

PRE-CONVENTION (Thursday, June 7, 2006)

Registration

Floor Committee Meetings and Hearings

FIRST SESSION
Thursday, June 8, 2006

We began with worship led by Rev. Ed Trost, First Vice President, Kansas District, on the theme “Proclaiming the Message Today”.

Orientation and Introductions

Past Presidents George Bruening and Eugene Schmidt were introduced to the Convention.

The Board of Directors and District staff were introduced.

Two new congregations have been added to the District since the last Convention: Augsburg, Olathe & Christ our Savior, Louisburg.

Floor Committees were also introduced.

Convention personnel: Glen Wehking (Convention Manager), Marie Holt, and Debbie Crites were thanked for their work in preparing for the Convention.

Special Guests:

Second Vice President of The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, Rev. Dr. Paul L. Maier, who is representing Rev. Dr. Gerald B. Kieschnick, the President of our Synod.

Rev. Don Muchow, former Navy Chief of Chaplains and former Chair of Synod’s Board of Directors, Convention Essayist.

Rev. David Schemm, Chairman of the Credentials Committee, reported that there are 117 Voting Lay Delegates, 83 Voting Pastoral Delegates, 28 Commissioned Workers, 16 Advisory Pastors and 38 guests.

President Kohlmeier called the Convention of The Kansas District LCMS to order at 1:30 p.m., “In the Name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.”

It was moved, seconded to adopt the Orders of the Day. **ADOPTED**

The Convention Special Standing Rules were presented by President Kohlmeier.

CONVENTION SPECIAL STANDING RULES

It was moved and seconded to adopt The Special Standing Rules for the Convention.

1. The chair will see that the agenda is followed as closely as possible.
2. When recognized by the chair, members of the convention will state their name, whether they are a delegate or an advisory delegate, and the congregation or entity they represent.
3. Delegates may speak and vote, Advisory Delegates may speak, but not vote.
4. A delegate who has spoken on an issue may not at the close of their remark’s move the previous question.
5. The two-minute rule will apply for all who speak from the floor and for the committee during debate.
6. The chair can limit debate and also the number of times a person may speak. (The Pro-Con speakers on a question will be observed.)
7. Personal Privilege will not be abused by using the time to advance the speaker’s opinion. It is only to ask a

- question.
8. All substitute motions and amendments must be presented in written form to the District Secretary. Material should be provided electronically when possible.
 9. If a substitute motion is offered and seconded, the presenter will be offered two minutes to provide the rationale for presenting it. The convention will then first decide by majority vote without debate whether or not to consider the substitute. If the decision is in the affirmative and the substitute motion is subsequently adopted, the original motion fails; if the substitute motion does not receive favorable action either to consider or to adopt, the original motion is again before the house. (This is the so-called “Behnken rule” for dealing with substitute motions.)
 10. The Convention may alter or add to the nominated slates. A floor nomination must be accompanied by written acceptance of nomination from the nominee and a brief biographical description of the nominee.
 11. Elections: Except on the election of the President and the Vice-Presidents, the following regulations will apply: Candidates receiving a majority on the first ballot will be declared elected. When a second or succeeding ballot is required for a majority, the candidate receiving the fewest votes and all candidates receiving less than 15% of the votes cast will be dropped from the ballot, unless fewer than two candidates receive 15% or more of the votes cast, in which case the three highest candidates will constitute the ballot. When the number of candidates for an office is four or more times larger than the number of offices, then after the second ballot and for all subsequent ballots, the lowest 25% of the candidates will be removed from the ballot until all offices are filled by a majority of votes cast.
 12. Unless covered by these standing rules of the convention, parliamentary procedure will be governed by the most recent edition of *Robert’s Rules of Order*.
 13. Portable telephones and other electronic communication devices are not permitted in the delegate section. Computers and hand held devices are allowed in the delegate area only if communication (wireless contact) can be and is turned off.

ACTION: ADOPTED

Rev. Kohlmeier gave Part II of the District President’s Report.

President Kohlmeier turned the chair to Rev. Robert Schaedel, District Secretary, for Nominations for District President and Vice-Presidents.

Rev. Robert Schaedel, District Secretary, presented the nominee for President. The floor was opened for further nominations. There were no additional nominations. It was moved and seconded to close nominations.

ACTION: ADOPTED

Candidate is: Rev. Keith E. Kohlmeier.

Candidates for Regional Vice Presidents were presented. The floor was opened for additional nominations. There were no additional nominations. It was moved and seconded to close nominations. **ACTION: ADOPTED**

Candidates are:

Region 1

- Rev. Peter Lange
- Rev. Edward Trost

Region 2

- Rev. Robert Grimm

Region 3

- Rev. Thomas Harmon
- Rev. David Meier

Region 4

- Rev. Joel Hiesterman
- Rev. Randall Jahnke

Rev. Roland Boehnke, Chairman of the District Nominating Committee, presented the nominees for Board of Directors - Commissioned Ministers. The floor was opened for further nominations. It was moved and seconded to close nominations. **ACTION: ADOPTED**

Candidates for Board of Directors - Commissioned Ministers are:

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| Ed Bierbaum | Dennis Hintz |
| Carla Jo Brakhage | Leland Jackson |
| Joyce Duitsman | Jeremy Pera |
| Becky Frank | Mark Schotte |
| Helen Genter | |

The nominees for Board of Directors - Laity - by Region were presented. The floor was opened for further nominations. Max Eberhart was nominated from the floor for Board of Directors, Laity, Region 3. It was moved and seconded to close nominations. **ACTION: ADOPTED**

Candidates for Board of Directors, Laity by Region are:

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| Region 1 | Region 3 |
| Ivan Grimm | Donald Copley |
| Steve Hanschu | Max Eberhart |
| Eustace "Lew" Lewellyn | Kenneth Jorns |
| Region 2 | Larry Junker |
| Walt Frederking | Vicki Lessman |
| Curtis Heidel | Region 4 |
| Richard Schotte | Alfred Aufdemberge |
| Bruce Schultz | Betty Kruse |
| Barbara Teske | Douglas Wolters |

Rev. Rodney Fritz, Chairman of the Elections Committee introduced the members of the Committee: Pastors: Rodney Fritz, chair, Mark Boxman; Lay Persons: Art Johnson, Rudy Niermeier; Educator: Carla Jo Brakhage; Board: Robert Bob Schaedel; Staff: Larry Crume.

Rev. Fritz explained the elections process. After the ballots were distributed, Rev. Trost, Convention Chaplain for Thursday, led the convention in prayer. The election for District President, Regional Vice Presidents, and Board of Directors, Commissioned Workers was declared closed after the ballots were collected.

Pres. Kohlmeier returned to the chair, calling on the Education Floor Committee to present their Resolutions.

Rev. David Gruoner, Chairman of the Education Floor Comm. (#3) introduced the members of his Committee: Rev. Dan Wehmeier, Lay Persons: Mike Tonn, Kim Koegeboehn; Educators: Orville Altevogt, David Ochs; Board representative: Doug Wolters; Staff representative: Jim Bradshaw.

The Committee presented the following Resolutions for consideration:

RESOLUTION 2006 - 03 – 01 Adult Christian Education

WHEREAS, all authority in heaven and on earth belongs to Jesus, and He has commanded us to make disciples of all nations and teach them to observe everything He has commanded (Mt. 28:19-20), and

WHEREAS, the Bible commands that fathers are to bring up their children in the training and admonition of the Lord (Eph. 6:4), and

WHEREAS, all parents have an obligation to strive to utilize their God-given gifts to bring up their children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, and

WHEREAS, our thinking is not to be conformed to the world's way of thinking, but our minds are to be renewed and sanctified by the truth of God's Word (Rom. 12:2; Jn. 17:17), and

WHEREAS, the fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge (Pr. 1:7) and in Christ are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge (Col. 2:3), any instruction that does not begin with the fear of

the Lord, teaching the centrality of Jesus Christ for understanding all of life cannot properly be said to impart wisdom or knowledge, and

WHEREAS, the absolute best case scenario is that 14% of all LCMS adults (including high school students) are involved in Bible study (268,551 divided by the total number of confirmed members in the LCMS – 1,894,822 – 2005 Lutheran Annual, page 724); and

WHEREAS, training to be a faithful follower should be a vital part of adult Christian education; therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the 2006 Kansas District LC-MS Convention encourage all congregations to work energetically to provide their adults with a Christian education; and be it further

RESOLVED that the 2006 Kansas District LC-MS Convention encourage the formation of an adult education subcommittee, under the direction of the Board of Education, for the purposes of identifying needs and offering strategies for congregations as they consider adult Christian education in the parish for the glory of God, and to strengthen the body of Christ in God's Word for ministry; and, be it finally

RESOLVED that the 2006 Kansas District LC-MS Convention encourage the Board of Education to provide the means to support the work of the subcommittee.

ACTION: ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 2006 - 03 – 02 To Commend and Encourage National Lutheran School

Accreditation (NLSA) for Free Standing Early Childhood Centers & Lutheran Day Schools

WHEREAS, “the most effective educational agencies to the church for equipping children and youth for ministry are the full-time Lutheran elementary, preschool and secondary school,” (1989 Synodical Handbook, Bylaw 3.22a page 61); and

WHEREAS, gifted men and women serve as teachers in the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod; and

WHEREAS, every Lutheran school is a “mission outpost”; and

WHEREAS, the Kansas District currently has 17 elementary schools (14 with early childhood centers) and 36 free-standing early childhood centers; and

WHEREAS, National Lutheran School Accreditation (NLSA) is a process to help Lutheran Schools and early childhood centers improve the quality of their programs; and

WHEREAS, the Kansas District has an extensive history of accrediting its elementary schools and has recently initiated the new NLSA process for free-standing early childhood centers; therefore be it

RESOLVED that the 2006 Kansas District LC-MS Convention encourage the early childhood centers and elementary schools of the District to locally implement the NLSA process for the glory of God, and to strengthen schools in God's Word for mission and ministry.

ACTION: ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 2006 - 03 – 03 Thanksgiving for Teaching of Word

WHEREAS, the Word of God clearly tells us to make disciples of all nations, baptizing and teaching in the name of the Triune God; and

WHEREAS, the congregations of the district are served by many servants of God, that is, by ordained ministers, commissioned ministers, and many lay people, involved in many areas of planning, oversight, and faithfulness to the tasks before us; and

WHEREAS, the Holy Spirit encourages and equips all Christians to model a Christ-like life to the world, and to explain Holy Scripture in accordance with Christ's divine truth as witnessed in our Kansas District congregations, even though there have been changes in our society, schools, staffing, and leadership; therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the Kansas District recognize these gifts of God and offer continued support of District congregations and members in promoting and supporting Christian education in many ways; and be it further

RESOLVED that the Kansas District in Convention honor the work of Christ and the teaching of His truth among us by singing the Common Doxology.

ACTION: ADOPTED

The work of the Committee was concluded and they were dismissed with thanks.

Caring Ministry Floor Committee (#2) was introduced: Pastors: Mike May, Chair and Dick Kaczor; Educators: Elaine Whiteneck, Diane Eichholz; Lay Persons: Glen Rolf, Susan Wolf; Board: Barb McComas; Staff: Rocky Mease.

The Committee presented the following Resolutions for consideration:

RESOLUTION 2006 – 02 – 01

To Encourage Congregational participation in the Parish Nurse Program

WHEREAS, parish nurses are professionally trained for a specific role in the life of a congregation; and

WHEREAS, the Kansas District has had a district-wide Parish Nurse Task Force active for the past fifteen years; and

WHEREAS, a growing number of RN's have committed their gifts to the Lord by serving as Parish Nurses in their local congregation; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Kansas District in convention commend the task force and the group of parish nurses in Kansas for their work among us; and be it

RESOLVED, that congregations be encouraged to participate in the parish nursing ministry by recruiting RN's to serve in that capacity; and be it

RESOLVED, that the Kansas District continue to support the Task Force in the networking and continued training of parish nurses; and be it finally

RESOLVED, that congregations be encouraged to support parish nursing with prayers, finances, encouragement, and appreciation for their work.

ACTION: ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 2006 - 02 – 02 To Encourage Congregations to Develop a Congregational Disaster Plan

WHEREAS, a disaster results in great harm, suffering, destruction, and damage in the disruption of personal and community life where physical, emotional, economic, social, and spiritual crises are experienced; and

WHEREAS, congregations will experience the same disruptions as the community in the aftermath of a disaster; and

WHEREAS, congregations, as part of the community, have opportunity and responsibility to respond to disaster effects for its members and community neighbors; and

WHEREAS, Lutheran Disaster Response provides a manual "Preparing for Disaster: A Guide for Lutheran Congregations" to assist congregational effectiveness in responding to a disaster; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that each congregation of the Kansas District be encouraged to evaluate its ability to respond to a disaster in its local community; and be it finally

RESOLVED, that each congregation of the Kansas District be encouraged to develop a Congregational Disaster Plan to meet the needs of its members and community in the event of a disaster.

ACTION: ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 2006 - 02 – 03

To Encourage All Congregations and Associated Entities To Participate In "Safe Congregations" Workshops

WHEREAS, we live in a world where some people, by their sinful nature hurt or exploit vulnerable members of our society; and

WHEREAS, these hurtful actions can be perpetrated, especially against juveniles, under the guise of teaching or mentoring in a formal setting; and

WHEREAS, it is the goal of all Lutheran churches and schools to provide a safe and wholesome environment for teaching, learning and spiritual growth; and

WHEREAS, a "Safe Congregations" workshop presentation has been developed and is available from the Kansas District staff; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that all congregations and associated entities be encouraged to participate in a "Safe Congregations" workshop; and be it finally

RESOLVED, that all congregations and associated entities within the Kansas District be encouraged to develop and implement guidelines for the protection of workers and persons within their care from exploitation and harm.

ACTION: ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 2006 - 02 – 04 To Encourage Volunteer Visitation of The Sick

WHEREAS, the Lord calls upon us to visit the sick (Matt. 25:31-46); and,

WHEREAS, many of the sick are often hospitalized many miles from their local congregations or may not have current membership in a local congregation; and

WHEREAS, professional Lutheran chaplains are not always available to visit all Lutheran patients; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Kansas District acknowledge the volunteer visitations of lay persons and pastors to these patients; and be it further

RESOLVED, that trained lay persons and pastors of the Kansas District be encouraged to seek opportunities within their communities for volunteer chaplain services; and be it further

RESOLVED, that pastors and lay persons involved in volunteer hospital visitation be encouraged to seek additional training, and/or education in the skills of pastoral care; and be it finally

RESOLVED, that the Kansas District in convention gratefully acknowledge the long time professional and volunteer chaplain service of Rev. Dr. George J. Bruening as an example of one who visits the sick as our Lord calls upon us to do.

ACTION: ADOPTED

The work of the Committee was concluded and they were dismissed with thanks.

The chair recognized, and the Convention gave thanks for 50 years of Ordained Ministry by Revs: Roland Boehnke, Norbert Wodtke, Norman Steffen, and Carlton Kjergaard.

The Elections Committee presented the results of the first ballot (Names in **bold** denote election):
President: **Rev. Keith Kohlmeier – 222**

Regional Vice Presidents:

Region 1

Rev. Peter Lange – 69

Rev. Edward Trost – 159

Region 2

Rev. Robert Grimm – 225

Region 3

Rev. Thomas Harmon - 86

Rev. David Meier – 142

Region 4

Rev. Joel Hiesterman - 92

Rev. Randall Jahnke - 135

Board of Directors – Commissioned Ministers:

Ed Bierbaum - 157

Carla Jo Brakhage - 47

Joyce Duitsman - 130

Becky Frank - 38

Helen Genter - 30

Dennis Hintz - 155

Leland Jackson - 89

Jeremy Pera - 106

Mark Schotte – 128

President Kohlmeier again assumed the chair.

The Nominations Committee presented the slate for the office of District Secretary: Rev. Rodney Fritz, Rev. Robert Schaedel. The floor was opened for additional nominations. There were no additional nominations. It was moved and seconded to close nominations. **ACTION: ADOPTED**

The Elections Committee distributed ballots for the offices of District Secretary and Board of Directors, Laity by Region. The election was declared closed after the ballots were collected.

Rev. Don Muchow presented the first part of his Convention Essay : Proclaiming the Gospel Today: Emmaus and the Easter Message.

The Elections Committee presented the results of the second ballot (Names in **bold** denote election):
District Secretary:

Rev. Rodney Fritz - 66
Rev. Robert Schaedel - 158

Board of Directors, Laity by Region:

Region 1

Ivan Grimm - 65
Steve Hanschu - 118
Eustace "Lew" Lewellyn - 31

Region 2

Walt Frederking - 56
Curtis Heidel - 20
Richard Schotte - 43
Bruce Schultz - 44
Barbara Teske - 58

Region 3

Donald Copley - 16
Max Eberhart - 46
Kenneth Jorns - 106
Larry Junker - 30
Vicki Lessman - 28

Region 4

Alfred Aufdemberge - 39
Betty Kruse - 91
Douglas Wolters - 80

The Nominations Committee presented the slate for Board of Directors, Clergy, noting that Rev. Jeffrey Crane had declined his nomination. The floor was opened for additional nominations. There were none. It was moved and seconded to close nominations. **ACTION: ADOPTED**

The Elections Committee distributed the third ballot for the offices of Board of Directors, Clergy, and Board of Directors, Laity by Region 2, 3, 4. The election was declared closed after the ballots were collected.

The Administration Committee (#1) was introduced to the Convention: Pastors: Dennis Mason, - Chair, Mark Schulz; Lay Persons: Don Copley, Angie Deutsh; Educators: Pam Nummela, Dennis Marten; Board: Les Walters; Staff: Debbie Crites.

The Committee distributed changes to the proposed Bylaw & Handbook.

The Committee presented the following Resolutions for consideration:

RESOLUTION 2006 – 01 – 02 Kansas District Handbook Revision

WHEREAS, the Handbook as adopted in Convention of the Kansas District of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod has been reviewed and modified by the Task Force and presented to the Board of Administration for consideration, and

WHEREAS, changes have been made to the bylaws, therefore requiring convention approval, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the convention of the Kansas District adopt the handbook as modified.

The Committee also presented proposed changes to the Bylaw/Handbook document included in the *Convention Workbook*. The proposed changes are as follows:

CHANGES TO DISTRICT HANDBOOK & DISTRICT OPERATIONS MANUAL

- 1) Page i, line 22
Delete *STANDARD*
- 2) Change numeric page numbers beginning with the *ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION* (1, 2, 3 ...) Numbers already corrected

- 3) *THE BY-LAWS*, page 3, Article III, paragraph 1, line 49
 1. **Elective and appointive staff personnel officers shall execute their responsibilities in accordance with Synodical By-Laws. These elective and appointive officers shall be:**
- 4) Page 4, paragraph (5e), line 30
 (5e) **Circuit Counselors:** *A counselor for each Circuit of the District shall be elected ~~from the clergy roster of the Synod and~~ from the pastors of the member congregations of the Circuit or pastors emeriti who shall hold membership in a voting congregation of that Circuit. The Conference of Circuit Counselors shall assist the District President to equip, empower and encourage congregations in their mission to make disciples and shall serve as liaison to bringing the needs of congregations to the attention of the District President.*
- 5) Page 5, paragraph 3(b), line 37
 (b) **Service Boards**
The Board of Directors shall organize the following service boards as described in the Kansas ~~Handbook~~ Operations Manual:
- 6) Page 6, paragraph (e), line 18
 (e) *The following ~~Service Appointive~~ Boards are appointed by the District President in consultation with the Executive Council and approved by the Board of Directors: Board of Caring Ministry, Board of Stewardship, Board of Education, Board of Missions, **and the** Board of Administration ~~and the Lutheran Church Extension Fund Board of Managers.~~*
- 7) Page 6, paragraph (f), line 27
 &f. *The Standing Appointive Committees, recommended by the Executive Council and approved by the Board of Directors, shall be such committees as are necessary for carrying out the duties of the Service boards. Members shall be appointed from voting congregations of the District.*
- 8) Page 6, paragraph 3(a), line 37
 3. **Term of office.**
 a. *The term of office for the elective President, Vice Presidents, Secretary, Circuit Counselors, and the Board of Directors shall be three years. None of these elective officers shall succeed themselves more than twice.*
- 9) Page 6, paragraph 3(d), line 47
 d. *Members of District boards and commissions shall be ineligible for reelection or reappointment to the same board or commission after serving *three consecutive terms* unless otherwise provided in the Bylaws ~~or position descriptions~~. They may become eligible again for election or appointment to the same office, board or commission after an interval of three or more years. One-half or more of a term shall be regarded as a full term ~~under the limited tenure rules.~~*
- 10) Page 7, paragraph 4, line 9
 4. **Accountability of Officers, Boards, Committees and Commissions:** *All Officers, Boards, Committees and Commissions shall be responsible to the Board of Directors for the discharge of their responsibilities. However ecclesiastical supervision will be in accordance with Synodical By-Laws.*
- 11) Page 7, paragraph 7(b), line 28
 Change existing (b) to (c), and add:
 b. *Vacancies that occur in the office of Circuit Counselor between conventions shall be filled by appointment by the District President.*
- 12) Page 9, Article IV, paragraph 2, line 48
 2. **Elections Committee:** *There shall be an Elections Committee consisting of two ordained ministers, two laypersons and one commissioned minister to serve at each District Convention recommended by the Executive Council and appointed from the convention delegates by the District President in consultation with the Board of Directors who shall conduct and supervise elections at the District Convention in accordance with the Handbook of the Synod and the Bylaws of The Kansas District. Tellers may be designated by the Elections Committee.*

13) Page 5, line 18

The advisory members of the Board of Directors shall be the District Treasurer and the ~~appointive staff officers~~ District Executive Staff.

It was moved and seconded to Table consideration of this Resolution to allow the delegates time to study the proposed changes.

ACTION: TABLED

RESOLUTION 2006 - 01 – 01 Concordia Plan Services

WHEREAS, Concordia Plan Services (formerly known as Worker Benefit Plans) is the preeminent provider of health, retirement and disability benefits for church workers throughout the Lutheran Church- Missouri Synod, and

WHEREAS, significant detrimental consequences may occur to both employer and employee upon withdrawal from Concordia Plan Services, and

WHEREAS, Concordia Plan Services has continued to improve and update benefits to better serve the needs of the employees and employers of The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, and

WHEREAS, Concordia Plan Services introduced “The Church’s Plan” to offer additional retirement benefits and the option of a 403(b) Tax Sheltered Annuity, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the congregations, schools, associations and entities in the Kansas District of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod be encouraged to involve representatives of Concordia Plan Services when exploring and analyzing their options, and consider the long-term and short-term impact on employees and members of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod in the final determination of their benefit and provider options.

ACTION: ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 2006 - 01 – 03

To Encourage Investment In Lutheran Church Extension Fund By Individuals and District Congregations

WHEREAS, the mission of Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF) is to provide opportunity to make funds and services available in support of the Great commission through The Lutheran Church- Missouri Synod (LCMS); and

WHEREAS, LCEF operates according to the following “Guiding Principles;”

1. LCEF is a ministry.
2. LCEF helps congregations.
3. Investors are fellow Christians who support the ministry.
4. The work of volunteers has made LCEF what it is today.
5. LCEF is a partnership between investors and congregations.
6. LCEF actions are based on the question; “Will this decision make a difference and further the Great Commission?;” and

WHEREAS, the demand for LCEF loans and services is at an all-time high; and

WHEREAS, LCEF offers members the opportunity to invest their money at competitive rates and thereby be good stewards in forwarding the ministry and mission of the church; and

WHEREAS, less than 5% of the members of Kansas District congregations are currently investors in LCEF; and

WHEREAS, some congregations have members who have volunteered to serve as congregational representatives to promote the work of LCEF in their congregations; and

WHEREAS, LCEF will be unable to meet the future demand for its funds and services without increased support from existing and new investors; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that each congregation of the Kansas District encourage its membership to invest in the work of Lutheran Church Extension Fund; and be it further

RESOLVED, that each congregation of the Kansas District encourage one or more of its members to serve as a congregational representative of LCEF and promote its work in their congregation; and be it finally

RESOLVED, that the Kansas District in convention give praise and thanks to God for the blessing that LCEF has been to the many congregations of the Kansas District that have used its investments, loans and services.

ACTION: ADOPTED

The Resolutions Committee (#6) was introduced to the Convention: Pastors: Lee Hovel – Chair, Bert Tegtmeier; Lay Persons: Don Bartling, Don Dodd; Educators: Jeremy Pera, Bob Eggold; Board: Ed Trost; Staff: Keith Kohlmeier.

The Committee presented the following Resolutions for consideration:

RESOLUTION 2006-06-01 Divide Circuit 3 into Two Circuits

WHEREAS, the aggregate communicant membership of Circuit 3 far exceeds the minimum number required to form an electoral circuit (approx. 8500 members; minimum required: 1,500) and with division into two circuits will still exceed this minimum; and

WHEREAS, along with continued growth in membership has come an increase in the number of professional church workers in the form of team ministries, day schools, early childhood centers, etc.; and

WHEREAS, two new congregations have been recently started (Augsburg, Olathe and Christ Our Savior, Louisburg) and two congregations are operating two campuses (Bethany, Overland Park and Trinity, Mission); and

WHEREAS, these growth factors make it very difficult for one circuit counselor to serve effectively; and

WHEREAS, the members of circuit 3 do not currently have proportionate representation at Conventions of the Synod; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Kansas District of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod authorize the division of Circuit 3 into two circuits; and be it further Resolved, that the appropriate adjustments also be made in the numbering of the circuits of the district; and be it finally

RESOLVED, that this division be made at 135th Street in Johnson County with two exceptions: Bethany, Overland Park and its south mission, Bethany, South would be placed in the south circuit and Redeemer, Olathe in the north circuit (these exceptions for the purposes of greater equalization of membership and to keep the three Olathe congregations in the same circuit); placing the following congregations into the north circuit: Hope, Shawnee; Trinity, Mission and its West mission, Trinity, West; Christ, Overland Park; Augsburg, Olathe; Beautiful Savior, Olathe and Redeemer, Olathe; and the following congregations into the south circuit: Bethany, Overland Park and its South mission, Bethany, South; Lord of Life, Leawood; Christ Our Savior, Louisburg; King of Kings, Gardner; First, Paola and Trinity, Paola.

There was some discussion about whether or not a District Convention could adopt a Resolution that was contrary to the Bylaws of the Synod. It was moved and seconded to refer the Resolution back to the Committee to allow time to contact Synodical Secretary, Rev. Ray Hartwig, and for possible reconsideration. **ACTION: REFERRED TO COMMITTEE**

The Elections Committee presented the results of the third ballot (Names in **bold** denote election):

Board of Directors – Clergy:

Rev. Michael Bingenheimer - 40
Rev. Jeffrey Crane - withdrawn
Rev. Robert Roberts - 64
Rev. Norbert Tegtmeier – 102

Board of Directors, Laity by Region:

Region 2

Walt Frederking- 50
Richard Schotte - 43
Bruce Schultz - 38
Barbara Teske - 72

Region 3

Max Eberhart - 70
Kenneth Jorns - 138

Region 4

Betty Kruse - 112
Douglas Wolters - 90

The Elections Committee distributed the fourth ballot for the offices of Board of Directors, Clergy, and Board of Directors, Laity by Region 2. The election was declared closed after the ballots were collected.

At the request of the chair, it was moved and seconded to extend the Orders of the Day to allow some special guests to address the Convention. **ACTION: ADOPTED**

Special Guests: Judy Carlson, President, KS District LWML
Steve Hanschu, President, KS District LLL

The Elections Committee presented the results of the fourth ballot (Names in **bold** denote election):

Board of Directors – Clergy:

Rev. Robert Roberts - 58

Rev. Norbert Tegtmeier – 158

Board of Directors, Laity by Region:

Region 2

Walt Frederking - 49

Richard Schotte - 56

Bruce Schultz - 1

Barbara Teske – 110

A video from the Commission on Ministerial Growth concerning health care for Called Workers was shown to the Convention.

It was announced that following the Convention session, the delegates from Circuits 3 & 15 would caucus to elect Circuit Counselor candidates, and that Advisory/Ordained Ministers would caucus to elect their Advisory delegate to the 2007 Convention of Synod.

The Convention was recessed.

A Communion Worship was held at 7:30 p.m. St. John Lutheran Church, Topeka (Rev. Peter Lange, pastor) was the sponsoring congregation. Rev. Paul Dr. Paul L. Maier was the preacher. The choir from St. John assisted with the worship.

SECOND SESSION

Friday, June 9, 2006

The Convention session began with worship led by Rev. Randal Jahnke, Fourth VP, KS District, on the theme “Proclaiming the Message Tomorrow”.

The Nominations Committee presented the slate for Board of Directors, Laity at Large; District Nominating Committee; Synodical Nomination Committee. The floor was opened for additional nominations. There were none. It was moved and seconded to close nominations. **ACTION: ADOPTED**

The Nominations Committee moved that the person receiving the highest number of votes for the Synodical Nominations Committee shall be elected to represent the Kansas District, and the person receiving the second highest number of votes shall be the alternate. In case of a tie, an additional ballot shall be prepared.

ACTION: ADOPTED

The Elections Committee distributed the fifth ballot for the offices of Board of Directors, Laity at Large; District Nominating Committee: Clergy, Commissioned Worker & Laity; Synodical Nomination Committee. The election was declared closed after the ballots were collected.

The candidates for these offices are:

Board of Directors, Laity at Large:

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| Ivan Grimm | Donald Copley |
| Eustace "Lew" Lewellyn | Max Eberhart |
| Walt Frederking | Larry Junker |
| Curtis Heidel | Vicki Lessman |
| Richard Schotte | Alfred Aufdemberge |
| Bruce Schultz | Douglas Wolters |

District Nominating Committee:

Clergy:

Region 1

Rev. Mark Eichler
Rev. Jerry Peck

Region 2

Rev. David Gruoner
Rev. Donnie Hofman

Region 3

Rev. Jeffrey Crane
Rev. Thomas Johnson

Region 4

Rev. Larry McDermott
Rev. Robert Roberts

Commissioned Minister:

Ann Gardels
Keith Jopp
Mark Schotte

Laity:

Region 1

David Bruns
Steve Hanschu

Region 2

Ron Bott
Richard Schotte

Region 3

Marlene Lorenz
Jean Wellner

Region 4

Pat Bruenger
Marvin Zorn

Synodical Convention Nomination Committee:

Larry Crume, Topeka
Jim Jorns, Manhattan
Marvin Kohlmeier, Sabetha
Miriam Krause, Leawood

Rev. Don Muchow presented the second part of his Convention Essay : Proclaiming the Gospel Today: Emmaus and the Easter Change.

It was moved and seconded to amend the Orders of the Day to move the Missions Committee to the afternoon session. **ACTION: ADOPTED**

The Elections Committee presented the results of the fifth ballot (Names in **bold** denote election):

Board of Directors, Laity at Large:

| | |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| Ivan Grimm - 90 | Donald Copley - 24 |
| Eustace "Lew" Lewellyn - 36 | Max Eberhart - 97 |
| Walt Frederking - 94 | Larry Junker - 40 |
| Curtis Heidel - 23 | Vicki Lessman - 57 |
| Richard Schotte - 91 | Alfred Aufdemberge - 45 |
| Bruce Schultz - 60 | Douglas Wolters - 107 |

District Nominating Committee:

Clergy:

Region 1

Rev. Mark Eichler - 92

Rev. Jerry Peck - 87

Region 2

Rev. David Gruoner - 99

Rev. Donnie Hofman - 58

Region 3

Rev. Jeffrey Crane - 85

Rev. Thomas Johnson - 93

Region 4

Rev. Larry McDermott - 73

Rev. Robert Roberts - 71

Commissioned Minister:

Ann Gardels - 39

Keith Jopp - 64

Mark Schotte - 114

Laity:

Region 1

David Bruns - 108

Steve Hanschu - 108

Region 2

Ron Bott - 58

Richard Schotte - 160

Region 3

Marlene Lorenz - 124

Jean Wellner - 83

Region 4

Pat Bruenger - 108

Marvin Zorn - 105

Synodical Convention Nomination Committee:

Larry Crume, Topeka - 54

Jim Jorns, Manhattan - 49

Marvin Kohlmeier, Sabetha - 82

Miriam Krause, Leawood - 31

The Elections Committee distributed the sixth ballot for the offices of Board of Directors, Laity at Large; District Nominating Committee: Clergy, & Laity, Region 1; Synodical Nomination Committee. The election was declared closed after the ballots were collected.

Second Vice President of The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, Rev. Dr. Paul L. Maier, was invited to the dais for the Synodical report. He introduced a video from Synodical President Rev. Dr. Gerald B. Kieschnick.

The Elections Committee presented the following slate for the position of Circuit Counselors for ratification:

Circuit 1: Rev. Rick Twenhafel

Circuit 2: Rev. Edward Mease

Circuit 3: Rev. Mark Frith

Circuit 4: Rev. Mark Eichler

Circuit 5: Rev. Richard Peckman

Circuit 6: Rev. Robert Leiste

Circuit 7: Rev. Rodney Fritz

Circuit 8: Rev. Larry Brakenhoff

Circuit 9: Rev. Alan Stahlecker

Circuit 10: Rev. Dean Von Stroh

Circuit 11: Rev. Ken Kaufmann

Circuit 12: Rev. Charles Adams

Circuit 13: Rev. Gary Wolf

Circuit 14: Rev. John Sharp

Circuit 15: Rev. Don White

Circuit 16: Rev. Robert Roberts

ACTION: RATIFIED

Rev. Don Muchow presented the third part of his Convention Essay : Proclaiming the Gospel Today: Emmaus and the Easter Mission.

The Convention recessed for lunch with announcements and closing prayer.

During lunch, the Circuit Counselors caucused to elect a Chairman who also serves on the District Board of Directors. Elected was **Rev. Rodney Fritz**.

THIRD SESSION
Friday, June 9, 2006

Rev. Dr. Brian Friedrichs, President, Concordia University, Seward, NE brought greetings to the Convention and reported on the ministry preparation taking place at Seward.

The Elections Committee presented the results of the sixth ballot (Names in **bold** denote election):

Board of Directors, Laity at Large:

| | |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
| Ivan Grimm - 72 | Bruce Schultz – 48 |
| Eustace “Lew” Lewellyn - 25 | Larry Junker - 29 |
| Walt Frederking - 89 | Vicki Lessman - 43 |
| Richard Schotte - 73 | Alfred Aufdemberge - 33 |

District Nominating Committee:

Clergy:

Region 1

Rev. Mark Eichler - 102

Rev. Jerry Peck - 89

Region 2

Rev. David Gruoner – 128

Rev. Donnie Hofman - 3

Region 3

Rev. Jeffrey Crane - 85

Rev. Thomas Johnson - 94

Region 4

Rev. Larry McDermott - 58

Rev. Robert Roberts - 77

Laity:

Region 1

David Bruns - 100

Steve Hanschu - 112

Synodical Convention Nomination Committee:

Larry Crume, Topeka – 47 - Alternate

Jim Jorns, Manhattan - 45

Marvin Kohlmeier, Sabetha – 119 – Delegate

The Elections Committee distributed the seventh ballot for the offices of Board of Directors, Laity at Large; District Nominating Committee: Clergy. The election was declared closed after the ballots were collected.

President of the Lutheran Church Extension Fund Merle Freitag was introduced to the Convention and reported on the work of LCEF.

A Mission Moment: The Convention celebrated our Guinea Mission partnership with Beth Heiney addressing the Convention in person and with Tim Heiney sharing his ministry experiences in Guinea via phone hookup. Andrea Herman was Commissioned as an additional worker in the Guinea mission field.

The Elections Committee presented the results of the seventh ballot (Names in **bold** denote election):

Board of Directors, Laity at Large:

| | |
|----------------------|-------------------------|
| Ivan Grimm - 74 | Bruce Schultz – 44 |
| Walt Frederking - 89 | Vicki Lessman - 48 |
| Richard Schotte - 71 | Alfred Aufdemberge - 38 |

District Nominating Committee:

Clergy:

Region 1

Rev. Mark Eichler - 89

Rev. Jerry Peck - 66

Region 3

Rev. Jeffrey Crane - 61

Rev. Thomas Johnson - 81

Region 4

Rev. Robert Roberts – 72

The Elections Committee distributed the eighth ballot for the offices of Board of Directors, Laity at Large; District Nominating Committee: Clergy. The election was declared closed after the ballots were collected.

Tom Nummela, Concordia Publishing House presented his report.

Connie Ledbetter shared information about Concordia Plan Services, especially The Church's Plan.

The Elections Committee presented the results of the eighth ballot (Names in **bold** denote election):

Board of Directors, Laity at Large:

Ivan Grimm - 101

Walt Frederking - 96

Richard Schotte - 90

Bruce Schultz – 50

Vicki Lessman - 54

District Nominating Committee:

Clergy:

Region 1

Rev. Mark Eichler - 94

Rev. Jerry Peck - 69

Region 3

Rev. Thomas Johnson - 128

Region 4

Rev. Robert Roberts – 104

The Elections Committee distributed the ninth ballot for the offices of Board of Directors, Laity at Large. The election was declared closed after the ballots were collected.

A Mission Moment: Jeff Grimes shared the preparation leading up to the Northeast Kansas Rural Ministry Partnership, joining four congregations into a joint ministry. Rev. Rick Twenhafel and Rev. John Sharp helped explain the partnership of congregations.

The Elections Committee presented the results of the ninth ballot (Names in **bold** denote election):

Board of Directors, Laity at Large:

Walt Frederking - 92

Richard Schotte - 66

Vicki Lessman - 38

The Elections Committee distributed the tenth ballot for the offices of Board of Directors, Laity at Large. The election was declared closed after the ballots were collected.

Second Vice President of The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, Rev. Dr. Paul L. Maier, responded to questions that delegates had previously submitted.

The Elections Committee presented the results of the tenth ballot (Names in **bold** denote election):

Board of Directors, Laity at Large:

Walt Frederking - 120

Richard Schotte – 91

A Mission Moment: Mark Brewer, Coordinator for the Targeted District Response for relief from Hurricane Katrina presented some of the work being done to assist our sister congregations, Bethany, Good Shepherd and Lamb of God, Slidell, LA. Dan Ramsey, Elaine Whiteneck and Glen Rolf shared some of their experiences in providing disaster relief.

It was moved and seconded to extend the Orders of the Day. **ACTION: ADOPTED**

The Resolutions Committee (#6) presented **Resolution 2006- 06 – 01A**, which had first been presented at the First Session and referred back to the Committee for clarification.

RESOLUTION 2006 – 06 – 01A

Divide Circuit 3 into Two Circuits

WHEREAS, the aggregate communicant membership of Circuit 3 far exceeds the minimum number required to form an electoral circuit (approx. 8500 members; minimum required: 1,500) and with division into two circuits will still exceed this minimum; and

WHEREAS, along with continued growth in membership has come an increase in the number of professional church workers in the form of team ministries, day schools, early childhood centers, etc.; and

WHEREAS, two new congregations have been recently started (Augsburg, Olathe and Christ Our Savior, Louisburg) and two congregations are operating two campuses (Bethany, Overland Park and Trinity, Mission); and

WHEREAS, these growth factors make it very difficult for one circuit counselor to serve effectively; and

WHEREAS, the members of circuit 3 do not currently have proportionate representation at Conventions of the Synod; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Kansas District of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod in Convention, June 2006, instruct the Kansas District Board of Directors to request the President of Synod to grant an exception to divide Circuit 3, thus creating two new visitation circuits, with the understanding that if this exception is not granted by the President of Synod, the present Circuit alignment will remain; and be it finally

RESOLVED, that this division be made at 135th Street in Johnson County with two exceptions: Bethany, Overland Park and its south mission, Bethany, South would be placed in the south circuit and Redeemer, Olathe in the north circuit (these exceptions for the purposes of greater equalization of membership and to keep the three Olathe congregations in the same circuit); placing the following congregations into the north circuit: Hope, Shawnee; Trinity, Mission and its West mission, Trinity, West; Christ, Overland Park; Augsburg, Olathe; Beautiful Savior, Olathe and Redeemer, Olathe; and the following congregations into the south circuit: Bethany, Overland Park and its South mission, Bethany, South; Lord of Life, Leawood; Christ Our Savior, Louisburg; King of Kings, Gardner; First, Paola and Trinity, Paola.

ACTION: ADOPTED

The Convention recessed with announcements and prayer.

President and Marlene Kohlmeier invited all delegates and guests to a reception beginning at 7:30 p.m.

FOURTH SESSION
Saturday, June 10, 2006

The Convention session began with worship led by Rev. Bob Grimm – 3rd VP, KS Dist. “Proclaiming the Message for Eternity”

Upon recommendation of the Chair, it was moved and seconded to amend the Orders of the Day to allow time for the remaining Floor Committee’s to conclude their work. **ADOPTED**

The Elections Committee distributed a “Ranking Ballot” for determining the order of succession for District Vice-Presidents. The election was declared closed after the ballots were collected.

The Missions Committee #4 was introduced to the Convention: Pastors: Scott Goltl– Chair, Tom Johnson
Lay Persons: Wes Duesing, Joe Hume; Educators: Ann Gardels, Chuck Merriman; Board: Art Vogel;
Staff: Gene Schmidt

The Committee presented the following Resolutions:

RESOLUTION 2006 - 04 – 01 Mission Vision Giving

WHEREAS, the Mission Vision plan adopted in 1994 by the Kansas District Convention has a been a great blessing to the District in developing giving to underwrite mission initiatives over and above regular congregational Synod/District mission offerings; and

WHEREAS, many opportunities and challenges for outreach exist that cannot always be fully funded by District receipts, for example, new mission starts and ethnic, urban, deaf, and campus ministries; therefore be it

RESOLVED that the Kansas District determines to share the Good News of Jesus with all people and encourages its congregations to pray daily that the power of God's Word and Spirit may work in the hearts and lives of all people; and be it finally

RESOLVED, that the Mission Vision Task Force look for opportunities for initiating, renewing, and funding outreach to the unchurched in Kansas.

ACTION: ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 2006 - 04 – 02 Ablaze Goals/New Outreach Sites

WHEREAS, the Kansas District Board of Directors set the District ABLAZE goals as:

- a) 500,000 Critical Moments - individuals in Kansas congregations personally making contact with unchurched people, sharing the Good News
- b) 16 New Starts - resulting in a net gain of 12 new outreach ministry sites in Kansas; and

WHEREAS, three congregations of the Kansas District (Ascension, Wichita; Trinity, Leavenworth; Trinity, Mission) have received District support to establish second sites for increased outreach in their communities; and

WHEREAS, Bethany, Overland Park has established a second site for outreach, and Christ Our Savior, Louisburg was established without District support; and

WHEREAS, an effective way to reach new people is through new congregations; therefore be it **RESOLVED**, that the convention commend congregations for their efforts in establishing outreach sites; and be it finally

RESOLVED, that the convention encourage other congregations to establish new outreach sites and ministries to reach unchurched people in Kansas.

ACTION: ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 2006 - 04 – 03 Renewal of Guinea Partnership Agreement

WHEREAS, the Kansas District Convention in 1997 authorized a "Gospel Outreach Mission Partnership" with LCMS World Mission for work in Guinea, West Africa; and

WHEREAS, the Kansas District Conventions in 2000 & 2003 reaffirmed support of this partnership; and

WHEREAS, the work in Guinea continues to expand through the efforts of Rev. Tim & Beth Heiney, Tim & Heidi Norton, Dr. Kristen Schmaltz, Jon & Sharon Oetting, Donna Meyer and Andrea Herman and includes agricultural, medical, education and theological mission trips with teams composed of professional church workers and lay people from Kansas congregations; and

WHEREAS, the Kansas District intends to lay the foundation for a Lutheran church body in Guinea; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Kansas District convention praise God for the faith and trust that led LCMS World Mission to offer this partnership and for the spirit and energy with which the people of our District have supported this endeavor; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Kansas District commend its Partnership Task Force and Mission Awareness Coordinator Marvin Kohlmeier for their work in administering, fostering, and supporting the partnership; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Kansas District affirm its intention to extend the Guinea Mission Partnership with LCMS World Missions through July 1, 2009; and that we pledge ourselves to continue to pray for the protection, support, and work of the missionary families as well as the national church leaders; and be it finally

RESOLVED, that this convention encourage congregations of the Kansas District to support this partnership each year on Pentecost Sunday, or another Sunday of their choice. As part of this celebration, congregations are encouraged to use the special Guinea Partnership brochure provided by John & Elizabeth Wendorff.

ACTION: ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 2006 - 04 – 04 Designation of Foreign Mission Endowment from Centennial Thankoffering

WHEREAS, the Kansas District Board of Directors gives thanks to God for the blessings provided by the generous giving of His people of the Kansas District through the Centennial Thankoffering; and

WHEREAS, 23% of the Centennial Thankoffering was designated for the support of foreign missions through a permanent endowment fund; and

WHEREAS, the 1988 District Convention designation was to begin a foreign mission in Ghana, West Africa; and

WHEREAS, the interest from this fund did begin and support a mission in Ghana, West Africa for ten years; and

WHEREAS, we no longer have a connection with the mission in Ghana, West Africa; and

WHEREAS, the original intent was to support foreign missions; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the interest from this endowment fund be used to support foreign missions as designated by the Kansas District Board of Directors.

ACTION: ADOPTED

The work of the Committee was concluded and they were dismissed with thanks.

The Stewardship Committee (#5) was introduced: Pastors: Jeff Crane – Chair, Mike Schotte; Lay Persons: Larry Honig, Roger Zellers; Educators: Arlyn Sprecher, Keith Jopp; Board: Vern Oestmann; Staff: Garry Niehoff.

The Committee presented the following Resolution:

Overture 2006 - 05 – 01 Support for Mission & Ministry

Whereas, the Kansas District of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod is the union of all congregations and individuals belonging to the Synod within the State of Kansas; and

Whereas, the word of God boldly declares that we are to give proportionately from what God has so graciously given us (e.g., 2 Corinthians 8 – 9); and

Whereas, individuals are encouraged to be good stewards of God’s gifts of time, talents, and treasures, and

Whereas, the Kansas District-LCMS offers opportunities for individuals and congregation to support mission and ministry within the State of Kansas and throughout the world, and

Whereas, many doors of opportunity are opening for new mission starts within Kansas and the Synod and continuous support is necessary for mission and ministry to our campus ministries, education, youth, singles, older adults, caring ministries and other ministries, and

Whereas, congregations benefit from the administration of the District Office and have duly elected the President and Board of Directors who call and hire extended staff to administrate various areas of ministry; therefore be it

Resolved, that the Kansas District-LCMS in convention encourage and continue to inform congregations and individuals of stewardship resources available such as: Congregational Stewardship Workbook, Consecration Sunday, and other resources in order to continue their God-pleasing practice of prayerful and financial support in offering up to our Lord their gifts of time, talents, and treasures for mission and ministry on the local, District, and Synodical levels; and be it further

Resolved, that the Kansas District inform congregations of the various needs for support within the District and Synod; and be it finally

Resolved, that we pray for a continuous outpouring of the Holy Spirit and the abundance of blessings so that God’s will to seek and to save the lost is common endeavor now and always.

ACTION: ADOPTED

The work of the Committee was concluded and they were dismissed with thanks.

During the First Session, the Administration Floor Committee had distributed proposed changes to the Bylaw and Handbook Revision. The delegates needed time to consider the proposed changes, so the Committee now returned to the Convention with

RESOLUTION 2006 - 01 – 02 – Bylaw & Handbook Revision

(See First Session for Resolution)

ACTION: ADOPTED

(The revised Bylaws and Handbook are attached as an Addendum at the close of these Proceedings.)

The work of the Administration Floor Committee was concluded and they were dismissed with thanks.

A Mission Moment: Garry Niehoff, Planned Giving Counselor, addressed the Convention about the new Worker's Retreat Center on Lake Herington. The sale of two previously donated properties (1 on the Buffalo River in Arkansas, the other at Tuttle Creek Reservoir near Manhattan) enabled the Board of Directors to purchase a more accessible property as a Retreat Center for Called Workers.

The Elections Committee returned with the results of the Ranking Ballot for District Vice President.

First Vice President – Rev. Edward Trost, Overland Park (Region 1)

Second Vice President – Rev. David Meier, Humboldt (Region 3)

Third Vice President – Rev. Robert Grimm, Alma (Region 2)

Fourth Vice President – Rev. Randall Jahnke, Dodge City (Region 4)

It was moved and seconded to destroy all ballots. **ACTION: ADOPTED**

The work of the Elections Committee was concluded and they were dismissed with thanks.

The work of the Nominations Committee is also concluded and they were dismissed with thanks.

The Resolutions Committee returned to the dais and presented

RESOLUTION 2006 – 06 – 02 To Encourage Regular Theological Discussion in Circuit Conferences

WHEREAS, the Lord of the Church builds unity in His Church through His gifts of Word and Sacrament, and

WHEREAS, there is a long-standing tradition of theological dialogue in circuit pastors' conferences and a more recent history of theological convocations giving the opportunity for clergy and laity to discuss theology and God's Word, and

WHEREAS, the Kansas District's theological convocations in 2003 and 2006 and others within the Synod demonstrated the great benefits of ongoing theological discussion in the church, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that regular theological discussion for the study of God's Word be encouraged in Circuit Pastoral conferences, Circuit gatherings and District Convocations, *and District Conventions*; and be it finally

RESOLVED, that our seminary journals and CTCR reports be considered as valuable resources for pastors and laity to engage in the current and ongoing conversation of the church.

It was moved and seconded to **amend** the First **RESOLVED** by adding "District Conventions" following "District Convocations". **ACTION: ADOPTED** (Amendment included in **RESOLUTION** above as *italics*.)

RESOLUTION ACTION: ADOPTED as amended.

RESOLUTION 2006 – 06 – 03 Present and Promote The Lutheran Service Book in The Kansas District

Background

Over the past seven years the Synod, through its Commission on Worship, has been preparing a new hymnal and service book for the congregations. At the 2004 Convention of the Synod the delegates passed by a substantial margin the resolution "To Accept *Lutheran Service Book* as an Official Service Book and Hymnal of Synod." The final "Resolved" of 2004 Resolution 2-03A stated "Resolved, that congregations and other entities of Synod be encouraged to participate in the introductory process for the new hymnal."

WHEREAS, The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod in Convention has reviewed, received, and accepted the *Lutheran Service Book* and *Agenda* as an official service book and hymnal of the Synod, and

WHEREAS, a complete introductory process for these worship materials has been planned for usage in all of the districts of the Synod in the coming months, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Kansas District in Convention receive these worship materials with thanksgiving

and affirm the participation of the District in the introductory process coordinated by the national Commission on Worship; and be it finally

RESOLVED, that each congregation of the Kansas District give thoughtful consideration to utilizing the *Lutheran Service Book* and its supporting materials in its worship life in the coming months and years.

ACTION: ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 2006 – 06 – 09 Omnibus “B” To Refer Petitioners to Previous Convention Action

WHEREAS, the District/Synod in convention has already spoken to certain proposals addressed to this convention; and

WHEREAS, there is no compelling reason to amplify or to revise previous convention action(s) relating to these proposals; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that in the following instances the petitioners be referred to previous convention action(s) as indicated

| <u>Memorial</u> | <u>Title</u> | <u>Reference</u> |
|-----------------|--|---|
| 2006–06–04 | To Amend or Repeal 2004 Resolution 3–06A | --Synodical Convention Resolution 3 - 06A |
| 2006–06--05 | To Repeal 2004 Resolution 3–08A | -- Synodical Convention Resolution 3 - 08 A |
| 2006–06–07 | To Affirm that a Regular, not Temporary Divine Call is Necessary to Administer Word and Sacraments | --Synodical Resolution 3 - 05 B, 2004 Synodical Convention --Kansas District Resolution 97 - 04 - 03 |

It was moved and seconded to refer Memorial 2006 – 06 – 04 back to the Committee for further consideration.

ACTION: DEFEATED

RESOLUTION ACTION: ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 2006 -06 - 10 – Omnibus “C” To Decline Certain Overtures

WHEREAS, the floor committee has considered all memorials assigned to it and has concluded, for various reasons, that certain memorials should be declined; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the following memorials be respectfully declined for the reasons given:

| <u>Memorial</u> | <u>Title</u> | <u>Reference</u> |
|-----------------|---|---|
| 2006–06–06 | To Encourage the Kansas District President to Serve as a Part-Time Pastor in a Congregation | --District Convention 1966 Overture #2 --1967 Synodical Convention //Studied --1968 District Convention approved Synodical guidelines |
| 2006–06–08 | To Overrule CCM Opinion 02–2309 | --CCM action already handled through proper channel |

ACTION: ADOPTED

The work of the Administration Floor Committee was concluded and they were dismissed with thanks.

In special business, the “Healthy You” Award was given to Rev. Galen Burrows.

Delegates were reminded of the ABLAZE Convocation, Oct. 12 – 14, Wichita, to be held in conjunction with the Professional Church Workers Conference.

The Closing Convention Worship was led by Rev. David Meier, Second Vice President. During the worship, Synodical Representative, Rev. Dr. Maier, installed President Kohlmeier, who in turn installed all those elected at this Convention.

The Credentials Floor Committee announced the final count:

- 130 Voting Lay delegates
- 103 Voting Pastoral delegates
- 28 Commissioned Workers
- 21 Advisory
- 39 Guests

The Convention was adjourned “In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.”

+ **SOLO DEO GLORIA** +

Respectfully Submitted,

Rev. Robert C. Schaedel
Secretary, Kansas District