



The 65th Regular Convention of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

July 20-25
St. Louis Missouri

▣ 1,568 delegates



Convention Center



Renaissance Hotel



My Roommate

- ▣ Berhanu Arsse: Lutheran pastor in Columbus; Ethiopians and Somalians.



Worship

- ▣ Saturday night Divine Service, 3 times a day, Matins, Afternoon worship and closing worship



Bible Study- 4 Convention Essays

- ▣ Theme: Baptized for this Moment
- ▣ Pr. William Cwirla



3. Presentations- LWML, Lutheran Hour, Seminaries, CPH, Thrivent



▣ Bruce Kintz- CPH



Martha Mitkos-
Lutheran Malaria
Initiative

4. Voting- Vice President, Regional Vice-Presidents, BOD

1. President- Matt Harrison
2. 1st VP- Herb Mueller
3. 2nd VP- Great Lakes:
John Wohlrabe
4. 3rd VP- Central: Daniel
Preus
5. 4th VP- West Southwest: Scott Murray
6. 5th VP- Great Plains: Nabil Nour
7. 6th VP- East, Northeast: Bob Kuhn



Former Presidents



Other elections

- ▣ 1. Board of Directors
- ▣ 2. Secretary
- ▣ 3. Lutheran Extension Fund
- ▣ 4. Commission on Theology and Church Relations
- ▣ 5. Board of Regents of the Seminaries and the Ten Colleges

Resolutions- 116

- 1. Witness
- 2. Mercy
- 3. Life Together
- 4. Theology and Church Relations
- 5. Seminary and University Education
- 6. Administration and Finance
- 7. Structure and Ecclesiastical Matters

Witness

- ▣ 1. Global Seminary Initiative: 40 seminaries globally looking to us for support
- ▣ 2. The Wittenberg Project: Bring people over to a cultural center in Wittenberg, Germany, for study and reflection in preparation for 2017 celebration
- ▣ 3. To prepare LCMS congregations and pastors for the defense of the Faith
- ▣ 4. To give thanks for our military and chaplains
- ▣ 5. To encourage prison ministry, native American ministry, campus ministry

Mercy

- ▣ 1. Give thanks for LCMS Disaster Response; 238 relief grants totally \$11.5 million dollars
- ▣ 2. To allow calls to specialized Ministry Pastors
- ▣ 3. 75th anniversary of Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service; human trafficking
- ▣ 4. To emphasize Biblical teaching of sexuality, marriage and family: God's gift of sexuality task force.
- ▣ 5. To challenge congregations in works of mercy in their communities
- ▣ 6. To encourage Christian citizenship and vigilance: Free to be Faithful Campaign
- ▣ 7. Women in combat

Life Together

- ▣ 1. To expand Koinonia Project
- ▣ 2. To form a committee on Lutheran schools
- ▣ 3. To address responsible Internet use
- ▣ 4. To appoint a task force to study to the call process for returning Missionary/Military/ and other restored workers without a call: 207 ordained and 611 commissioned workers on candidate status without a call
- ▣ 5. To affirm our worship treasures old and new; document *Text, Music and Context*
- ▣ 6. To update our Catechetical materials: catechism for adults

Life Together

- ▣ 7. To encourage family devotions
- ▣ 8. To encourage study of the Lutheran Confessions

Theology and Church Relations

- ▣ 1. Declare Fellowship with Lutheran Church in Liberia



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- ▣ 2. Declare Fellowship with Lutheran Church in Siberia



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- ▣ 3. Recognize Lutheran Church of Togo as Independent Church



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- ▣ 4. To encourage further discussion with the Wisconsin Synod
- ▣ 5. CCM issue regarding a LC-MS pastor who was communing at an ELCA altar was withdrawn.
- ▣ 6. Issue regarding Baptismal formula
- ▣ 7. Reaffirm our position on creation, role of women in the church and the doctrine of the call

Seminary and University Education

- ▣ 1. PALS- meeting of new pastors out of seminary
- ▣ 2. SMP Oversight- 5 revisions: Seminaries work together to address the issue
- ▣ 3. Those elected to Board of Regents should have business experience and theological acumen
- ▣ 4. Encouraging Continuing Education for Pastors
- ▣ 5. Blessing of the merger between Concordia Ann Arbor and Mequon

Administration and Finance

- ▣ 1. To fund Career and GEO Missionaries: 121 career and 42 GEO
- ▣ 2. To promote Healthy Universities, Seminaries and Church Workers; eliminate 3 million a year debt from loan to universities
- ▣ 3. Clean up bylaws from last Convention

Structure and Ecclesiastical Matters

- ▣ 1. Carrying out Visitation
- ▣ 2. Use term “Circuit Visitor”
- ▣ 3. Allow E-meetings
- ▣ 4. Change process of electing delegates to Synod Convention- FAILED
- ▣ 5. To adopt 4 year cycle
- ▣ 6. Handbook issues

▣ St. Louis Seminary



▣ Cardinals Game



President's Reception

