



74th LCMS Kansas District Convention June 9–10, 2022 | Capitol Plaza Hotel Topeka

UPDATED GENERAL INFORMATION

May 3, 2021

Dear Members of the Kansas District,

In February, we learned that LCMS congregations voted to delay the Synod Convention by a year, which meant a delay for our own convention. **The District Convention will now be held June 9–10, 2022** at the Capitol Plaza Hotel and Convention Center in Topeka, Kansas. We're looking forward to gathering next June under our convention theme—**Proclaim, Teach, Share**—which is based on 1 Peter 2:9-10:

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for His own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

In this document you'll find **UPDATED INFORMATION** regarding various steps in the convention preparation process, with a special focus on the **reissued Call for Nominations**, which is included in this mailing. We've also included something new (for congregations): a **"Status Sheet" (gray form)** that summarizes your congregation's actions to this point.

If you have convention-related questions, please visit our [convention webpage](https://kslcms.org) at kslcms.org, use the special convention email KSDconvention@gmail.com, or call the District Office at 785-357-4441.

NEW CONVENTION TIMELINE

February 16, 2021	The Kansas District Convention is moved from June 2021 to June 2022 in response to a vote to delay the Synod Convention by a year.
May 3, 2021	Congregations and rostered workers receive updated procedural information, including a Call for Nominations with an extended deadline.
Fall 2021	Optional circuit forums may be held to discuss possible convention overtures. (Nominations and elections of circuit visitors was completed in the fall of 2020.)
November 30, 2021	All nomination forms and delegate forms are due to the District Secretary. Timely submission will facilitate nominee acceptance and floor committee selection.
February 1, 2022	Nominee acceptance and biography/profile forms are due to the District Secretary, who will then prepare the voting slate for the convention workbook. Workbook reports from circuit visitors are due to the District Office.
February 18, 2022	Overtures are due to the District Office. After review by the District President, they will be assigned to floor committees and included in the convention workbook.
March 18, 2022	The convention workbook is completed and posted online.
April 1–2, 2022	Floor committees meet to discuss assigned overtures.
May 24, 2022	A workbook addendum with convention resolutions is available online.
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HIGH PRIORITY ITEMS

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS | Deadline November 30, 2021

Included in this mailing is a reissued **Call for Nominations** and **nomination forms** for elected office. Please see this document for details about positions to be filled and how to submit nominations.

All previously submitted nominations will be honored; please see the enclosed gray Status Sheet for a summary. If circumstances have changed with one or more of your nominees, you may submit a new nomination, which will effectively cancel and replace the original. If you have not yet submitted nominations, you are invited to do so using the nomination forms included in this packet, which are also available on the convention webpage at kslcms.org. **Nominations must be submitted by November 30, 2021.**

DELEGATE REPORTING FORMS | Preferred submission deadline November 30, 2021

Please check the gray Status Sheet for a summary of your delegate information. If you have not yet submitted delegate names or need to make a change, complete the appropriate delegate reporting forms (enclosed) and send them to the District Office by November 30.

Notes on delegate forms:

- **Voting delegates:** As noted in the Kansas District Handbook (Article V), “Each congregation of the District (a multiple parish being considered as a congregational unit) shall be represented by one pastor and one lay delegate duly elected by the congregation at least one hundred and fifty (150) days prior to the Convention” (which in our case is January 10, 2022). Please use the single **GREEN** delegate form to report both your pastor and lay delegates. This form needs to be signed by congregational officers.
- **Lay advisory delegates:** If you are part of a multi-congregation parish, look for a letter in this mailing explaining your right to select lay advisory delegates from congregations not sending the voting lay delegate (see LCMS Article XII.10). Use the **PURPLE** delegate form for this purpose (signatures of congregational officers required).
- **Rostered advisory delegates:** As members of the District, rostered workers are expected to serve as convention delegates. Workers who are not serving as voting delegates serve as advisory delegates, entitled to voice in the convention and both voice and vote if appointed to a floor committee (see LCMS Bylaw 4.2.3). Rostered workers serving as advisory delegates are asked to submit the **TAN** delegate form (no officer signatures required).

Additional notes:

- Lay voting delegates may be appointed to serve on a convention floor committee next spring. **Delegates should keep April 1–2, 2022 open for possible service on a floor committee.**
- We **STRONGLY ENCOURAGE** timely submission of delegate reporting forms. The earlier we have delegate names, the easier it is to complete pre-convention tasks, including floor committee selection.

“DOWN THE ROAD” ITEMS

NOMINEE ACCEPTANCE AND BIOGRAPHY/PROFILE

The Kansas District Nominations Committee will send eligible nominees an acceptance and biography form after the nomination period closes. This information is used to prepare the convention workbook and the voting slates for the convention. It is important that all nomination forms are submitted in a timely manner to facilitate collection of acceptance and biography/profile information from each nominee.

DISTRICT REPORTS

All officers of the District (President, Vice-Presidents, Circuit Visitors) and service boards of the Board of Directors are to submit a written report on the last triennium. These reports are included in the convention workbook. **Those who need to complete a report will be notified by email well in advance of the deadline** and given a guide to follow. All reports are to be returned to the District Office by the deadline specified in the report guidelines (January 15 for boards; February 1 for officers).

OVERTURES

Congregations have the privilege of submitting overtures (proposed resolutions) to the convention, as do official conferences of circuits and the District. **Overtures are due to the District Office by February 18, 2022** in an editable format. Please use the template provided on the convention webpage to submit overtures. Overtures are a very important part of convention business, providing a helpful indicator of what floor committees are needed and how our time is structured during the convention.

We appreciate your continued patience and goodwill as we work through these unusual circumstances. If you have *any* questions, please don't hesitate to communicate with District staff via their emails, the [convention email](#), or by phone at 785-357-4441. Please visit the [convention webpage](#) at kslcms.org for updates and digital copies of this document and all forms.

Respectfully yours in Christ,

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ENCLOSURES	Congregations	Multi-Congregation Parishes	Rostered Workers
Convention Status Sheet (gray)	✓	✓	
Call for Nominations	✓	✓	✓
Nominating Form for District President, District Vice-President, Regional Layperson—District Board of Directors (blue)	✓	✓	
Nominating Form for Other Positions (white)	✓	✓	✓
List of Kansas District Congregations, Rostered Workers, Circuits, and Regions	✓	✓	✓
List of Incumbents	✓	✓	✓
Multi-Congregation Parish Letter		✓	
Voting Delegate Form (green)	✓	✓	
Rostered Advisory Delegate Form (tan)			✓
Lay Advisory Delegate Form (purple)		✓	