



# STRATEGIC DIRECTION

2018–2021 Triennium

*The MISSION of the LCMS Kansas District is to support and encourage members of the District in carrying out the mission Christ has given His Church.*

## AIMS

## OBJECTIVES

## CONVENTION RESOLUTIONS

## RELATED PRIORITIES



WITNESSING FAITHFULLY

1. All LCMS Kansans—laypeople and called workers alike—grow in ability to witness and zeal for the faith.
2. Congregations become more outreach-minded.
3. All grow in knowledge of Scripture and the Confessions.
4. We strengthen our sense of Lutheran identity.

- Use of *re:Vitality* and *Every One His Witness*
- Mission work in Kansas and West Africa
- Church planting
- Home catechesis
- Use of CPH religion curriculum in schools
- Colloquy for non-rostered teachers
- Congregational Christian education across the lifespan
- Life advocacy

- “Joy:fully Lutheran” (Synod convention)
- Reformation 500 (continue the anniversary)



FOSTERING UNITY

1. We recognize and reinforce the **unity** given to all Christians in their Baptism.
2. We work to strengthen the **concord** we voluntarily agree to as members of LCMS congregations.
3. We strive for kindness and the common good—i.e., **harmony**—in our interactions with one another.

- Koinonia Project
  - 2018 Pastors Conference
  - Koinonia Task Force
  - Broader involvement (commissioned workers and laypeople)

- Networks of congregations and workers
- Communication (transparency; community building)
- Stronger ties with the Synod
- President’s Council (encourage unity)
  - Fall Pastors Conference
  - Pre-Lent Retreat
- Congregational partnerships



HELPING MINISTRIES THRIVE

1. We provide strong support to the ministers serving the ministries.
2. We retain what’s working well and improve elsewhere.
3. We carry out our mission with excellence.

- Visitation
- Church worker care (e.g., strengthening marriage; new worker support; reducing worker debt)
- Use of District and Synod stewardship resources
- Resources for small, struggling, and isolated churches
- Older adult ministry opportunities
- Use of the Kansas District Retreat Center
- Ministry to those struggling with mental illness
- Planned giving support
- Compensation planning

- Call process
- Conflict resolution
- Mercy work (disaster response)
- Youth ministry
- Administration of District resources