



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

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## **Kansas District Board of Directors**

**October 29, 2021**

President:	Rev. Justin Panzer
Vice-Presidents:	Rev. Dr. Mark Schulz, Vice-President, Region 1 Rev. Alan Stahlecker, Vice-President, Region 2 (via Zoom) Rev. Scott Snow, Vice-President, Region 3 Rev. Rick Rostek, Vice-President, Region 4
Secretary:	Rev. Robert Grimm
Circuit Visitor Chair:	Rev. Paul Tessaro
Commissioned Ministers:	Mr. Rick Hanebutt Mrs. Sue Kleber Mr. Jeremy Pera
Laity:	Mr. David Bruns Mr. Curt Engelbrecht Mr. David Meisinger Mr. Marvin Schulteis Mr. Dan Thalmann Mr. Mark Wolters
Lead Staff:	Mr. Jim Bradshaw, Assistant to the President for Education and Youth Dr. Kris Bruss, Communications Specialist Mrs. Heather Williams, Business Manager Mr. Jeff Maltz, LCEF Vice-President
Guests:	Rev. Peter Lange, First Vice-president of LCMS Rev. Benjamin Ball, LCMS VP, Central Region
Excused:	Dr. Bruce Schultz Rev. Dan Galchutt, Assistant to the President for Missions and Stewardship Mr. Thad Sullivan, Treasurer

Presiding Chair David Bruns called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m.

Devotions were led by Rev. Ben Ball, Pastor of St. Paul Lutheran of Hamel, IL (LCMS Central Region VP).

Minutes of the July meeting were approved as printed.

### **Approval of Consent Agenda**

#### **Resolution 21D-01-01 – Acknowledgement of Quarterly Gifts**

Undesignated/Unrestricted	\$94,838.93
KansaSEED Deaf Ministry	\$250.00
New Ministries	\$3,526.65

Education Endowment	\$10,579.97
Koinonia	\$27.30
Hearts for Jesus	\$377.65
Church Worker Care	\$325.00
Pastors Conference Gift	\$25.00
Reformation	\$20.00
<u>West Africa Missions</u>	<u>\$93,557.75</u>
Total	\$203,528.25

**Resolution 21D-01-02 – 2022 Housing Allowance Designation**

Resolved, that the LCMS Kansas District Board of Directors establish the staff housing allowances for 2022 for Rev. Justin Panzer, Mr. James Bradshaw, and Rev. Daniel Galchutt.

**Resolution 21D-01-03 – 2022 Auditor Appointment**

Resolved, that the LCMS Kansas District Board of Directors appoint the LCMS auditors for 2022.

**Resolution 21D-05-02 – Ash Wednesday Offering Designation for 2022**

Whereas, there is need for identifying sources of funding for Scholarship Grants to students pursuing degrees in professional church work at LCMS universities and seminaries; and

Whereas, there is also need for identifying sources of funding for grants to church workers in the Kansas District who have education loan indebtedness; therefore, be it Resolved, that the proceeds of the 2022 Ash Wednesday Offering be allocated 25 percent to the Kansas District Scholarship Fund and 75 percent to the Kansas District Education Loan Repayment Fund.

**Resolution 21D-06-02 – Hope Lutheran Church, Shawnee**

Resolved, that the LCMS Kansas District Board of Directors approve the Hope Lutheran Church, Shawnee Constitution and Bylaws.

**Resolution 21D-06-03 – District Operations Manual: Social Media Policy**

Resolved, that the Kansas District Board of Directors adopt the Social Media Policy.

**Approval of District President’s Appointment to the Kansas District Youth Ministry Committee (DYMC)**

Resolved to approve Rev. Michael Hofmann (Chair – Assoc. Pastor of St. Paul, Clay Center)

**Action: The Consent Agenda was unanimously approved.**

Rev. Peter Lange and Rev. Ben Ball reported to the board as Synod visitors. They presented and highlighted the LCMS District Visitation Book. It is available online for anyone to read. See: <https://www.lcms.org/about/leadership/president/district-visitation>.

Rev. Panzer presented his report.

Rev. Panzer presented the report on behalf of Rev. Dan Galchutt, Assistant to the President for Missions and Stewardship, as Rev. Galchutt could not attend.

Chairman Dan Thalmann referred to the Board of Stewardship written report and shared items of the ongoing work of the Board of Stewardship.

Chairman Marvin Schulteis highlighted the Board of Missions written report. He asked Kris Bruss to explain how Synod resolution 4-04A (Synod's Mission and Ministry Emphases) is being implemented in Kansas. He shared a list of mission grant requests received, and noted that they are divided into three areas: convention priorities; campus ministries; and congregational mission projects.

Jim Bradshaw, Assistant to the President for Education and Youth, presented his report.

Mark Wolters reported for the Board of Education and Youth. The board had considered nine overtures and passed some along to other boards, all for consideration in January. He also noted an enrollment increase of 4% at our Kansas Lutheran schools.

Chairman Rick Hanebutt reported for the Board of Caring Ministry, noting how the "Shine" program was undertaken in Missouri, and how they discussed how such a program may be able to share the Gospel by our deeds through similar service projects in Kansas.

Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF) Vice President Jeff Maltz presented his report to the Board of Directors.

We recessed for lunch.

Communications Specialist Kris Bruss presented her report.

Business Manager Heather Williams shared her report.

Chairman Dave Bruns reported for the Board of Administration

The District Treasurer's report was prepared by Thad Sullivan and presented to the board by Business Manager Heather Williams for questions and answers.

Rev. Robert Grimm, District Secretary, presented a verbal report on activities on behalf of the Executive Committee, Constitution Committee and District Operations Manual Committee, whose works are included in the consent agenda.

President Panzer reported on possibilities for an office tenant, without any clear plans for tenancy at this time.

We continued with new business.

**Resolution 21D-04-01 – To Board Designate Unspent Funds for Kansas City Area Church Planting**

Resolved, that unspent 2021 mission grant funds earmarked for Kansas City area church planting be added to the board-designated fund “Kansas City Area Church Planting.”

**Action: Adopted**

**Resolution 21D-04-02 – To Board Designate Unspent Funds for Kansas City Hispanic Ministry**

Resolved, that unspent 2021 mission grant funds earmarked for Kansas City Hispanic Ministry be moved to a new board-designated fund called “Kansas City Area Hispanic Ministry.”

**Action: Adopted**

**Resolution 21D-05-01 – 2022 Budget Adoption**

Resolved, that the 2022 budget, as presented, be approved by the Board of Directors.

**Action: Adopted**

**Resolution 21D-06-01 – Approve Request of Christ, Elkhart to join the LCMS Oklahoma District**

Resolved, that the Kansas District Board of Directors approve the request of Christ, Elkhart to join the LCMS Oklahoma District.

**Action: Adopted**

**Resolution 21D-00-01 Designate funds to T.I.G. Garden City and St. Andrews, Wichita**

It was moved and seconded to board designate current mission funds to fund 2022 mission grants for T.I.G Ministry at Garden City, and re: Vitality at St. Andrews, Wichita.

**Action: Adopted**

Announcements

Future BOD Meetings (Hybrid model; Friday in-person meeting dates): February 3-4, 2022;

May 5-6, 2022 (BOD dinner on Thursday evening)

KSD Convention: June 9-10, 2022

Devotions Next Time: Bruce Schultz, Rev. Scott Snow

The board adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Closing prayer was led by Rev. President Justin Panzer.

Respectfully,

Rev. Robert W. Grimm, secretary

*For more details about this meeting, check the corresponding Board Report Summaries, which are located on the Board of Directors page of the District website. (Link also available on the homepage.)*