Hoehner
 Ponder, Ashley (teacher, United in Christ – Frohna) to principal, United in Christ – Frohna 8/11/24 by S. Dressler
 Rusnak, Carolyn (Lutheran High North Middle & High School – St. Louis) to Concordia – Kirkwood 11/5/22 by S. Bongard
 Schoedel, Adam (Lutheran North Middle & High School – St. Louis) to Immanuel – Olivette 8/18/24 by R. Karg
 Schultz, Hannah (Candidate) to Christ Community – Kirkwood 8/14/23 by M. Hoehner
 Sipes, Marie (Candidate) to St. Paul's Early Childhood Center – Des Peres 10/26/22 by G. Thomas
 Smith, Shandlyn (Zion – St. Charles) to Messiah – Weldon Spring 8/20/23 by C. Schlie
 Spieler, Jennifer (St. Paul – Jackson) to Immanuel – Perryville 8/11/24 by M. Marks
 Springer, Matthew (Immanuel – Olivette) to St. John – Arnold 8/13/23 by A. Becker
 Steinbacher, Angela (LCMS Office of International Mission – St. Louis) to Zion – St. Charles 1/7/24 by M. Rouland
 Stock, Joseph (St. John – Arnold) to Zion – St. Charles 8/13/22 by M. Rouland
 Stock, Joseph (Zion – St. Charles) to St. John – Ellisville 10/16/24 by D. Mauss
 Stuenkel, Katelyn (Candidate) to St. Paul – Concordia 8/18/24 by A. Lehenbauer



Tanney, Nicole (Candidate) to Christ Community – Kirkwood 8/14/23 by M. Hoehner
 Tarr, Grace (Candidate) to King of Kings – Chesterfield 1/19/25 by D. Chinberg
 Vito, Samantha (The Kings Academy – Lake Ozark) to Calvary Lutheran High School – Jefferson City 8/14/24 by R. Lehenbauer
 Wiencke, Dorothy (United in Christ – Frohna) to LASE Specialized Education – St. Louis 4/30/25 by N. Schram
 Wittig, Rebecca (Candidate) to St. Paul – Concordia 8/14/22 by M. Pottschmidt
 Wondrasch, Brittany (Candidate) to Zion – St. Charles 2/1/23 by M. Rouland
 Zickfield, James (Candidate) to St. Paul – Jackson 1/19/25 by J. Schmidt

Candidate Status

Akerson, Brian (Lutheran High School South – St. Louis) 7/1/24
 Blackford, Bryan (Messiah – Weldon Spring) 4/28/23
 Bruns, Keziah (Lutheran High School of Kansas City – Kansas City) 5/20/23
 Burgell, Juliana (Immanuel – St. Charles) 7/1/24
 Clayton, Anna (Word of Life – St. Louis) 5/30/24
 Cleveland, Tonja (Salem – Florissant) 8/1/24
 Diefenbach, Rebecca (St. Paul – Concordia) 7/1/24
 Douglas, Chelsea (Zion – St. Charles) 8/1/22
 Evans, David (Bethlehem – Raymore) 6/13/22
 Forbes, Emmi (Grace Chapel – Bellefontaine Neighbors) 8/2/24
 Frank, Laura (Salem – Affton) 6/2/22
 Gieseke, Ruthann (Green Park – St. Louis) 7/4/23
 Glenn, Dorothy (Immanuel – Olivette) 10/8/22
 Goltl, Amy (St. John's – Arnold) 7/1/22
 Gross, Sherry (Zion – St. Charles) 8/1/22
 Hartmann, Deidre (St. Paul – Jackson) 8/1/22
 Holt, Stacey (Webster Gardens – Webster Groves) 10/31/22
 Holthus, Emma (Child of God – St. Peters) 3/16/24
 Horst, Jenna (St. Paul's Early Childhood Center – Des Peres) 6/17/23
 Johnson, Sarah (Trinity – Jefferson City) 8/1/24
 Jordan, Amy (The King's Academy – Lake Ozark) 7/1/24
 Jurchen, Deborah (St. John's – Arnold) 8/1/24
 Kessels, Samantha (Immanuel – Wentzville) 7/2/22
 Kutz, Amy (Martin Luther Academy – Kansas City) 7/1/23
 Leeper, Emily (Zion – St. Charles) 7/1/23
 Lehenbauer, Louisa (St. Paul – Concordia) 7/1/22
 Lochmann, David (St. John – Ellisville) 6/1/22
 Luehmann, Heath (St. John – Ellisville) 6/2/23
 Lukas, Rebekah (Concordia Seminary – St. Louis) 7/9/23

McDonnell, Ruth (Concordia University Systems – St. Louis) 7/19/22
 Mehl, Hope (Our Savior – Fenton) 6/1/22
 Meyer, Lori (Messiah – St. Charles) 5/26/22
 Munoz, Zara (Faith – Oakville) 1/1/23
 Naumann, Alissa (Immanuel – Wentzville) 7/1/23
 Overbeck, Lindsey (Immanuel – Washington) 7/25/24
 Pappert, Lavonne (Our Savior Christian Academy – Smithville) 8/1/23
 Robinson, Claire (Chapel of the Cross – St. Peters) 8/1/22
 Rucker, Karlee (The Kings Academy – Lake Ozark) 5/18/24
 Schatte, William (Calvary Lutheran High School – Jefferson City) 7/1/22
 Schultz, Hannah (Immanuel – St. Charles) 7/1/22
 Schultz, Hannah (Christ Community – Kirkwood) 5/25/24
 Schultz, Rebecca (Concordia – Kirkwood) 8/12/22
 Seidel, Haley (The Kings Academy – Lake Ozark) 7/1/23
 Shaw, Joy (St. Paul – Jackson) 2/1/24
 Sipes, Marie (St. Paul's Early Childhood Center – Des Peres) 5/31/23
 Tanney, Nicole (Village – Ladue) 6/16/22
 Tanney, Nicole (Christ Community – Kirkwood) 7/1/24
 Thompson, Jessica (Word of Life – St. Louis) 7/1/22
 Timmerman, David (Lutheran Hour Ministries – St. Louis) 8/16/23
 Wehling, Alicia (Immanuel – St. Charles) 7/1/22
 Wenzlick, Angela (Christ Community – Kirkwood) 1/124
 Williams, Amy (Messiah – Weldon Spring) 6/1/23
 Wilson, Kathrine (St. Paul's Early Childhood Center – Des Peres) 5/27/23
 Wondrasch, Brittany (Zion – Saint Charles) 7/1/24
 Wunderlich, Sara (Immanuel – Wentzville) 7/1/22

Retired

Armbruster, Deborah (St. Mark's – Eureka) 8/1/22
 Bergdolt, Kurt (Candidate) 1/24/23
 Bickel, Connie (Christ Community – Kirkwood) 8/27/22
 Biesendorfer, Lynette (Messiah – Weldon Springs) 8/1/22
 Bond, Gillian (Concordia Seminary – St. Louis) 1/18/25
 Breite, Christine (Trinity – Cape Girardeau) 8/1/24
 Buchholz, David (Christ – Platte Woods) 9/1/24
 Butterfield, Michael (Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod – St. Louis) 8/2/22
 Carter, Beth (Immanuel – Olivette) 6/11/23
 Etzold, Brenda (Saxony Lutheran High School – Jackson) 8/1/22



Ferber, Denise (Immanuel – St. Charles) 7/1/23
 Fink, Nancy (St. Paul – Farmington) 7/1/22
 Flandermeyer, Michael (Lutheran High School of St. Charles County – St. Peters) 7/1/22
 Galucia, LuAnn (Immanuel – Washington) 8/1/23
 Graefe, Joseph (Lutheran School Association – Cole Camp) 5/25/23
 Gruenwald, Beverly (St. Paul's Early Childhood Center – Des Peres) 8/3/24
 Hanson, G. Daneen (Grace Chapel – Bellefontaine Neighbors) 8/1/22
 Hirsch, Linda (Christ Community – Kirkwood) 7/1/23
 Hohenstein, Rebecca (St. Paul's – Des Peres) 7/2/22
 Honoree, Cheryl (United in Christ – Frohna) 6/1/24
 Jamison, Beverly (Calvary – Kansas City) 5/25/23
 Jostes, Laura (Village – Ladue) 10/1/23
 Kellar, Robert (Salem – Affton) 7/1/22
 Knosher, Bruce (Lutheran North Middle & High School – St. Louis) 7/16/22
 Koeberl, Nelda (United in Christ – Frohna) 6/1/22
 Koenig, Carol (Messiah – Saint Charles) 8/1/23
 Leet, Janet (Christ Community – Kirkwood) 7/1/23
 Leonard, Christine (Candidate) 7/31/24
 Loeffler, Esther (Trinity – St. Charles) 7/16/22
 Lohman, James (LCMS Office of National Mission – St. Louis) 1/7/23
 McFerran, Peggy (St. John's – Arnold) 5/25/23
 Meier, Paula (Lutheran High School of Kansas City – Kansas City) 7/2/22
 Myer, Teresa (Trinity – Cape Girardeau) 8/1/24
 Nowiszewski, Nancy (Timothy – Blue Springs) 8/20/22
 Pappert, Lavonne (Candidate) 6/12/24
 Profilet, Janet (St. Paul's – Des Peres) 7/9/22
 Rivers, Lisa (Salem – Affton) 6/2/22
 Schaller, Karen (Springfield – Springfield) 5/21/22
 Schmidt, Rebecca (LCMS Office of National Mission – St. Louis) 11/1/22
 Schoedel, David (Lutheran North Middle and High School – St. Louis) 7/1/24
 Schultz, Colleen (Immanuel Preschool – Festus) 11/28/24
 Schultz, Susan (Candidate) 1/10/23
 Viliocco, Thomas (King of Kings – Chesterfield) 1/1/22
 Wienberg, Marie (Saint Paul Lutheran High School – Concordia) 8/1/22
 Wunderlich, Alan (Immanuel – Washington) 8/1/22
 Zieba, Lori (Trinity – Cape Girardeau) 8/1/22

Deceased

Alexander, R. Michael (Emeritus) 10/15/22
 Busseau, Craig (Campus Lutheran – Columbia) 6/14/22
 Crisler, Paul (Emeritus) 10/23/23

Dougherty, William (Emeritus) 6/1/23
 Dressler, Linda (Emeritus) 7/21/22
 Ebers, Jimmy (Emeritus) 3/30/23
 Fisher, Vicki (Emeritus) 2/1/24
 Fisk, Dale (Emeritus) 6/3/22
 Gasau, William (Emeritus) 12/25/24
 Geisler, Ralph (Emeritus) 9/13/22
 Haertling, Lloyd (Emeritus) 7/17/23
 Heimsoth, Orlyn, Sr. (Emeritus) 7/15/23
 Hetz, Ellen (Emeritus) 1/26/24
 Johnston, James (Emeritus) 5/18/23
 Ladendorf, Gene (Emeritus) 2/7/23
 Ladendorf, Janice (Emeritus) 1/29/23
 Moser, Carl (Emeritus) 5/31/24
 Murray, Jami (Zion – St. Charles) 12/4/22
 Petering, Donald (Emeritus) 4/11/23
 Rusch, Wilbert (Emeritus) 7/29/23
 Schalz, Paul (Emeritus) 6/10/23
 Schmidt, Arnold (Emeritus) 11/9/23
 Spieler, Gary (Emeritus) 2/13/23

Resigned-Removed from Roster

Behling, Mark (Emeritus) 11/18/24
 Biermann, Heather (Candidate) 6/27/24
 Burns, Kent (Candidate) 3/1/23
 Cantrell-Hantel, Nicole (Calvary – Kansas City) 11/27/23
 Dynneson, Lane (Candidate) 3/1/23
 Egberts, Bradley (Concordia Publishing House – St. Louis) 11/2/23
 Engelbrecht, John (Emeritus) 10/5/23
 Faulkner, Julie (LCMS Office of International Mission – St. Louis) 2/1/23
 Forke, Emily (Candidate) 8/29/24
 Foss, Kayla (Candidate) 2/10/23
 Frank, Laura (St. Paul's – Des Peres) 5/23/24
 Freund, Joyce (Candidate) 8/23/24
 Gallegos, Carla (Candidate) 8/16/24
 Going, Jennifer (Trinity – Jefferson City) 7/25/22
 Hill, Matthew (Grace Chapel – Bellefontaine Neighbors) 7/16/24
 Hanson, Daniel (St. John's – Arnold) 6/11/23
 Heubi, Emma (Candidate) 1/4/23
 Koehler, Timothy (Candidate) 1/22/23 – installed as ordained minister
 Liebmann, Martin (Lutheran High School South – St. Louis) 10/18/23
 Lind, Anna (Candidate) 8/23/24
 Lochmann, David (Candidate) 8/21/24
 Lucas, William (Emeritus) 4/14/23
 Metcalf, Brandon (Candidate) 6/26/22 – installed as ordained minister
 Metcalf, Erinn (Candidate) 12/21/22
 Metcalf, Justin (Candidate) 1/3/23



Munoz, Zara (Candidate) 8/23/24
 Nelson, Andrew (Candidate) 6/17/23 – installed as
 ordained minister
 Persich, Danielle (Immanuel – Perryville) 11/27/23
 Pitman, Bethany (Lutheran High School South – St.
 Louis) 11/27/23
 Resner, Steven (Candidate) 6/25/23 – installed as
 ordained minister
 Ryherd, Brian (Abiding Savior – St. Louis) 1/29/23 –
 installed as ordained minister
 Schamber, Jeremy (Immanuel – Joplin) 6/7/23
 Scheperle, Jennifer (Trinity – Jefferson City) 11/27/23
 Schwartzkopf, Melissa (LCMS Office of International
 Mission – St. Louis) 10/5/23
 Seitz, Connie (Emeritus) 11/02/23
 Staude, Edmund (Emeritus) 2/7/25
 Stewart, Rebecca (St. Paul – Concordia) 11/27/23
 Szofran, Barbara (Christ Community – Kirkwood)
 4/1/24
 Thiem, Sarah (Candidate) 1/11/23
 Vande Vrede, Maggie (Christ Memorial Child Care
 Center – St. Louis) 11/27/23
 Verhague, Debi (St. Paul – Stover) 11/27/23
 Vogt, Laura (Timothy – Blue Springs) 7/19/23
 Waltersdorf, Lynette (Candidate) 11/16/22
 Westbrook, Karen (Candidate) 10/16/23
 Wiederkehr, Daniel (Candidate) 8/23/24
 Wietfeldt, Cathy (Lutheran High School South – St.
 Louis) 11/27/23
 Wudtke, Kevin (Lutheran Church Missouri Synod –
 St. Louis) 11/27/23
 Wunderlich, Sara (Candidate) 8/22/24
 Zum Hofe, Timothy (Saxony Lutheran High School –
 Jackson) 3/12/24

Transferred to Other Districts

Becker, Alvina (Emeritus) to SELC 8/8/25
 Begley, Janet (Calvary – Kansas City) to KS 7/31/23
 Bergdolt, Kurt (Emeritus) to NEB 1/25/23
 Berndt, Clarence (Emeritus) to OH 11/26/24
 Blackford, Bryan (Candidate) to TX 2/1/25
 Bond, Gillian (Emeritus) to OK 5/9/25
 Brofford, Eric (Grace Chapel – Bellefontaine
 Neighbors) to SI 7/1/23
 Bruns, Keziah (Candidate) to NEB 10/8/23
 Butterfield, Michael (Emeritus) to NI 1/17/23
 Clayton, Anna (Child of God – St. Peters) to NW
 7/1/22
 Clayton, Anna (Word of Life – St. Louis) to NW
 7/1/24
 Cross, Rachel (Candidate) to SI 8/12/24
 Diefenbach, Rebecca (Candidate) to OH 2/24/25
 Eggold, Stephen (Green Park – St. Louis) to TX
 6/15/22
 Engerer-Halula, Jamie (LCMS Office of International

Mission – St. Lous) to NOW 6/28/23
 Esselman, Adele (St. Paul – Jackson) to MI 6/1/22
 Evans, David (Candidate) to RM 8/14/24
 Fenske, Emily (Child of God – St. Peters) to NW
 6/12/23
 Flanick, Meghan (Candidate) to MI 1/31/23
 Fuchs, Judith (Saxony Lutheran High School –
 Jackson) to SW 6/24/22
 Galchutt, Keri (Candidate) to MNS 8/14/24
 Gerdes, Drew (LCMS Office of International Mission
 – St. Louis) to NEB 8/1/23
 Glenn, Dorothy (Candidate) to CNH 6/18/24
 Goltl, Amy (Immanuel – Olivette) to KS 6/10/24
 Haese, Taylor (Resurrection – St. Louis) to SW 8/1/24
 Hammes, Callie (Zion – St. Charles) to NEB 12/17/24
 Harrell, Katie (Immanuel – St. Charles) to CI 8/1/22
 Hipenbecker, Timothy (Candidate) to NI 6/15/22
 Holthus, Emma (Candidate) to MNS 8/14/24
 Honoree, Cheryl (Emeritus) to SO 5/27/25
 Hoag, Rachel (Chapel of the Cross – St. Peters) to FG
 7/2/22
 Jurchen, Deborah (Candidate) to NEB 11/18/24
 Kaestner, Dorothy (Emeritus) to PSW 3/8/24
 Kellar, Robert (Emeritus) to SI 2/3/25
 Lail, Rachel (Candidate) to NOW 8/14/24
 Langefeld, Richard (Emeritus) to SO 1/17/25
 Leeper, Emily (Candidate) to SW 2/3/25
 Lorentz, Deborah (Candidate) to IW 8/16/24
 Love, Antoine (LCMS Office of International Mission
 – St. Louis) to NEB 7/21/22
 Lukas, Rebekah (Candidate) to NW 8/18/23
 Meyer, Daniel (Christ Memorial – St. Louis) to NEB
 5/31/25
 Miesner, Diane (St. Andrew – Cape Girardeau) to OH
 11/30/22
 Morris, Wendy (Immanuel – Olivette) to FG 7/1/22
 Pavelski, Suzanne (Emeritus) to RM 10/30/23
 Profilet, Janet (Emeritus) to CI 6/10/24
 Rathmann, Dawn (Emeritus) to SE 12/9/24
 Rathmann, Rodney (Emeritus) to SE 12/9/24
 Ridley, Stephanie (Candidate) to TX 6/3/22
 Rizzo, Jennifer (LCMS Office of International
 Mission – St. Louis) to PSW 7/1/23
 Rodriguez, Rachel (Candidate) to SW 8/8/23
 Roettger, Andrea (Trinity – St. Louis) to KS 1/1/24
 Ruhman, Amanda (Trinity – Cape Girardeau) to SI
 8/1/22
 Runge, Alan (Lutheran High School Association of St.
 Louis – St. Louis) to NI 7/1/22
 Salo, Andrea (Candidate) to CI 7/24/23
 Sato, Stacy (Candidate) to CNH 10/5/22
 Schave, Kimberly (LCMS Office of National Mission
 – St. Louis) to MI 7/27/22
 Schave, Kimberly (Concordia University - Ann Arbor)
 to SW 5/27/25
 Schultz, Colleen (Emeritus) to SW 2/24/25



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Schultz, Hannah (Candidate) to IE 8/14/24
Schultz, Jolene (Emeritus) to KS 8/18/23
Schultz, Rebecca (Candidate) to SW 12/1/23
Shaw, Joy (Candidate) to NI 2/9/24
Siebarth, Jolene (Immanuel – St. Charles) to MI
4/15/24
Stahlecker, Brianne (St. Paul's – Des Peres) to TX
7/13/22
Stark, Linda (Candidate) to OK 6/18/24
Stearns, Grace (Christ Community – Kirkwood) to SE
7/1/22
Tanney, Nicole (Candidate) to NI 9/17/24
Thompson, Amelia (Immanuel – St. Charles) to SW
7/18/22
Timmerman, David (Candidate) to FG 6/19/24
Timmerman, Sonya (Immanuel – St. Charles) to FG
6/1/24
Tull, Rhonda (Emeritus) to MDS 3/10/25
Warnier, Christina (Martin Luther Academy) to IN
7/1/24
Wehling, Alicia (Candidate) to NEB 8/15/24
Weingarth, Clara (Lutheran High School of St.
Charles County – St. Peters) to PSW 7/20/22
Wills, Herman (Emeritus) to IN 1/3/23
Wilson, Kathrine (Candidate) to IN 8/23/24
Winter, Erin (St. John – Ellisville) to SE 6/1/22
Worral, Hannah (Candidate) to MNN 8/14/24



Membership Changes in the Missouri District

(As of June 1, 2025)

Bring any errors to the attention of the District President.

Official Roster of Commissioned Ministers

Teacher/Principal in Elementary School or Early Childhood Center

Abbuhl, Nancy
Adler, Clinton
Albers, Bethany
Albrecht, Dorothy
Anderson, Laurie
Auer, Anna
Auer, Donna
Auger, Christopher
Auger, Emma (DCE)
Auger, Noah
Bady, Melissa
Bair, Cori
Bangert, Jessica
Barrington, Madelyn
Bartels, Kevin
Bartok, Sarah
Bausch, Rachel
Beaver, Elissa
Beck, Julie
Becker, Nicola
Bergholt, Melissa
Bermaw, Stephen
Berner, Jessica
Bernhardt, Amy
Bernhardt, Grace
Bickel, Eric
Bierman, Rachel
Bleidistel, Paige
Blevins, Janel
Blouch, Kathleen
Bohlmann, Allyson
Bohn, Stephanie
Bolling, Lorenda
Bolstad, Solveig
Bonnett, LeAnne
Boone, Natalie
Bostic, Sandra
Boyd, Yvonne
Boyle, Kimberly
Brackman, Jana
Bradley, Timothy

Brand, Alison
Brand, Michelle
Brandt, Pamela
Brenningmeyer, Tammy
Brevard, Jennifer
Brewster, Charles, Jr.
Brooner, Katherine
Brown, Karen
Brown, Martha
Brunkhorst, Kimberly
Brunner, Leslie
Buchholz, Paige
Burford, Susan
Burgdorf, Susan
Burgess, Kara
Burkee, Jeffrey
Caldwell, Marsha
Cannon, Cristyn
Case, Kimberly
Chandler, Kathryn
Chapin, Kathryn
Chappell, Nicole (DEA)
Choate, Lauren
Cibulka, Janine
Cole, Amanda
Cornejo, Kara
Crenshaw, Carrie
Cunningham, Karen
Curtis, Tracy
Daniels, Amanda
Dean, Brenda
Debrick, Marc
Dehn, Linda
Dehne, Jill
Delleart, Sarah
Demel, Debra
Denney, Rebecca
Dibler, Tiffany
Diener, Bethany
Dixon, Joshua
Dixon, Scott
Doelling, Michelle
Dolak, Allison
Donner, Jennifer

Drachnik, Amanda
Dreyer, Nancy
Dubberke, Robert (T/DCE)
Dubberke, Ryan
Dunlop, Barbara
Dunnette, Laurie
Dwyer, Timothy
Eatherton, Lois
Ebersole, Carly
Eckels, Jonah
Eckhoff, Debra (T/DCE)
Eckhoff, Eric
Eckhoff, Sarah
Eckman, Robbi
Eckman, Samuel
Eggerman, Laura
Eggold, Hannah
Enderle, Amber
Endorf, Katherine
Engelhard, Marissa
Ensrude, Corey
Erdmann, Clayton
Erickson, Chelsea
Esselman, Adele
Eyster, Katherine
Fackler, Lisa
Fasnacht, Hannah
Fiala, Jonathan
Fish, Katie
Fisk, Rachel
Fitzgerald, Cherilyn
Folken, Laurie
Ford, Leslie
Forguson, Abby
Foster, Matthew
Frazier, Catherine
Fredrickson, Jenna
Frerking, Caitlin
Frerking, Michelle
Fritsche, Clarion (DEA)
Fruend, Abigale
Gasser, Mary
Glackin, Brittne
Glaskey, Lyla
Goldammer, Ashley
Grass, Rebekah
Gray, Constance
Gray, Shelly
Greatens, Bethany
Griffith, Daniel
Grizzle, Sarah
Grubbs, Christine
Guterman, Jordan
Haase, Lorily
Hahn, Rachel
Hallemeyer, Paige

Hallien, Aaron
Hanke, Melinda
Hankemeier, Amanda
Harbers, Elizabeth
Hart, Jamie
Hart, Sarah
Hartmann, Dennis
Hartmann, Royce
Hatcher, Beckie
Helmkamp, Amanda
Hemler, Heather
Hente, Brenda
Hess, Janna
Hieber, Joel
Hinck, Katarina
Hoehner, Erin
Holland, Jill
Holland, Kenneth
Holshouser, Jennifer
Holtz, Katie
Holz, Kristin
Hopfensperger, Nick
Hopper, Linnea
Hughes, Kristina
Hunt, Barbara
Hunt, G. Warren
Hussey, Samantha
Huster, Brenda
Huster, Scott
Iannucelli, Anna
Jackson, Kirsten
Jackson, Linda
Jennings, Sarah
Johnson, Lynda
Jones, Laurie
Kaber, Jennifer
Kaemmerer, Angela
Kassulke, Megan
Kelley, Ashley
Kelly, Quinn
Kelly, Sarah
Kendall, Kendra
Kesel, Dawn
Keseman, Rachel
Kirby, Emilie
Klatt, Corrie
Kletke, D. Bruce, Jr.
Klug, Rachel
Koenig, Robyn
Kollmeyer, Tasha
Kopp, Amy
Kopp, Tyler
Krato, Kimberly
Krause, Rebekah
Krekel, Ronda
Krieser, Elizabeth



Kruse, Ashley
 Kunkel, Ruth
 Kusmierczak, Elizabeth
 Ladd, Marcia
 Landgraf, Janet
 Larsen, Sara
 Larsen, Strahan
 Larson, Lisa
 Larson, Rachel
 Leible, Deanna
 Lichtenegger, Deborah
 Liebnaue, Heather
 Linneman, Michelle
 Little, Rebecca
 Lobosky, Pamela
 Lutz, Jennifer
 Maddick, David
 Malady, Kelley
 Manahan, Renee
 Marolf, Brandon
 Marotske, Judy
 Martens, Gina
 Martens, Rachel
 Massmann, Adrienne
 Mattlin, Tyler
 Maxfield, Melissa
 McDonald, Mandy
 McDonnell, Ruth (DEA)
 McSwain, Grant
 Mecker, Karen
 Meckes, Hannah
 Meier, Kristyna
 Mellecke, Judith
 Mellen, Brandie
 Merker, Elita
 Meyer, Dana
 Meyer, Kara
 Meyer, Theresa
 Meyr, Christine
 Miller, Deanna
 Moennig, Amanda
 Moore, Lindsey
 Moore, Samuel
 Mudd, Stephanie
 Mueller, Brett
 Mueller, Mikayla
 Mull, Lisa
 Mundt, Angela
 Nixon, Christine
 Nummela, Rachelle
 Obermeyer, Barbara
 Ogden, Kathryn
 Otte, Jill
 Ozark, LaDonna
 Panagos, Sara
 Pauling, Melissa

Pensel, Amanda
 Perr, Orville, Jr.
 Persich, Laurell
 Peter, Tonya
 Petree, Andrea
 Phelps, Molly
 Pister, Ronnie
 Pister, Teri
 Ponder, Ashley
 Poppe, Nathanael
 Propst, Elizabeth
 Ramstad, Mollie
 Reed, Rebecca
 Riemenschneider, Susan
 Riemer, Olivia
 Robinett, Candace
 Robinson, Shannan
 Roepe, Judith
 Rouland, Megan
 Rudsinski, Amy
 Rudzinski, Kevin
 Rusert, David
 Sandfort, Melissa
 Sanft, Nicole
 Scheller, Sara
 Schepker, Karen
 Schmidt, Cassandra
 Schmidt, Shannon
 Schnakenberg, Barbara
 Schnegelberger, Emma
 Schoedel, Adam
 Schranz, Emma
 Schultz, Jesse
 Self, Mary Beth
 Sharp, Emily
 Sherrill, Sharon
 Shirley, Angela
 Smith, Anna
 Smith, Joanie
 Smith, Mphatso
 Smith, Shandlyn
 Spangler, John, IV
 Spieler, Andrew
 Spieler, Brenda
 Spieler, Jennifer
 Sprengel, Charise
 Sprengel, Jonathan
 Springer, Mara
 Springer, Matthew
 Stadler, Rebekah
 Steele, Alicia
 Steingraber, Lori
 Sterling, Daniel
 Stock, Joseph
 Stotts, Nancy
 Strecker, Ashley

Streuter, Catherine
 Stricklin, Pamela
 Stuenkel, Katelyn
 Stuhlman, Anne
 Swartz, Dawn
 Swearingen, Martha
 Symmank, Gabrielle
 Tanney, Catherine
 Teasdale, Darcey
 Teggatz, Rachel
 Tessaro, Sarah
 Thomas, Janelle
 Tompkins, Sarah
 Torbeck, Stephanie
 Trower, Linda
 Uetrecht, Donald
 Umphenour, Terry
 Van Volkenburgh, Candace
 Verner, Elizabeth
 Wade, Whitney
 Walker, Dawn
 Walker, Sara
 Wanner, Joshua
 Wanner, Kari
 Ward, Suzan
 Wehmeyer, Allison
 Weidner, Lindsey
 Wells, Angela
 Whitener, Abigail
 White, Lisa
 Whittler, Timothy
 Wiencke, Dorothy
 Williams, Jennifer
 Williams, Lissa
 Wilson-Fluegge, Marie
 Wisneski, Amy
 Wolf, Miriam
 Wolfe, Michelle
 Wong, Christine
 Woods, Amy
 Wormington, Dana
 Wuebbels, Richard, Jr.
 Ziegelbein, Annie
 Zorumski, Susan

Serving a Lutheran High School

Adams, Melissa
 Ahlers, Erich
 Ahlers, Melisa
 Aitken, Mary
 Aufdenberg, Ann
 Bahr, Lisa
 Bangert, Jason
 Beaudean, Talitha

Becker, Jason
 Bender, Emily
 Bernhardt, Jonathan
 Besel, Travis
 Bickel, Daniel
 Birk, Amy
 Bork, Kristin
 Brackman, Timothy
 Braddy, Micah
 Brandt, Kimberly
 Brockman, Hannah
 Brown, Katie
 Butterfield, Jonathan
 Christian, Megan
 Christman, John
 Colwell, Clint (DCE)
 Curry, Alexis
 Davis, Deborah
 Fehrs, Troy
 Fisk, Harold Trey III
 Fruend, Elizabeth
 Gilbert, Joel
 Gilson, Anna
 Glessner, Eric
 Gramenz, Eric
 Gruenwald, Matthew
 Hanson, Laura
 Hendricks, Stevan, Jr.
 Hentges, Aaron
 Holtmeier, Michael
 Ivie, Angela
 Jacklin, Robert
 Janssen, Matthew
 Johnson, Mireya (DEA)
 Kirsch, Adam
 Kortze, Sarah
 Krauss, Susan
 Kreienkamp, Daniel (DCE)
 Kuhlmann, Douglas
 Larkin, Dawn
 Laubenstein, Larry
 Lieb, Trina
 Lorenz, Michael
 Maddick, Amber
 Mansfield, Cheryl
 Marsh, Dr. Jerrode
 Marsh, Meredith
 Martens, Lisa
 Mathews, Brittany
 McClanahan, Andrea
 Mehl, Hope
 Meier, Emily
 Miller, Brinn
 Mooney, Erin
 Nafzger, Kathryn
 Nelson, Rebecca



O'Neal, Grace
Olson, Peter
Pitsch, Monte
Pomerence, Micah
Prahlow, James
Reynolds, Aaron
Roth, Melanie
Roth, Rebecca
Ruark, Mark
Rudzinski, Leroy
Sanft, Evan
Scheller, Brian
Schmid, Steven
Schmidt, Andrea
Schmidt, Luther
Simpson, Matthew
Spiehs, Clarissa
Stadler, Grant
Steinbacher, David
Steinbrueck, Kathryn
Steinbrueck, Kenneth
Stelmachowicz, Cary
Toensing, Jacob
Tripp, Allison
Vito, Samantha
Ward, Abigail (DEA)
Wenger, Daniel
White, Emily
Wichern, Rebecca
Wittler, Ronald
Ziegelbein, Samuel
Zorena, Kevin

**Serving a Synodical
Seminary/University**
Asher, Jennie (DEA)
Dinger, Caitlin (DCE)
Eatherton, Samuel
Kempff, Mark

**Administration-
CPH/District/LCEF/
Synod**

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