



Kansas District Convention

June 5-6, 2025 | Tony's Pizza Event Center, Salina

May 13, 2024

Dear Brothers in Christ,

Our congregations and circuits will soon be meeting to elect voting delegates, including one pastor and one lay delegate for each congregation or multi-congregation parish, for the 2025 Kansas District Convention. I'm writing today to clarify what the Synod says regarding voting and advisory delegates for multi-congregation parishes.

Article V of the 2022 Kansas District Bylaws addresses information with which you're likely already familiar (with relevant details underlined):

5.1.2 ... Each of the parishes/congregations of the District (a multi-congregation parish being considered as a congregational unit) shall be represented by one (1) pastor and one (1) lay delegate duly elected by the congregation at least one hundred fifty (150) days prior to the Convention. Congregations of a multi-congregation parish not contributing a lay voter may send an advisory lay delegate, with voice but no vote, according to the Synod Bylaws.

5.1.3 The vote at all District Conventions shall be restricted to the duly elected and certified voting pastors and lay delegates of the congregations. Multi-congregation parishes shall determine the voting lay delegate who shall represent all congregations of that parish. If a congregation or parish has more than one called pastor who is eligible to vote, the congregation shall designate which pastor will cast a vote on behalf of the congregation.

In short, all congregations in a multi-congregation parish may now be represented by a delegate at meetings of the District, including Circuit Forums and the District Convention. If a congregation in a multi-congregation parish has not contributed the voting lay delegate, it may elect an advisory delegate, with voice but no vote.

We ask that you discuss with the other congregation(s) in your multi-congregation parish who will be sending a voting lay delegate, and who will be sending an advisory lay delegate. Multi-parish agreements usually spell this out, with congregations alternating between trienniums. If you have questions about this delegate procedure, you may contact President Panzer or me for more information.

All convention delegates for your multi-congregation parish, including voting and advisory delegates, should be reported on the Delegate Reporting Form available on the Convention website at ksdconvention@kslcms.org. There are **separate** forms for voting and advisory delegates.

Respectfully Yours in Christ,
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