

# MINUTES OF THE CONVENTION

## Opening Worship Service July 14, 2007

### *Saturday Opening Worship Service*

The opening worship service of the 63rd Regular Convention of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod was hosted by Trinity Lutheran Church of downtown Houston, Texas. The Rev. Michael Dorn, Senior Pastor, presided over the service, held in the convention auditorium of the George R. Brown Convention Center in Houston. The officers of the Synod, district presidents, and area pastors participated in the distribution of the Sacrament.

The Rev. Dr. Gerald B. Kieschnick, President of the Synod, preached the sermon. Basing his message on 1 John 4:9–11, he spoke of the “One Message—*Christ! His Love Is Here for You!*” relating recent personal travel experiences to emphasize that as Christians we always have something to say to the people that God brings us into contact with in our daily lives, especially when they need a message of hope because of hardship in their lives. Whether for the cab driver who has just lost a loved one or a young mother on her way to military duty in Iraq, that message is “*Christ! His Love Is Here for You!*”

## Session 1

July 15, 2007

### *Opening Worship*

The Sunday morning Service of Prayer was developed and led by Rev. Philip Esala of Kettering, Ohio, and Rev. Walter Waiser of Hurst, Texas. The service featured Scripture readings (Eph. 6:10–12; John 12:27–28; Rom. 12:9–12; Acts 4:13; John 17:20–23) followed by brief meditations, opportunities for silent prayers, and hymns.

Following the service, President Kieschnick called the assembly to order and introduced the people on the podium before inviting the assembly to sing the hymn “Hark, the Voice of Jesus Crying.” He then called on the chairman of Floor Committee 9, Registration, Credentials, and Elections, Rev. Larry Harvala, President of the North Dakota District, to provide a brief introduction to the use of the electronic voting keypads for early decisions to be made.

### *Initial Registration Report*

Chairman Harvala then provided his committee’s initial registration report:

Total voting delegates	1,227
Total advisory delegates	316
Advisory district presidents	34
Ad hoc committee members	3
Former officers	2
Invited guests	2
Total registration	1,584

The committee introduced a motion to approve the report of the Registration, Credentials, and Elections Committee. In discussion that followed regarding the Report of the Convention Delegate Review Committee (*TB*, pp. 22–24),



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the President responded to questions regarding the resolution of the delegate exceptions issue. He called on Rev. C. William Hoesman, President of the Michigan District and chairman of the Convention Delegate Review Committee, to summarize the committee’s report. In the absence of further discussion, the motion to approve the registration report was adopted (Yes: 1,061; No: 123). The chair announced that the necessary quorum was present for the business of the convention to proceed.

### *Call to Order*

Dr. Martin Noland, Executive Director of Concordia Historical Institute, was introduced for the presentation of the Synod’s historic gavel, first used in 1911 by former President F. Pfotenhauer, made of wood from the log cabin where the Saxons first debated the formation of the Synod. After noting the carvings of the likeness of Luther and Walther on the gavel, the President proceeded to call the convention to order “in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.”

### *Special Standing Rules*

The President then introduced the Board of Directors, the Commission on Constitutional Matters, the Council of Presidents, and the presidents of the Synod’s seminaries before calling the convention’s attention to the proposed Special Standing Rules (*TB*, pp. 10–12). He explained that Rule 7, if adopted, is planned to be used only for Res. 8-01. A motion was introduced to adopt the Special Standing Rules as proposed. After explanation regarding the use of microphones, an amendment was introduced to amend

Rule 14 to replace the words “prior to its being” in the final sentence with the words “immediately after it is.” After discussion, the motion to amend Rule 14 was adopted (Yes: 1,108; No: 88).

As discussion of the proposed Special Standing Rules continued, a motion was introduced to amend Rule 23 to change the required two-thirds vote to a one-third vote in its first sentence. After discussion, the motion to amend Rule 23 carried (Yes: 775; No: 418). A motion was then introduced to amend Rule 7 by adding the sentence “Any speaking in favor of the motion done by the floor committee will be considered pro speaking and will be followed by a con speaker” prior to the final sentence of the second-last paragraph. After discussion, a motion to end debate on the motion to amend and the main motion failed (Yes: 737; No: 464). After further discussion, the motion to amend Rule 7 was carried (Yes: 693; No: 503).

As discussion of the Special Standing Rules continued, a motion was introduced to change Rule 26 to Rule 27 and to add a new Rule 26 “to allow each candidate for President up to 10 minutes to speak to the convention in assembly sometime prior to the first ballot for President.” The chair asked the Commission on Constitutional Matters whether this motion would violate the Bylaws of the Synod. A member of the commission responded by reading the commission’s Opinion 04-2396:

The proposed resolution would require the addition of a particular election procedure for the office of President that differs from the general procedures currently contained in the Bylaws. The current procedures include Bylaw 3.961 e [2004 *Handbook* Bylaw 3.12.1.2] which describe the current synodical practice for disseminating biographical and other information from the candidates for president, and under the current Bylaw 3.25 [3.1.9 (i)], the President establishes the agenda, and the convention is held pursuant to parliamentary procedure. As an amendment of the Bylaws, the resolution as currently drafted is not consistent with Bylaw 14.01 1 e [7.1.1 (b)], in that it does not identify itself as an amendment to the Bylaws, and has also not been presented to a convention floor committee for their consideration. In addition, it would not comply with Bylaw 14.01 1 e [7.1.1 (d)] in that it was not presented to the Commission on Constitutional Matters prior to the presentation to the convention to assure that it is not in conflict with the Constitution and Bylaws of the Synod. Upon request of a member, the commission is prepared to more comprehensively review this proposed resolution to assure itself and the convention that no other unintended conflicts with the current Constitution and Bylaws exist.

The chair ruled the preceding motion out of order. When the ruling of the chair was appealed, the parliamentarian advised that even if the chair were overruled, the motion would be in violation of the Bylaws. The chair’s ruling was sustained [Yes: 836; No: 349]. This was followed by the introduction of a motion to delete Rule 24. After discussion, a motion to end debate on the motion to delete Rule 24 was carried [Yes: 1,085; No: 101] and the motion was then defeated [Yes: 432; No: 760].

A motion was introduced to cease debate on the motion to adopt the Special Standing Rules. Debate was ended [Yes: 1,025; No: 176], and the motion to adopt the Special Standing Rules (as amended) was carried [Yes: 1,079; No: 115]. The Secretary stated that the amended standing

rules would be printed in *Today’s Business*.

#### *Convention Agenda*

The President called attention to the proposed agenda for the convention. A motion to adopt the agenda was carried [Yes: 1,144; No: 32], and the chair obtained the agreement of the convention to proceed with the first of the convention’s Bible studies [Yes: 1,084; No: 47].

#### *Bible Study 1*

President Kieschnick called on Dr. Dean Wenthe, President of Concordia Theological Seminary, to introduce the Bible study leader, First Vice-President William Diekelman. His study centered around John chapter 3, the story of Nicodemus, and specifically the word “so” in verse 16, to be defined “in this manner, in this way,” used here to call attention to the extent of God’s willingness to have this world with Him eternally. After his presentation, Dr. Diekelman invited the delegates to divide into groups of four to discuss opportunities to speak to those who do not attend a Christian church and what their congregations are doing to make known the love of Christ.

#### *President’s Report, Part III*

In this third part of his report, President Kieschnick quoted extensively from a convention address by former President J. W. Behnken in 1941, noting the similarities and differences of the world he described compared to today and the appropriateness of his words for our world today (the entire Part III of the President’s Report is printed elsewhere in the *Convention Proceedings*). He also addressed current subjects such as confession subscription, process of dissent, doctrinal solidarity, and particular issues facing our Synod today (close Communion, church and ministry, service of women, worship, dispute resolution, and inter-Christian relationships), looking forward to ministry in a country and culture vastly different from the Synod’s early days. He spoke of moving ahead into the future with courage and wisdom, boldness and resolve, with the one message: “*Christ! His Love Is Here for You!*”

#### *Special Greetings and Reports*

After calling upon the chairman of Floor Committee 9 for a further demonstration of the voting system for use in the elections process, he introduced a video of U. S. President George W. Bush bringing greetings and encouragement to the Synod. He also called on Texas District President Kenneth Hennings for words of welcome, before introducing Rev. Robert Roegner, Executive Director of the Board for Mission Services, and its chairman, Butch Almstedt, who provided a brief report of the *Ablaze!* movement.

Veteran LCMS missionaries with service totaling 173 years were introduced to the assembly: Robert and Arleen Christian, Walt and Helena DeMoss, Thomas and Adrienne Goig, Robert and Lynne Holst, Gerhard and Betty Kempff, Glenn and Sandra O’Shoney, Rodney and Velma Rynearson, Vernon and Belva Schindler, and David and Darlene Schneider. The President thanked them for the great example, service, and encouragement they have provided to the Synod.

*Committee 1: Missions*

Rev. Robert Newton, President of the California-Nevada-Hawaii District and chairman of Floor Committee 1, introduced the business of the committee. He then introduced Res. 1-01A, "To Support Revitalization of LCMS Congregations" (*TB*, p. 179) and moved its adoption on behalf of the committee. After discussion, a suggestion to amend the third *Whereas* paragraph by adding the words "and renewing its members in order that they" after the word "disciples" in place of the word "who" was agreed to by the committee. After further discussion, a motion was introduced to cease debate on Res. 1-01A. Debate was ended [Yes: 1,048; No: 89] and the resolution was adopted [Yes: 929; No: 199].

The Orders of the Day calling for noon recess, the assembly was excused with the announcement that the current total for the special convention offering was \$391,719.

**Session 2****July 15, 2007***Call to Gather and Opening Devotion*

President Gerald Kieschnick called the session to order and called on Dr. Dale Meyer, President of Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, to introduce the devotion leader, Dr. Robert Roegner. In his meditation, Dr. Roegner recalled the story of Jonah and Jonah's reluctance to go to Nineveh because he knew the heart of God and didn't want Nineveh to repent. Today the message of God's love is even more clear, as in John 3:16, favorite passage of many, to be shared with all people, even the least deserving in our way of thinking. This is what *Ablaze!* means, simply to share the Good News, making God's mission our mission.

*Election of President*

After introducing the slate of candidates for the office of President of the Synod, a motion to ratify the slate for President was carried [Yes: 1,196; No: 10]. Convention chaplain Dale Meyer was asked to lead the assembly in prayer.

Floor Committee 9 Chairman Larry Harvala provided the latest registration report:

Voting delegates	1,238
Advisory delegates	320
Advisory district presidents	34
Ad hoc committee members	3
Former officers	2
Invited guests	5
Total	1,602

After the election process was explained, the results of the first ballot were as follows:

William Diekelman	23
Gerald Kieschnick	644
Daniel Preus	23
Wallace Schulz	27
John Wohlrabe, Jr.	514

Gerald Kieschnick was declared elected. He shared the words of Phil. 1:3–5 and spoke of the blessings he has received by the grace of God, including his election to the Of-

fice of President for the third time. He spoke of lessons learned—at times from criticism received, thanked God for the daily assurance of forgiveness, and spoke of the opportunities facing the Synod in years to come. He also called attention to the service provided by the Council of Presidents, offering a special word of appreciation to Dr. Robert King for 21 years of service as a vice-president of the Synod. He also gave recognition to his family members present, saving a special word of thanks and recognition for his wife, Terry, noting her involvements as the "first lady of the LCMS."

*Election of First Vice-President*

After the slate of candidates for First Vice-President was introduced, a motion to ratify the slate was carried [Yes: 1,209; No: 9]. The President called on convention chaplain Dean Wenthe to lead the assembly in prayer.

The results of the first ballot for First Vice-President were as follows:

William Diekelman	590
Charles Mueller, Jr.	9
Daniel Preus	95
Wallace Schulz	102
John Wohlrabe, Jr.	424

After the name of Charles Mueller was removed from consideration upon receiving the fewest votes, the results of the second ballot for First Vice-President were as follows:

William Diekelman	614
Daniel Preus	16
Wallace Schulz	22
John Wohlrabe, Jr.	582

After the name of Daniel Preus was removed from consideration, the results of the third ballot for First Vice-President were as follows:

William Diekelman	623
Wallace Schulz	11
John Wohlrabe, Jr.	600

William Diekelman was declared elected as First Vice-President of the Synod.

After the slate of 20 candidates for vice-presidents two through five was introduced, a motion to ratify the slate as presented was carried [Yes: 1,203; No: 12]. After convention chaplain Dale Meyer led the assembly in prayer, Committee 9 Chairman Larry Harvala explained the voting process to be used upon preparation of the ballot.

*Committee 5: Seminary and University Education*

Committee 5 Chairman Jon Diefenthaler, President of the Southeastern District, after introducing the business to be brought before the convention by his committee, introduced Res. 5-06, "To Clarify Membership on the Board for Pastoral Education and the Board for University Education" (*TB*, pp. 104–105), for consideration by the assembly. He called attention to two changes to the resolution by the committee: (1) Immediately after the new wording proposed for Bylaw 3.8.2.1 ending with the word "Education," the committee added the words "as a voting member." (2) Similarly, after the new wording proposed for Bylaw 3.8.3.2 ending with the word "Education," the committee added the

words “as a voting member.” After discussion, the committee also added the words “at least” prior to the words “two shall be parish pastors” in the requirement for three ordained ministers under “voting members.” After a motion successfully terminated debate [Yes: 1,120; No: 72], Res. 5-06 was adopted [Yes: 1,123; No: 78].

Res. 5-05, “To Encourage Commitment to Continuing Education for Clergy” (*TB*, p. 104), was then introduced by the committee. During the discussion that followed, a suggested motion to make the necessary changes to apply the resolution to all church workers was followed by a suggestion from the chair that the committee, if it should wish to do so, should bring a separate resolution for that purpose. A motion to terminate debate was carried [Yes: 1,122; No: 68], and Res. 5-05 was adopted [Yes: 1,084; No: 132].

The committee also introduced Res. 5-08, “To Clarify Responsibility of Board for Pastoral Education re Recognized Service Organizations” (*TB*, 106–107), and provided explanation. The resolution was adopted without debate [Yes: 1,108; No: 97].

#### *Election of Vice-Presidents Two through Five*

The slate of 20 candidates for the offices of vice-presidents two through five was again presented to the assembly. The result of the first ballot was as follows:

David Adams	280
Wally Arp	42
Edward Balfour	39
David Buegler	459
Bryant Clancy	81
Eloy Gonzalez	265
Matthew Harrison	221
Glenn Huebel	55
Paul Maier	675
Elder McCants	158
Charles Mueller, Jr.	273
Herbert Mueller, Jr.	62
Scott Murray	185
Dean Nadasdy	541
Clint Poppe	32
Daniel Preus	281
Lawrence Rast	90
Wallace Schulz	395
Dean Wenthe	152
John Wohlrabe, Jr.	561

Paul Maier was declared elected second vice-president. After six names were retained according to the requirements of Bylaw 3.12.1.6, the following were the results of the second ballot:

David Adams	515
David Buegler	593
Dean Nadasdy	666
Daniel Preus	528
Wallace Schulz	563
John Wohlrabe, Jr.	685

John Wohlrabe, Jr. was declared elected third vice-president, Dean Nadasdy fourth vice-president, and David Buegler fifth vice-president.

#### *Reports*

Dr. L. Dean Hempelmann, Executive Director of the Board for Pastoral Education, provided a brief report and video of the “What A Way” initiative, also describing the many resources available to assist in efforts to encourage young people to become full-time church workers.

Dr. Ray Halm, Director of CUENet, briefly described the continued success of this teacher colloquy program, introducing the 1,000th teacher to complete the course of study, Dr. Mary Beth Gaertner. Heather Stuve, director of the colloquy program, reminded the convention that while progress has been made, the Synod has a long way to go toward its goal of rostering all teachers in its parochial schools.

#### *Committee 4: Program and Finance*

Committee 4 Chairman Keith Kohlmeier, President of the Kansas District, initiated consideration of Res. 4-13, “To Give Thanks and Praise to God for LCMS Foundation’s 50 Years of Service” (*TB*, p. 91), by introducing Rev. Tom Ries, President of the LCMS Foundation, who spoke of the foundation’s success in helping with estate planning over the 50 years of its existence as a ministry of the Synod. After Res. 4-13 was read and introduced for action, it was adopted without further discussion [Yes: 1,027; No: 41].

The chairman of the LCMS Foundation’s Board of Trustees, Rev. George Black emphasized that the LCMS Foundation is not about money but about saving souls, and about emphasizing stewardship education according to sound biblical principles. To mark the LCMS Foundation’s 50th anniversary, he presented a check of \$50,000 to the President of the Synod for the purpose of establishing a special foundation to promote stewardship education. As he presented the check, he made the following statement:

In pursuing its mission, the Foundation teaches and practices sound principles of biblical stewardship. Stewardship education is of paramount importance to individual Christians who seek to live out lives of faithful service and witness to Jesus Christ. Therefore, Mr. Chairman, the Foundation Board of Trustees, on behalf of the members of the Foundation, hereby presents a gift of \$50,000 to The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod to establish a permanent, Synod-owned endowment to help fund stewardship education in the Church and assure that there will continue to be gifts for today, tomorrow, and forever for the work of the Church.

#### *Committee 10: Nominations*

Committee 10 Chairman John Brunner, President of the Eastern District, called attention to Special Standing Rule 25 and noted how the nominations process will continue to proceed. After President Kieschnick briefly described the composition of the Committee for Convention Nominations and the process it used to develop the slates to be presented to the convention, the committee chairman introduced the slate for the office of Secretary.

When the chair asked if there was an interest in offering further nominations, a motion to accept nominations from the floor was introduced and carried [Yes: 588; No: 581]. A motion was introduced to nominate Rev. Larry Harvala for the office of Secretary. When the committee chairman reported that Rev. Harvala’s name was not in the pool of

names originally nominated, the chair ruled that the current motion would satisfy the bylaw requirement for a motion to approve such nominations. The motion failed [Yes: 527; No: 656] and there were no further nominations.

The slate for the office of Vice-President–Finance–Treasurer was introduced. No motion to accept nominations from the floor was offered.

The slate for the Board of Directors of the Synod was introduced. A motion was introduced “that prior to any vote on any individual floor nominee for any board or commission, the convention delegates be told whether or not the floor nominee either was a plaintiff in the Anderson lawsuit or was party to the Motion to Intervene on the part of four members of the Board of Directors.” The chair ruled that the motion was in order and was not amendable or debatable. The motion was adopted [Yes: 626; No: 544]. A motion to allow further nominations for the Board of Directors of the Synod was introduced and carried [Yes: 650; No: 529]. The chair explained that since the entire board is an officer of the Synod, all categories would be considered at the same time.

A motion was introduced to nominate Rev. William F. Meyer from the Missouri District. After discussion, the motion failed [Yes: 341; No: 835]. A question was raised regarding the propriety of the earlier motion that delegates be told of involvements in the Anderson lawsuit in light of the Commission on Constitutional Matters opinion read earlier. The commission was asked to provide a response.

A motion was introduced to nominate Mark Stern from the Northern Illinois District. It was noted that there already was a candidate on the slate from the same district, this to satisfy the requirement of Bylaw 3.12.3.7 (b) that such information be provided. A question arose regarding the process to be used to elect the members of the Board of Directors. The chair asked the Commission on Constitutional Matters to consult with the Elections Committee to make a recommendation to the convention in this regard. The chairman of the Elections Committee proposed that the ordained members of the board be elected first, then the commissioned member, followed by the lay members. When attention returned to the motion to add the name of Mark Stern to the slate of candidates, the motion failed [Yes: 462; No: 705].

A motion was introduced to nominate David Hawk from the Indiana District. After all required consideration was given to qualifications and restrictions, the motion was defeated [Yes: 451; No: 728].

A motion was introduced to nominate Elizabeth Skinner from the Southeastern District. After all required consideration was given to qualifications and restrictions, the motion was defeated [Yes: 415; No: 762].

A motion was introduced to nominate Jonathan Dorr from the South Dakota District. After consideration was given to qualifications and restrictions, the motion was defeated [Yes: 558; No: 619].

A motion was introduced to nominate Ralph L. Reinke from the Pacific Southwest District. After consideration was given to qualifications and restrictions, the motion was defeated [Yes: 403; No: 757].

A motion was introduced “that any lawsuit designation be removed in a spirit of forgiveness and seeking God’s will.” The chair ruled the motion out of order, suggesting that a motion to reconsider the previous motion could be brought by a delegate who had voted on the prevailing side.

A motion to cease nominations for the Board of Directors of the Synod was declared out of order by the chair for not being in accord with parliamentary rules, as was also a motion “to identify all delegates who voted to identify the plaintiffs in the lawsuit.”

Noting no further speakers at the microphones, the chair observed that nominations were thereby closed. The Nominations Committee chairman then called attention to page 215 in *Today’s Business*, noting changes to the report of his committee.

#### *Omnibus Resolutions*

After the chair provided a brief explanation of the purposes served by the various omnibus resolutions, he called attention to Omnibus Res. A (*TB*, pp. 155–157). The Secretary offered several additions to the list of overtures: Ov. 3-95, “To Commit to Working Together with Other Denominations,” to be referred to the Commission on Theology and Church Relations; Ov. L3-106, “To Recognize Greater Specificity Regarding Functions of the Pastoral Office,” to be referred to the Commission on Worship; and Ov. 4-36, “To Change Appointment Process for Director of News and Information Services,” to be referred to the Commission on Structure. A motion to adopt Res. A as changed was introduced.

A motion was introduced “to amend by separating Ov. 1-01 from Omnibus A and referring it back to the committee to bring to the floor at the nearest available time.” After a discussion of parliamentary considerations, the motion was changed “to amend the resolution by deleting Ov. 1-01.” After discussion, the motion to amend failed [Yes: 255; No: 924].

A motion was introduced to amend Omnibus Res. A by changing the referral of Ov. 8-32, “To Develop Method for Review of CCM Opinions,” from the Commission on Theology and Church Relations to the Blue Ribbon Task Force on Synod Structure and Governance. The committee accepted the change, and no vote was necessary.

A motion was introduced to amend Omnibus Res. A by deleting Ov. L1-19. After discussion, the motion was not carried [Yes: 566; No: 590].

A motion was introduced to amend Omnibus Res. A by deleting Ov. 3-99. After discussion, the motion was not carried [Yes: 402; No: 759].

A motion was introduced to amend Omnibus Res. A by deleting Ov. 4-20. After discussion, the motion failed [Yes: 490; No: 673].

A motion was introduced to amend Omnibus Res. A by deleting Ov. 3-30. After discussion, the motion failed [Yes: 296; No: 855].

The chair referred to Special Standing Rule 16, allowing the chair to take the initiative to put to the assembly the question whether it wishes to vote on the main motion. A motion was introduced to amend the resolve paragraph of Omnibus Res. A to include mention of “task force” after the

word “commission.” This change was adopted by common consent. After a vote to cease debate carried [Yes: 983; No: 205], the vote to adopt Omnibus Res. A as amended was carried [Yes: 1,042; No: 137].

The chair called attention to Omnibus Res. B, which was moved and seconded. A motion to amend Omnibus Res. B by removing Ov. 7-62 was introduced, discussed, and then not carried [Yes: 329; No: 830]. After a motion to terminate debate on Omnibus Res. B carried [Yes: 1,042; No: 131], the motion to adopt the resolution also carried [Yes: 1,055; No: 122].

The chair called attention to Omnibus Res. D. When moved and seconded, a motion immediately following to terminate debate without debate carried [Yes: 1,019; No: 139]. The resolution was adopted [Yes: 1,109; No: 71].

#### *Committee 7: Planning and Administration*

Committee 7 Chairman Daniel May, President of the Indiana District, explained the absence of District President Don Fondow due to health reasons. After he introduced the work of the committee, Res. 7-01A, “To Standardize Candidate Information” (*TB*, p. 200), was presented for adoption. After further explanation by the committee, a substitute motion was proposed “to consider Ov. 7-33 (*CW*, p. 247) in place of Res. 7-01A.” After the presenter of the motion and the committee offered comment, the convention declined to consider the substitute motion [Yes: 378; No: 774]. As discussion continued on Res. 7-01A, a motion was introduced to retain the word “age” in line 23 of the resolution. After brief discussion, the motion to amend was carried [Yes: 834; No: 322]. A motion to add the words, “one’s position with regard to the Anderson lawsuit until 2013” was ruled out of order since the inclusion of a definite date made the resolution other than a bylaw amendment. A motion to cease debate was then carried [Yes: 1,031; No: 142] and Res. 7-01A was adopted [Yes: 1,073; No: 100].

The committee then introduced Res. 7-02, “To Amend Bylaw 2.11.1 (k) re Roster Eligibility” (*TB*, pp. 123–124), noting one change to the second WHEREAS paragraph, replacing the word “Unclarity” with the words “A lack of clarity.” The resolution was adopted without discussion [Yes: 1,077; No: 84].

The committee introduced Res. 7-03A, “To Amend Bylaw 3.2.5” (*TB*, pp. 200–201). During discussion, the parliamentarian was asked to discuss the relationship of bylaws to parliamentary rules. The propriety of a motion to amend the resolution by deleting the word “not” from the proposed wording was discussed. A motion to introduce the change as a substitute motion was declared out of order on the basis of parliamentary rules. Discussion and further clarification by the committee of the main motion followed. The Commission on Constitutional Matters, asked to produce an opinion on the subject, called attention to Opinions 05-2439; 05-2440; 05-2442 in the *Convention Workbook*. After further discussion, a motion to cease debate carried [Yes: 1,003; No: 154] and Res. 7-03A was adopted [Yes: 774; No: 399].

#### *Closing Prayer*

Session 2 was concluded with closing prayer by convention chaplain Dean Wenthe and the announcement that the convention offering now totaled \$409,157.

### **Session 3**

**July 16, 2007**

#### *Morning Devotion*

President Gerald Kieschnick called the assembly to order and called on convention chaplain Dean Wenthe to introduce Dr. L. Dean Hempelmann, Executive Director of the Board for Pastoral Education, the morning devotion leader. Basing his message on 1 Cor. 1:18–25, he spoke of the wisdom of the world as foolishness and the foolishness of God’s wisdom in the eyes of the world. Because we preach Christ crucified and disgraced, we are fools for Christ, the Crucified One. But we are wise fools, not ashamed of the Gospel, the power of God.

#### *Committee 3: Theology and Church Relations*

Committee 3 Chairman Gerhard Michael, President of the Florida-Georgia District, presented Res. 3-01, “To Declare Altar and Pulpit Fellowship with the American Association of Lutheran Churches” (*TB*, pp. 69–70). Given its significance, the entire resolution was read by a member of the committee, and the resolution was moved by the committee for adoption. Dr. Samuel Nafzger, Executive Director of the Commission on Theology and Church Relations, further explained the process that resulted in the proposed resolution, reporting that the AALC recently took its own action to declare altar and pulpit fellowship with the LCMS.

Extensive discussion followed in response to specific issues and concerns raised by the assembly. It was assured that agreements will be put into place to handle unique church-worker issues in a manner that will satisfy both church bodies. A motion was introduced to amend the resolution by substituting two resolves for the second-last resolve in the proposed resolution as follows: “*Resolved*, That the LCMS request the American Association of Lutheran Churches to make known publicly its positions with respect to Christians having membership in secret societies such as lodges and to Christians participating with heterodox congregations in worship; and be it further *Resolved*, That pastors of Missouri Synod congregations may exercise pastoral care with respect to altar and pulpit fellowship in the extraordinary circumstances of having a nearby AALC congregation that allows membership in secret societies such as lodges or that publicly worships with heterodox congregations; and be it finally.” After discussion, the amendment failed [Yes: 288; No: 891].

As discussion continued on the main motion, it was clarified that the AALC professes a *quia* and not a *quatenus* subscription to the Lutheran Confessions. A motion was introduced to terminate debate on Res. 3-01. The motion failed [Yes: 739; No: 457] and allotted time was extended for discussion to continue. An amendment was introduced to add the words “and for reconciliation” after the word “relationship” in the fourth resolve. After discussion, this

amendment was adopted [Yes: 823; No: 366]. During the discussion that continued, the chair explained the decision to allow AALC students to commune as part of the Concordia Theological Seminary community. After twenty minutes of debate had elapsed, the chair asked the assembly whether it wished to cease debate. Debate was ended [Yes: 787; No: 388] and Res. 3-01 was adopted as amended [Yes: 846; No: 345]. In accord with the final resolve of the resolution, the assembly stood to sing the Common Doxology to the glory of God.

AALC Presiding Pastor Tom Aadland was introduced and spoke to the convention on behalf of the AALC and its Presiding Pastor-Elect. The text of his message to the convention will be printed in the *Convention Proceedings*. Formal protocol documents were signed by the heads of the two church bodies.

#### *Committee 5: Seminary and University Education*

Committee 5 Chairman Jon Diefenthaler introduced the subject of the proposed establishment of the Specific Ministry Pastor Program. He clarified that the introductory material preceding Res. 5-01A (*TB*, pp. 186–194) is to be regarded as background information to inform the convention's decision. Dr. L. Dean Hempelmann, Executive Director of the Board for Pastoral Education, Dr. Andrew Bartelt, Academic Dean of Concordia Seminary, and Dr. Larry Rast, Academic Dean of Concordia Theological Seminary, outlined the proposed program, responded to concerns raised, and reported on the support that the proposal enjoys and the positive reception it has received on both seminary campuses.

Given time constraints, the chair recommended that the resolution not be formally introduced and that the brief time remaining be spent asking and responding to questions regarding the proposal.

#### *Bible Study*

The chair called on convention chaplain Dale Meyer to introduce the Bible study leader, Dr. Paul Maier, Second Vice-President-elect of the Synod and Professor of Ancient History at Western Michigan University. His Bible study focused on the first chapter of 1 Cor. and its historical setting, the Grecian capital established by Rome, presumably the worst seedbed for the Gospel, given the city's great vices and false religions. But the church start was surprisingly successful—at least until Paul left, when the church suffered, occasioning this letter from Paul.

Delegates were asked to form groups of four to discuss the biblical text in light of its historical setting, after which Dr. Maier made application, noting the “perfect parallel” of our present day with that of Corinth, especially in light of some of the relational difficulties our Synod faces today. The remedy is still the same, to focus on Christ, to take these words literally, leaving this convention as if Jesus Himself had been present and had addressed the convention with words like those of Paul.

#### *Committee 5: Seminary and University Education*

Committee 5 Chairman Jon Diefenthaler called attention to a resolution requiring early attention, given its po-

tential effect on ballot preparations, Res. 5-04, “To Strengthen College and University Boards of Regents” (*TB*, pp. 102–103). He introduced Dr. Jacob Preus, President of Concordia University, Irvine, who spoke in support of the proposed resolution and assured that the resolution is not intended in any way to create greater separation from the Synod but to provide greater support for the Synod's schools by providing the wisdom and support needed to operate schools in this day and age. Vice-President-Finance—Treasurer Tom Kuchta added his support as Treasurer of the Synod, following which the resolution was introduced by the committee for consideration. During discussion, a motion was introduced to amend the resolution by adding the prefix “non” to the word “voting” in proposed wording for Bylaw 3.8.3.6.2 in its third numbered sentence. Given time constraints, the chair tested the will of the assembly to continue discussion of the amendment. The assembly voted to terminate debate [Yes: 991; No: 173] and then defeated the motion to amend [Yes: 341; No: 809]. The chair again tested the will of the assembly to continue discussion of the main motion. As the vote was being taken, it was determined that a number of keypads were not operative, and the vote was taken by having the delegates vote by standing. After the vote was taken, the chair ruled that the motion to terminate debate was carried. By rising vote, the convention also adopted Res. 5-04.

A motion was introduced “to allow delegates to register their negative votes.” It was determined by voice vote that the motion received the required one-third affirmative vote. The following delegates registered their negative votes in writing with the Secretary: Steven J. Anderson, Benjamin Ball, Sean Ballard, Arie Bertsch, Bruce Blocker, Neal Breitbarth, Paul E. Bremer, R. Thomas Colgrove, Loren D. Cooper, Perry Culver, Wm. Keith Davis, Frederick E. Davison, Charlie A. Dietrich, Roger Dilger, Rebecca Dominguez, Everett Doyle, Thomas Dufresne, Mark Eckert, Paul Egger, Roger Gallup, Gary V. Gehlbach, H. Glaess, Timothy Hafner, Jim Hamilton, John W. Hamilton, Gregg Hein, Gary Held, Jeffrey Heller, Charles Henkel, Karl Hess, Gary Hoffmann, Daniel G. Holthus, Robert Jahns, Ronald Kabitzke, Chad Kendall, Harold King, Jessie King, Mark A. Kloha, Tim Koch, Henry J. Koopmann, Richard Kreutzer, Larry Le Blanc, Bryan Lindemood, David Lord, David Markworth, Michael Mathews, Timothy D. May, Jon P. Meyer, Alan Miller, Aaron Moldenhauer, Bruce Nathan, Shawn Nettleton, Lydia Nighswander, Charles Olander, Fred Page, Raymond Parent, Peter Piepkorn, Donald E. Prevallet, Davin Quiram, Steve Rasmussen, Russell D. Reimers, John Riley, Franklin Schatte, Tim Schenks, Dana Schnelle, V. Schroeder, Larry Smallfield, Ken Sparbel, Roger Sterle, Winfried Strieter, D. Richard Stuckwisch, Le Roy B. Sundbom, David Teigen, Matthew Theriault, Magdalen Veitenruber, Charlie Wachlin, Paul M. Weber, Keith R. Weise, Stephen Weiss, Craig E. Whitson, Henry C. Wied, Alan Wollenburg, Robert Wurst.

#### *Committee 8: Synod Structure and Governance*

Committee 8 Chairman Lane Seitz, President of the Minnesota South District, introduced Res. 8-01, “To Adopt Amendments to the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws

re Resolution 7-02A" (*TB*, pp. 143–145) on behalf of the committee and reviewed the history of the issues addressed by the resolution and the Report of the Res. 7-02A Committee (*TB*, pp. 26–38). This introduction satisfied the first expectation of Special Standing Rule 7. After noting the change made by the convention to the standing rule in an earlier session, the 30-minute debate on the main motion was begun. After the 30-minute period had elapsed, discussion of Res. 8-01 moved into the final 45-minute period of debate. A motion was introduced to amend Res. 8-01 by deleting the proposed wording for Bylaw 3.9.2.1.1 and inserting two new paragraphs: "(a) The Commission on Constitutional Matters shall be elected by the Synod in convention. (b) In the event of a vacancy, the President shall nominate a replacement with the consent of three vice-presidents, that nomination to be effective upon ratification by a majority vote of the Council of Presidents." The chair questioned the propriety of the motion to amend since it included a bylaw change and had not been reviewed by the Commission on Constitutional Matters. He asked that the commission look into the matter. As discussion continued on the resolution, it was noted that amendments to the Bylaws also need to be first considered by a convention floor committee. The maker of the amendment was asked to take the matter to the floor committee prior to its consideration by the convention. Discussion continued on Res. 8-01 until the chair tested the interest of the assembly in terminating the debate. After the convention voted to end debate [Yes: 814; No: 384], Res. 8-01 was adopted without amendment [Yes: 905; No: 292].

#### *Recess*

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#### *Afternoon Devotion*

President Gerald Kieschnick called on convention chaplain Dean Wenthe to introduce the afternoon devotion leader, Rev. David Muench, Director of the Synod's Commission on Ministerial Growth and Support. Following the singing of "A Mighty Fortress" and prayer, 1 Cor. 1:16ff served as the text for his devotion. Rev. Muench spoke of the danger of emptying the cross of Christ by divisive speech and energy, a danger for the Corinthian church and the church in our day as well. There are times when standing up is necessary, but not at the expense of the power of the Gospel which is to be found in its pure and simple proclamation.

#### *Minutes*

Attention was called to the minutes of Session 1 of the convention (*TB*, pp. 259–261). The chair asked for additions or corrections. Hearing none, he declared the minutes approved as printed. He then invited the newly elected vice-presidents to the podium and introduced them to the assembly. He spoke of their responsibilities as vice-presidents, providing counsel and assistance to the President of the Synod.

#### *Elections of Secretary and Vice-President–Finance—Treasurer*

The chair called on convention chaplain Dale Meyer to lead in prayer before the elections. Elections Committee Chairman Larry Harvala then introduced the slate for the office of Secretary of the Synod. The result of the ballot was as follows:

Philip J. Esala	425
Raymond L. Hartwig	708
David L. Mahsman	64

Raymond L. Hartwig was declared elected.

The slate for the office of Vice-President–Finance—Treasurer of the Synod was then presented. The result of the ballot was as follows:

Thomas W. Kuchta	1147
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Thomas W. Kuchta was declared elected.

The slate for the ordained minister members of the Synod's Board of Directors was presented. The electronic voting equipment malfunctioned, and the balloting was postponed to a later time.

#### *Committee 6: Human Care*

Committee 6 Chairman David Benke, President of the Atlantic District, introduced Res. 6-02, "To State LCMS Position on Stem Cell Research" (*TB*, pp. 113–114). During discussion, a friendly amendment to the second-last resolve, adding the word "embryonic" before the words "stem cell research," was agreed to by the committee. A motion was introduced to amend the fifth WHEREAS paragraph by deleting the words "and has so far shown no success for treatment in humans even though touted in the media as the source of great cures in the future." After discussion, a motion to terminate debate on the amendment was carried [Yes: 1,095; No: 108] but the amendment failed [Yes: 410; No: 786]. After further discussion of the main motion, the chair tested the assembly's interest in terminating debate [Yes: 1,163; No: 33]. Res. 6-02 was then adopted [Yes: 1,165; No: 41].

#### *Election of Board of Directors*

Elections Committee Chairman Larry Harvala advised that the earlier initial ballot for ordained minister members of the Board of Directors of the Synod needed to be redone because of a malfunction of the electronic voting equipment. The following was the result of the repeated first ballot:

James E. Fandrey	438
Vernon D. Gundermann	490
Robert T. Kuhn	599
Ulmer Marshall, Jr.	198
Donald K. Muchow	527
Jeffrey T. Schrank	166

No candidate having received the required majority of the votes cast, the result of the second ballot for ordained minister members of the Board of Directors was as follows:

James E. Fandrey	461
Vernon D. Gundermann	528
Robert T. Kuhn	640
Ulmer Marshall, Jr.	163



Donald K. Muchow 629

Robert T. Kuhn and Donald K. Muchow were declared elected. Balloting continued for the commissioned minister member position. The result of the ballot was as follows:

Jonathan C. Laabs 526  
Kurt Senske 646

Kurt Senske was declared elected. Balloting continued for the lay positions on the Board of Directors. Discussion followed regarding the removal of names of candidates because of the bylaw prohibiting two board members from being elected from the same district. Upon suggestion of the chair, a motion was introduced “that in view of the earlier election of members of the Board of Directors from the Missouri, Southeastern, and Texas Districts, any remaining candidates from those districts will be eliminated from the slate.” The suggested motion was carried. The result of the ballot for lay members for the Board of Directors of the Synod was as follows:

Walter Brantz 638  
Kermit Brashear 905  
Gloria Edwards 710  
Richard Peters 607  
Irma Pinkerton 539  
Curtis Pohl 804

Given the large totals of votes received, discussion followed regarding the validity of the vote. The chair ruled that the decision of the chairman of the Elections Committee would stand. Walter Brantz, Kermit Brashear, Gloria Edwards, and Curtis Pohl were declared elected.

#### *Committee 6: Human Care*

Committee 6 Chairman David Benke called attention to Res. 6-01, “To Give Thanks for Disaster Relief and Support” (*TB*, p. 113). After a video of recent natural disasters was viewed, Rev. Kurt Schultz, President of the Southern District, spoke of the destruction and relief efforts surrounding Hurricane Katrina. Reading 2 Cor. 1:8–11, he spoke of the long recovery journey yet to come, but also expressed thanks for God-given partners without whom the people in the stricken area could not have come this far. A scroll of thanksgiving prepared by the floor committee with signatures of the President of the Synod and the district presidents will be permanently placed in the Synod’s International Center, with copies provided to districts. After attention was returned to Res. 6-01, and after brief further discussion, the resolution was adopted [Yes: 1,177; No: 4]. President Kieschnick, speaking to the delegates as representatives of the entire Synod, expressed appreciation for all of the contributions in response to recent disasters and especially Hurricane Katrina.

#### *Committee 4: Program and Finance*

Committee 4 Chairman Keith Kohlmeier, President of the Kansas District, introduced Res. 4-04, “To Authorize Exception to 2004 Res. 4-11 re Property Reversionary Provisions” (*TB*, pp. 80–81). The resolution was adopted without discussion [Yes: 1,039; No: 86].

Res. 4-05, “To Amend Bylaws 3.8.3.6.4 (e) (2) and 3.8.3.6.4 (i) (2) re Financial Management” (*TB*, pp. 81–82),

was introduced by the committee and adopted without discussion [Yes: 1,037; No: 87].

Res. 4-06, “To Revise Bylaw Sections re Name Change to Concordia Plans and Concordia Plan Services” (*TB*, pp. 82–86), was introduced by the committee without reading the entire resolve section. After four editorial changes were made (words underscored to indicate new wording), the resolution was adopted after brief discussion [Yes: 1,133; No: 17].

Res. 4-07, “To Amend Bylaw 3.7.1.2 re Membership of Board of Directors—Concordia Plan Services and Board of Trustees—Concordia Plans” (*TB*, pp. 86–87), was introduced by the committee and adopted without discussion [Yes: 1,121; No: 31].

Res. 4-08, “To Amend Bylaw 3.8.2.2.5 (i) (2) re Financial Management” (*TB*, pp. 87–88), was introduced by the committee and adopted without discussion [Yes: 1,093; No: 52].

Res. 4-01A, “To Plan Summit to Restore Harmony” (*TB*, p. 242), was introduced by the committee. During discussion, a motion to amend the resolution by deleting the words “to clarify” and “a strategy” in the first resolve was agreed to by the committee. After further discussion, a motion to amend the resolution by deleting the parenthetical statement in the final resolve “(including the Great Commission)” was carried [Yes: 650; No: 503] before debate was terminated [Yes: 1,082; No: 89] and Res. 4-01A was adopted [Yes: 1,014; No: 169].

Res. 4-03, “To Develop Program to Emphasize Biblical Whole Life Stewardship” (*TB*, p. 80), was introduced by the committee and adopted without discussion [Yes: 941; No: 226].

Res. 4-09A, “To Provide Financial Support and Adopt Funding Model for Seminaries” (*TB*, pp. 242–243), was introduced by the committee. Discussion was ended by a motion to cease debate [Yes: 1,026; No: 103], after which the resolution was adopted [Yes: 1,051; No: 89].

#### *Commission on Constitutional Matters Opinions*

A member of the Commission on Constitutional Matters reported that the chairman of the Elections Committee has requested opinions regarding the following issues:

*Question 1: Based on the election of a candidate to become a member of the Synod’s Board of Directors, may another candidate from the same district remain on the ballot or be elected?*

*Opinion: No. Bylaw 3.3.5.1 (1) precludes the election of more than one elected member of the Board of Directors from any one district. The election of one member from a district renders ineligible any other candidate from the same district. Other candidates from that district must be removed from the ballot as ineligible.*

*Question 2: If the number of candidates remaining eligible for election to a category (i.e., ordained, commissioned, or lay) on the Synod’s Board of Directors is less than two times the number of positions to be elected because of the prior election of another candidate from the same district, must additional nominations be added before the election?*

*Opinion: No. Bylaw 3.12.3.6 (a) requires the Committee for Convention Nominations to make initial nominations of at least two candidates for each such position. Once those candidates have been nominated at the convention, that bylaw has been fulfilled. Should a candidate become ineligible, withdraw,*

or in some other manner the number of candidates is narrowed before balloting, there is no provision in the Constitution or Bylaws which requires or allows the nominations committee to add additional names.

*Question 3: In what order should the election of members to the Synod's Board of Directors take place?*

*Opinion: Bylaw 3.12.4 (c) provides: "The committee shall be empowered to adopt procedures and methods that will insure efficiency and accuracy, including the use of mechanical, electronic, or other methods of casting, recording, or tabulating votes." The Committee on Elections must therefore determine the order in which it chooses to present the slate for election.*

On another matter, the chairman of the convention requested clarification of the reason why the Commission on Constitutional Matters previously opined that a motion from the floor to require 10-minute presentations by presidential candidates would be inconsistent with the Bylaws but that requiring disclosure of whether a floor nominee was a plaintiff in litigation against the Synod is consistent with the Bylaws. The Commission responded as follows:

*Opinion: The proposal to require a 10-minute presentation by candidates for President would change the process directed by the Bylaws for election, as described in CCM Opinion 04-2396. The request for information requiring disclosure as to whether a potential nominee was a plaintiff in the lawsuit is a request for information regarding qualifications and does not change the process of elections. Bylaw 3.12.3.6 (c) requires the Committee for Convention Nominations to provide information such as age, occupation, etc. Nothing precludes the convention from requesting or requiring additional information to be supplied as a condition of their consideration of floor nominations.*

#### *Committee 10: Nominations*

Committee 10 Chairman John Brunner, after introducing the members of the Committee for Convention Nominations presently assisting in the floor nominations process, introduced Res. 10-01, "To Consider Additional Nominations for Board for Black Ministry Services" (*TB*, p. 153). During the discussion that followed, a question was raised how the resolve paragraph should be understood. The committee chairman interpreted the resolution as intending to place the names in question immediately on the ballot. The resolution was then adopted [Yes: 1,002; No: 133].

A motion was introduced "to open the floor for nominations." The motion was carried [Yes: 869; No: 250] and the committee prepared to receive nominations from the floor.

A motion to nominate Dr. Jonathan Laabs to the commissioned minister slate for the Board of Regents of Concordia, Bronxville was introduced and adopted [Yes: 783; No: 288].

A motion to nominate Deaconess Emily Carder to the commissioned minister slate for the Board for Black Ministry Services was introduced and carried [Yes: 795; No: 192].

A motion to nominate William Doubek to the ordained minister slate for the Board for Pastoral Education was introduced and carried [Yes: 706; No: 278].

A motion to nominate Paul Sauer to the ordained minister slate for the Commission on Theology and Church Relations was introduced and carried [Yes: 729; No: 286].

A motion to nominate Sandra Ostapowich to the layperson slate for the Board of Directors of Concordia Publishing House was introduced and carried [Yes: 740; No: 250].

A motion to nominate Georgann McKee to the layperson slate for the Board of Regents of Concordia University, Irvine was introduced and carried [Yes: 694; No: 266].

A motion to nominate Ralph L. Reinke for the ordained or commissioned slate for the Board of Directors of the Lutheran Church Extension Fund was introduced and carried [Yes: 753; No: 236].

A motion to nominate Tom Hurley to the layperson slate for the Board of Regents of Concordia University, Portland was introduced and carried [Yes: 688; No: 268].

Vice-President–Finance—Treasurer Tom Kuchta reported that Kermit Brashear, recently elected to the Board of Directors of the Synod, asked him to inform the nominations and elections committees that he wished to have his name removed from the slate for Lutheran Church Extension Fund.

A motion to nominate Andrew B. Bates to the commissioned minister slate for the Board of Regents of Concordia University, Austin was introduced and carried [Yes: 698; No: 268].

A motion to nominate Karol Selle to the layperson slate for the Board of Regents of Concordia University, Portland was introduced and carried [Yes: 644; No: 284].

A motion to nominate Irma S. Pinkerton to the layperson slate for the Board of Regents of Concordia University, Portland was introduced and carried [Yes: 672; No: 269].

A motion was introduced to reconsider the action taken in Session 2 of the convention, "that prior to any vote on any individual floor nominee for any board or commission, the convention delegates be told whether or not the floor nominee either was a plaintiff in the Anderson lawsuit or was party to the Motion to Intervene on the part of four members of the Board of Directors." After it was determined that the delegate bringing the motion voted on the prevailing side when the action was taken, and after brief discussion, the parliamentarian advised that the motion was not debatable. After the chair explained that this motion would bring the motion that had been adopted in Session 2 back to the floor for reconsideration, the motion to reconsider was carried [Yes: 661; No: 473]. The motion was again read: "that prior to any vote on any individual floor nominee for any board or commission, the convention delegates be told whether or not the floor nominee either was a plaintiff in the Anderson lawsuit or was party to the Motion to Intervene on the part of four members of the Board of Directors," after which it was defeated [Yes: 475; No: 662].

A motion to nominate Ginny Valleau to the layperson slate for the Board of Regents of Concordia University, Austin was introduced and carried [Yes: 687; No: 287].

A motion to nominate Peter C. Bender to the ordained minister slate for the Board for Pastoral Education was introduced and carried [Yes: 684; No: 299].

A motion to nominate Christopher Esget to the ordained minister slate for the Board of Regents of Concordia Col-

lege, Bronxville was introduced and carried [Yes: 660; No: 280].

A motion to nominate Aaron Wolf to the layperson slate for the Board of Directors of Concordia Publishing House was introduced and carried [Yes: 652; No: 300].

In response to an inquiry, the chair suggested that the names brought forward by Res. 10-01 be specifically nominated by resolution to the slates for the Board for Black Ministry Services. A motion to do so was introduced in each case and Jeffrey Howell was nominated to the commissioned minister slate [Yes: 785; No: 127] and Karen Wiggins was nominated to the layperson slate [Yes: 781; No: 126] of the Board for Black Ministry Services.

A motion to reconsider the standing rule governing floor nominations was declared out of order by the chair, since the standing rule is based upon a bylaw requirement.

A motion to nominate Jim Linnell to the layperson slate for the Board of Regents of Concordia University, Austin was introduced and carried [Yes: 643; No: 231].

A motion to nominate David Ritt to the ordained minister slate for the Board of Regents of Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne was introduced and carried [Yes: 625; No: 275].

A motion to nominate Charles Froh to the ordained minister slate for the Board of Regents of Concordia University, Irvine was introduced and carried [Yes: 604; No: 268].

A motion to nominate Michael S. Taylor to the ordained minister slate for the Board of Regents of Concordia College, Selma was introduced and carried [Yes: 617; No: 254].

A motion to nominate Dale Hartmann to the commissioned minister slate for the Board of Regents of Concordia University, Irvine was introduced and carried [Yes: 599; No: 249].

A motion to nominate Glenn Huebel to the ordained minister slate for the Board of Regents of Concordia University, Austin was introduced and carried [Yes: 618; No: 270].

A motion to nominate David Brazeal to the layperson slate of the Board of Regents of Concordia College, Selma was introduced and carried [Yes: 638; No: 262].

A delegate called for the Orders of the Day. It was noted that Special Standing Rule 25 allows the assembly to indicate its will to stop the nominations process if it chooses to do so. It was noted that 45 minutes had elapsed in the initial 60-minute period. A subsequent motion to end the process failed to achieve the necessary two-thirds vote [Yes: 700; No: 361].

A motion to nominate Karen L. Gabriel to the commissioned minister slate for the Board of Regents of Concordia University, Portland was introduced and carried [Yes: 585; No: 279].

A motion to nominate Gene A. Ott to the ordained minister slate for the Board of Regents of Concordia University, Seward was introduced and carried [Yes: 609; No: 279].

A motion to nominate Ron D. Maxwell to the ordained minister slate for the LCMS Foundation was introduced and carried [Yes: 625; No: 262].

A motion to nominate Tom Buuck to the layperson slate for the LCEF Board of Directors was introduced and carried [Yes: 592; No: 294].

A motion to nominate Hans Otten to the commissioned minister slate for the Board of Regents of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis was introduced and carried [Yes: 539; No: 390].

Mr. Walter Brantz at this time went to a microphone and announced his withdrawal of his name from the layperson slate of the Board of Directors of Concordia Publishing House due to his election to the Board of Directors of the Synod.

A motion to nominate David Fleming to the ordained minister slate for the Board for Communication Services was introduced and carried [Yes: 585; No: 300].

A motion to nominate Walter Dissen to the layperson slate for the LCEF Board of Directors was introduced and carried [Yes: 603; No: 329].

A motion to nominate Philip Tesch to the ordained minister slate for the LCMS Foundation Board of Trustees was introduced and failed [Yes: 475; No: 509].

A motion to nominate Douglas J. Stowe to the ordained minister slate for the Board of Regents of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis was introduced and failed [Yes: 438; No: 594].

A motion to nominate Mark Loest to the ordained minister slate for the Board of Governors of Concordia Historical Institute was introduced and carried [Yes: 590; No: 422].

A motion to nominate Daniel Brege to the ordained minister slate for the Board for Pastoral Education was introduced and carried [Yes: 615; No: 354].

The chair announced that the allotted sixty minutes of time had elapsed. A motion to terminate the nominations process was carried [Yes: 942; No: 171].

#### *Committee 1: Missions*

Committee 1 Chairman Robert Newton introduced Res. 1-06, "To Commend Our Chaplains" (*TB*, p. 57). The resolution was adopted without discussion [Yes: 1,102; No: 13]. Dr. Robert Roegner, Executive Director of the Board for Mission Services, introduced three military chaplains present to represent the Synod's chaplains in the Armed Services: Tom Waynick (Army), Jon Fruisti (Navy), and Tim Rosenthal (Air Force). The chaplains received a standing ovation from the convention.

Res. 1-07, "To Give Thanks and Commend the Lutheran Women's Missionary League for 65 Years of Service" (*TB*, p. 58), was introduced by the committee and adopted without discussion [Yes: 1,070; No: 27].

#### *Closing Prayer and Recess*

In keeping with the Orders of the Day, convention chaplain Dale Meyer was called upon to lead the convention in closing prayer (*TB*, p. 231) as the convention was recessed for the day.

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*Call to Order and Morning Devotion*

President Gerald Kieschnick called the session to order and called on convention chaplain Dale Meyer to introduce the devotion leader, the Rev. Dr. Samuel Nafzger, Executive Director of the Commission on Theology and Church Relations, who led the convention in morning devotions (*TB*, pp. 268–269). In his message based on John 3:16–18, Dr. Nafzger related a personal poisonous food experience to speak of the great antidote from the poison of sin that threatens all of us with death. He encouraged careful listening to the message from John's Gospel.

*Special Greetings: LWML*

Newly elected LWML President, Mrs. Jan Wendorf, spoke of the auxiliary's recent convention in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, describing the Bible studies, presentations, and decisions made, including the establishment of a record mission goal of \$1.7 million.

Following her greetings, the chair called attention to *Today's Business* for Tuesday in two parts and their content. A question was raised by a delegate regarding the timing of elections, given the large amount of new material to study as a result of floor nominations. The chair agreed to give the matter his attention.

*Committee 3: Theology and Church Relations*

Committee 3 Chairman Gerhard Michael introduced on behalf of his committee Res. 3-02, "To Encourage Confessional Study in Preparation for 2017" (*TB*, p. 71). The resolution was adopted without debate [Yes: 1,093; No: 38].

Upon introduction of Res. 3-03, "To Request the CTCR to Develop a Plan for Confessional Leadership" (*TB*, pp. 71–72), by the committee, a motion was introduced to amend the resolution by adding a new resolve prior to the final resolve: "That the CTCR be encouraged to assist in encouraging the translating of the Lutheran Confessions into the languages of the world." The floor committee agreed to the amendment. A motion was introduced to amend the resolution by adding the words "and the Synod will provide funding for this publication" at the end of the third resolve. After discussion of the amendment and a decision by the assembly to cease debate [Yes: 958; No: 71], the amendment was defeated [Yes: 490; No: 549]. A motion to amend the first resolve by adding the words "and our seminaries" after the word "President" was agreed to by the committee. An amendment to delete the entire third resolve was followed by a vote to cease debate [Yes: 858; No: 166] and a vote on the amendment [Yes: 216; No: 809]. A following motion to cease debate on the resolution carried [Yes: 939; No: 92] and Res. 3-03 was adopted as changed [Yes: 959; No: 81].

The committee introduced Res. 3-04A, "To Call for a Study of the Natural Knowledge of God and Its Implications for Public Witness" (*TB*, p. 184). A motion was immediately introduced to amend the first resolve by deleting the phrase "in spirit and truth (John 4:23ff)." A suggestion was

made to insert "1 John 2:23" in place of the deleted phrase. After discussion of the amendment to delete the phrase, a motion to terminate discussion of the amendment was carried [Yes: 938; No: 106], and the amendment failed [Yes: 374; No: 675]. A motion followed to cease debate on Res. 3-04A [Yes: 949; No: 113], and the resolution was adopted as presented by the committee [Yes: 980; No: 96].

Res. 3-05, "To Provide Further Discussion and Guidance on the Matter of Serial Prayer" (*TB*, pp. 72–73), was introduced by the committee. As discussion began, an amendment was offered to replace the final WHEREAS and the resolve with the following: "WHEREAS, The CTCR report itself notes, 'The members of the Commission disagree about the issue of so-called "serial" or "seriatim" prayers involving representatives of different religious (Christian and/or non-Christian) groups or churches' (p. 19); and WHEREAS, Seven districts (Minnesota North, Southern Illinois, Missouri, South Dakota, Rocky Mountain, Pacific Southwest, and Northern Illinois), three congregations, one circuit forum, and one pastors conference have submitted overtures in the *Convention Workbook* which recognize this ambiguity as to serial prayer and call for further clarification or restudy or, in several cases, for the rescision of 2004 Res. 3-06A; therefore be it *Resolved*, That the Synod in convention withdraw its commendation of those *Guidelines*; and be it further *Resolved*, That the Synod assign to the CTCR and the seminary faculties the task of providing further guidance for participation in civic events that includes the offering of serial prayer." The chair ruled that the proposed amendment was a substitute motion. After the maker of the motion and the committee were given opportunity to speak, the assembly voted not to consider the substitute motion [Yes: 505; No: 546]. Discussion returned to Res. 3-05 as proposed by the committee. A motion to amend the final resolve by striking "CTCR" and replacing it with "President of the Synod" was introduced and discussed. The amendment failed [Yes: 108; No: 951], and discussion continued on the main motion. After a motion to terminate debate was carried [Yes: 956; No: 127], Res. 3-05 was adopted without amendment [Yes: 935; No: 163].

Res. 3-06, "To Assign CTCR to Address Environmental Issues" (*TB*, p. 73), was introduced by the committee. Debate was terminated without discussion [Yes: 806; No: 240], and Res. 3-06 was adopted [Yes: 831; No: 219].

Res. 3-08, "To Encourage Use of CTCR's Web Resource on 'Religious Organizations and Movements'" (*TB*, p. 74), was introduced by the committee by reading the entire resolution. After discussion and upon suggestion of a delegate and agreement by the chair, the words "and to Express Appreciation to Dr. Jerald Joersz for His 30 Years of Service" were added to the title of the resolution. After brief discussion, Res. 3-08 was adopted as changed [Yes: 1,001; No: 17].

Res. 3-07, "To Study CTCR Reports Relating to the Service of Women in the Church" (*TB*, pp. 73–74), was introduced by the committee. During discussion, a substitute resolution was offered: "WHEREAS, At the 1995 LCMS convention, Synod declined to approve the 1994 CTCR document *The Service of Women in the Congregational Offices*, citing a dissenting opinion by five theologians (CTCR members) which stated that the CTCR document lacked consid-

eration of God's order of creation; and WHEREAS, President Dr. Al Barry in 1994 published his 'regret' in the *Reporter* concerning both the content of this document and the manner in which the CTCR's executive committee distributed the document; and WHEREAS, At the 1995 LCMS convention, the Synod (Res. 3-06A) directed the CTCR to continue to study this document along with dissenting opinions, and to do so 'in consultation with the faculties of the seminaries;' and WHEREAS, The CTCR has not reported to any succeeding convention any record of such communication with or from the seminaries on the topic of the role of women in the church, nor has any further report been issued; and WHEREAS, The 1994 report reappeared on the docket of the 2004 convention unchanged, without informing delegates as to the Synod's previous mandate for the CTCR to seek seminary input; and WHEREAS, The 2004 LCMS convention approved Resolution 3-08A by a vote of 576-520; and WHEREAS, This approved resolution (3-08A) may violate God's order of creation and His instruction 'to all congregations of the saints' (1 Cor. 14:33b-38; 1 Tim. 2: 11-12); and WHEREAS, Seven (7) districts submitted overtures to this 2007 convention requesting that we rescind Resolution 3-08A; therefore be it *Resolved*, That we praise God for creating us uniquely male and female, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God has prepared in advance for us to do (Eph. 2:10); and be it further *Resolved*, That we praise God for the more than 4,000 women serving in full-time church service in our Synod; and be it further *Resolved*, That 2004 Resolution 3-08A be rescinded, along with any policies or administrative procedures that have stemmed from it; and be it further *Resolved*, That the CTCR complete the work mandated to it by the Synod (1995 Resolution 3-06A), receiving input from the faculties of our two seminaries, and publish seminary input online; and be it finally *Resolved*, That the CTCR author a new document concerning the service of women in congregational offices to be presented for discussion and possible approval at the 2010 LCMS convention." After the presenter and the floor committee were given opportunity to speak, the motion to introduce a substitute resolution failed [Yes: 414; No: 628]. Discussion of the resolution was ended by the Orders of the Day.

#### *Bible Study*

The chair called on convention chaplain Dean Wenthe to introduce the Bible study leader, Dr. Dean Nadasdy, Third Vice-President of the Synod (Outline of study, *TB*, p. 267). Using Acts 17:16-34, the story of Paul in the meeting of the Areopagus, Dr. Nadasdy spoke of the lack of truth in our culture, suggesting that we can bash our culture, dash from it, or cash in and just go with it. Or we can do what the church has been sent to do: to transform the world by Jesus Christ. He noted how Paul operated in such an environment: he stood alone, presenting a God who is so much bigger by witnessing to the resurrection.

The assembly was asked to discuss in small groups what keeps the LCMS from being a more visible player in our culture's debate of ideas and truths and what aspect of Paul's witness in Athens is most significant for our church

today. The Bible study closed with the singing of the hymn "Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide."

The chair suggested a possible revised agenda in response to the interest expressed earlier for more time to study the ballot. He suggested moving the time for the ballot to the end of the afternoon session. A motion was offered to change the Orders of the Day as explained by the chair. The motion failed to receive the required two-thirds vote necessary to change the Orders of the Day [Yes: 705; No: 386].

#### *Floor Committee 7: Planning and Administration*

Committee Chairman Daniel May introduced Res. 7-04A, "To Amend Bylaw 2.11.2.1 re Emeritus Members" (*TB*, p. 201). An amendment was proposed to add the words "or a representative identified by his district president" after the words "emeritus member" in paragraph (a) of Bylaw 2.11.2.1. The chair referenced a recent CCM opinion to the effect that Bylaw 7.1.1 allows the consideration of "minor" amendments without separate referral to the floor committee and CCM if they are considered by the floor committee to be within the scope of that which the committee has already considered and if they are within the scope of what the CCM examined in advance. The committee chairman and the CCM agreed that the proposed amendment in this case was acceptable. The committee also agreed to accept the change. After discussion continued, a motion to cease debate carried [Yes: 1,040; No: 88], and Res. 7-04A was adopted as changed [Yes: 965; No: 172].

Res. 7-05B, "To Promote Transparency in Governance of Synod and Its Institutions" (*TB*, p. 283), was introduced by the committee. The parliamentarian advised that this resolution would require a two-thirds vote. A motion was introduced to amend the resolution by adding a new second resolve: "*Resolved*, That all bylaws and procedures of our boards and commissions allow for a one-fifth minority of any board or commission to call for a roll call vote of its members at any time; and be it further." Concern was expressed by the CCM that this would constitute a bylaw change requiring consideration by the floor committee and the CCM prior to its consideration by the convention. With the approval of the CCM and the floor committee, the amendment was discussed. The word "bylaws" in the proposed amendment was changed by common consent to "policies." When the chair asked whether assembly was ready to end debate on the amendment, the assembly agreed [Yes: 1,026; No: 115]. The vote on the amendment failed [Yes: 538; No: 613]. Given the parliamentary question regarding the required vote, the chair suggested that this item of business be left for the next time that the floor committee appears before the convention, to allow time for the parliamentary question to be given more consideration. When it was determined that the Orders of the Day provided additional time for Committee 7, the parliamentarian advised that accurate registration information would be necessary to decide Res. 7-05B. The President asked the committee to move on to other business until such information was available.

The committee introduced Res. 7-06A, "To Amend By-laws 3.9.2.2.4 and 3.3.5.3" (*TB*, pp. 202–203). The resolution was adopted without discussion [Yes: 1,044; No: 80].

The chair recalled attention to Res. 7-05B, the voting delegate registration total having been determined to be 1,239. Discussion of the resolution continued, and a proposed amendment to add the words "or electronic via e-mail" after the word "written" in the second resolve was agreed to by the committee. The Orders of the Day again becoming an issue, the chair tested the will of the assembly regarding ending debate [Yes: 1,076; No: 71]. Res. 7-05B was then adopted [Yes: 1,053; No: 109].

#### *Committee 5: Seminary and University Education*

The question-and-answer session prior to formal consideration of Res. 5-01B (*TB*, pp. 280ff) continued from the committee's previous appearance before the convention. The chair asked whether the assembly was ready for formal discussion of the resolution [Yes: 794; No: 298]. Res. 5-01B was introduced by the committee, and discussion followed until the current appearance of Committee 5 before the convention was ended by the Orders of the Day.

#### *Recess*

### **Session 6 July 17, 2007**

#### *Afternoon Devotion*

President Gerald Kieschnick called the session to order and invited convention chaplain Dale Meyer to introduce the devotion leader, Dr. Kurt Krueger, Executive Director of the Board for University Education and President of the Concordia University System. With Acts 17:10–12 as his text and "One Message—*Christ!* A Message of Truth to a Postmodern World" as his theme, Dr. Krueger spoke of the bad and good news of postmodern belief: the bad news being that there is no absolute truth but only relative truth, and the good news being that the postmodern worldview replaced the modern worldview, which was no friend of Christianity with its denial of the miraculous or spiritual. The fact that postmodernists are open to new ideas and are more likely to listen to all truth claims, including the truth of the Gospel, offers opportunity for the Gospel. The inquisitiveness of the Bereans in the text bears some similarity to the postmodernists of today. The devotion concluded with the hymn "How Shall They Hear, Who Have Not Heard" and prayer.

#### *Minutes*

The chair called attention to the minutes for Sessions 2 and 3 printed in the Tuesday edition of *Today's Business* (pp. 294–302) and asked for corrections. None were offered, and the chair declared the minutes approved as printed.

Several concerns associated with the "big ballot" were noted, including an ongoing concern for delegates having sufficient time. The chair asked that the assembly again consider changing the Orders of the Day in the manner previously described [Yes: 853; No: 295]. This time the required two-thirds vote was obtained to change the Orders of the Day. Copies of the new schedule for the afternoon were distributed to delegates.

#### *LCMS in Mission Presentation*

Scott Snow, Director of Outreach for LCMS World Mission, after a personal witnessing story was shared with the assembly out of Kenya, encouraged delegates to share their own stories while at the convention and to share their faith using the multicolored bracelets provided at registration.

#### *Committee 4: Program and Finance*

Res. 4-02, "To Begin a Stewardship Renewal Through Enhanced Communication" (*TB*, pp. 79–80) was introduced by Floor Committee 4. A motion followed to amend the resolution: "WHEREAS, Godly, pious stewardship is part of a Christian's sanctified life that flows from being justified by God's grace; and WHEREAS, Justification is accomplished through the preaching of the Gospel and the administration of the Sacraments; and WHEREAS, The lectionaries of our Synod are designed to communicate the whole counsel of God to God's people; and WHEREAS, The amount of money received by the Synod is not an accurate or reliable measure of the stewardship of individuals, congregations, or districts of the Synod; and WHEREAS, Individuals, congregations, and districts also exercise their stewardship through support of recognized service organizations, planting of new congregations, supporting the ever-increasing costs of Concordia Plans Services, disaster relief, etc.; therefore be it *Resolved*, That the President of the Synod, district presidents, and circuit counselors encourage the pastors under their ecclesiastical supervision to continue administering the Sacraments and preaching to their congregations the whole counsel of God with the Gospel predominating." After the chair ruled this proposal to be a substitute motion, the assembly voted not to consider it [Yes: 403; No: 764], and Res. 4-02 was again the subject of discussion. After debate was ended [Yes: 935; No: 240], Res. 4-02 was adopted [Yes: 914; No: 277].

Res. 4-12A, "To Encourage Participation in Concordia Plan Services, LCEF, and LCMS Foundation" (*TB*, pp. 243–244), was introduced by the committee. After discussion, debate was ended [Yes: 827; No: 341], and the resolution was not adopted [Yes: 521; No: 654]. Committee 4 then volunteered the remainder of its time slot to the *Fan Into Flame* Report and Floor Committee 1.

#### *Fan Into Flame Report*

First Vice-President William Diekelman provided a progress report of involvement by districts and congregations in the *Fan Into Flame* funding effort. LCMS World Mission Director Robert Roegner explained the purpose and mechanics of the funding effort, emphasizing unique features not a part of previous major funding efforts by the Synod. It was particularly noted that *Fan Into Flame* has exceeded its goal of \$20 million by the time of this convention.

#### *Committee 1: Missions*

Committee 1 Chairman Robert Newton introduced Res. 1-09, "To Report Detailed Accounting of *Fan Into Flame* Funds" (*TB*, p. 59). The resolution was adopted without discussion [Yes: 1,094; No: 62].

Res. 1-05S, "To Make Outreach the Top Priority in Worker Training" (*TB*, p. 57), was introduced for consider-

ation by the committee. A motion to amend the resolve paragraph by replacing the words “place outreach to the lost as the top priority” with “give greater attention to outreach to the lost” was introduced. After discussion, the chair asked if the assembly was ready to end debate [Yes: 955; No: 205], following which the motion to amend failed [Yes: 508; No: 664]. A motion to amend the title of the resolution and its resolve by replacing “the” with “a” was ruled by the chair to be a substitute resolution. The assembly voted to consider the substitute resolution [Yes: 618; No: 514]. After discussion, the Orders of the Day prompted the chair to ask the assembly whether it was ready to cease debate [Yes: 949; No: 155]. The substitute resolution (Res. 1-05S) was adopted [Yes: 706; No: 419].

#### *Committee 8: Synod Structure and Governance*

Committee 8 Chairman Lane Seitz introduced Res. 8-02A, “To Affirm Christian Resolution of Disputes” (*TB*, pp. 212–213). The entire resolution was read, and discussion continued until a motion to terminate debate carried [Yes: 667; No: 330]. The resolution was adopted [Yes: 665; No: 341]. After the resolution was declared adopted, a motion was carried to allow delegates to have their votes recorded in the minutes [Yes: 705; No: 303]. The following delegates asked to have their negative votes recorded in the minutes: Steven J. Anderson, Benjamin Ball, Chris Balvanz, Norman Barnette, Guy Baumann, Richard A. Becker, Paul Beisel, Arie Bertsch, Bruce Blocker, Steven W. Bohler, Richard A. Bolland, Ted Bourret, Mark P. Braden, Neal Breitbarth, Paul E. Bremer, Steven C. Briel, Daniel R. Burns, Myron G. Buss, Paul J. Cain, Don M. Carpenter, Kevin Church, Loren Cooper, Cynthia L. Cunningham, James Daub, Wm. Keith Davis, F. E. Davison, Roger Dilger, Dennis L. Dobbins, Rebecca Dominguez, Justin Dragosani-Brantingham, David Dyson, B. F. Eckardt, Allan Eckert, Mark Eckert, Paul Egger, Larry L. Feldt, Stephen Fisher, Ryan Fouts, Roger Gallup, Gary V. Gehlbach, Tom Gottschalk, Robert W. Grimm, Dale Gust, Timothy Hafner, Carl Harberts, Robert Harmon, Norman Hauschildt, Gregg Hein, Gary Held, Karl Hess, Daniel G. Holthus, William H. Holzer, Kenneth Howes, Frederick Jabs, Robert Jahns, Ronald Kabitzke, Craig Kellerman, Chad Kendall, Harold King, Jessie King, Tim Koch, Henry J. Koopmann, Richard Kreuzer, Michael E. Lang, Larry J. Le Blanc, Robert E. Le Blanc, Bryan Lindemood, David Lord, Steven A. MacDougall, David Markworth, Timothy D. May, Elder McCants, Don Meyer, Jon P. Meyer, Philip C. Meyer, Timothy Miille, Chris Nelson, James L. Nelson, Larry Nichols, James Nickel, Mark Nierman, Lydia Nighswander, Robert Nowicki, Ron Ohnesorge, Charles Olander, Justin Panzer, Mike Parnow, Mark Peterson, Peter Piepkorn, Glenn Piper, Davin Quiram, Fritz Raedeke, John Rahe, Steve Rasmussen, Sean D. Reeves, Russell D. Reimers, John Riley, Marlin Roos, Stephen Saunders, Frank Schatte, Tim Schenks, Dana Schnelle, Bruce Schreiner, Wayne Schwiesow, Scott Shields, Randy Short, L. Scott Spiehs, Timothy J. Steckling, Roger D. Sterle, Winfried Strieter, D. Richard Stuckwisch, Le Roy B. Sundbom, David Teigen, Bruce Timm, Kelly Todd, Gary Urban, David Vik, Charlie Wachlin, Jonathan Watt, Paul Weber, Lee C. Wensky,

David Werly, Melvin L. Weseloh, Henry C. Wied, Jim Wiese, Dan L. Wipf, Alan Wollenburg. John M. Young requested that his positive vote be recorded in the minutes.

Using the voting keypads, Committee 8 used the remainder of its time to collect information from the delegates for use by the Blue Ribbon Task Force on Synod Structure and Governance.

#### *Committee 2: District and Congregational Services*

Committee 2 Chairman Kurt Schultz, President of the Southern District, introduced Res. 2-01, “To Foster Greater Understanding of Worship through Theological Conferences” (*TB*, p. 61). A motion was introduced to amend the final resolve to read: “*Resolved*, That the Commission on Worship, in consultation with the faculties of our seminaries, prepare studies on this topic for use in circuits and congregations.” After discussion, debate was ended [Yes: 930; No: 103], and the motion to amend failed [Yes: 261; No: 791]. A motion to end debate on the main motion carried [Yes: 888; No: 188], and Res. 2-01 was adopted [Yes: 838; No: 260].

Res. 2-02A, “To Provide Guidance and Direction for Use of Diverse/Contemporary Worship Resources” (*TB*, p. 180) was introduced by the committee. A substitute motion was proposed: “WHEREAS, Res. 2-01 invites the Synod to engage in a ‘model theological conference’ in order to ‘build greater understanding of our theology of worship and foster further discussion of worship practices that are consistent with that theology’; and WHEREAS, It would be inadvisable, prior to coming to a God-pleasing theological consensus, for the Commission on Worship to establish such mechanisms, seminars, and conferences to educate the Synod on matters which are not yet settled among us; and WHEREAS, It is critical for all worship forms employed by our congregations to be centered on Jesus Christ, on justification by grace through faith, and promote the unity of the Church; therefore be it *Resolved*, That efforts to bring about a common understanding of the theology of worship precede the implementation of mechanisms, seminars, and conferences which seek to assist and promote the fostering of various worship forms among us; and be it finally *Resolved*, That Res. 2-02A be tabled until the 2010 convention or until the provisions of Res. 2-01 can bring about a common theology of worship among us.” The parliamentarian advised and the chair ruled that the substitute motion was not in order in that a convention cannot postpone an action from one convention to another. As discussion of Res. 2-02A continued, a motion to amend the first WHEREAS by deleting “to the glory of God and the edification of His people” was defeated [Yes: 236; No: 873]. A motion to amend the main motion by including at the end of the resolution the referenced text from the *Convention Workbook* was agreed to by the committee. After debate was terminated on the main motion [Yes: 902; No: 244], Res. 2-02A was adopted as amended [Yes: 856; No: 310]. This was followed by a motion to allow dissenters to register their negative vote with the Secretary [Yes: 746; No: 384]. The following delegates asked to have their negative votes recorded in the minutes: Steven J. Anderson, Benjamin Ball, Guy Baumann, Paul Beisel, Arie Bertsch, Steven S. Billings, Bruce Blocker,

Steven W. Bohler, Neal Breitbarth, Paul E. Bremer, Loren Cooper, Cynthia L. Cunningham, Frederick Davison, Chadric Dietrich, Roger Dilger, Dennis Dobbins, Rebecca Dominguez, Burnell F. Eckardt, Jr., Paul Egger, Larry L. Feldt, Stephen Fisher, Ryan Fouts, Gary V. Gehlbach, Benjamin L. Harju, Gregg Hein, Karl Hess, Gary Hoffmann, Craig Howell, Kenneth Howes, Chad Kendall, Harold King, Jessie King, Vernon Koch, Richard Kreutzer, David Kuhfal, Larry Le Blanc, David Lord, Daniel Mackey, David Markworth, Timothy D. May, Don Meyer, Alan Miller, Aaron Moldenhauer, Chris Nelson, Bob Nowicki, Michael O'Connor, Raymond Parent, Gary Piepkorn, Peter Piepkorn, Davin Quiram, John Rahe, Steve Rasmussen, Sean Reeves, Russell D. Reimers, John Riley, Frank Schatte, Tim Schenks, Bruce Schreiner, Scott H. Spiehs, Don Stauty, Roger D. Sterle, Leroy B. Sundbom, Charlie Wachlin, Paul Weber, Henry C. Wied, Allan Wierschke, Jim Wiese, Don Wiley, Alan Wollenburg, Robert Wurst.

The committee introduced Res. 2-03A, "To Commend Commission on Worship for *Lutheran Service Book*" (TB, p. 181). Given its content, the entire resolution was read prior to discussion. The committee agreed to amending the resolution by adding the following resolve prior to the final resolve: "Resolved, That the Synod in convention offer its heartfelt thanks to the executive director of the Commission on Worship, the Rev. Dr. Paul Grime, for his more than ten years of leadership in the development of *Lutheran Service Book* as he leaves his current call to continue to serve the church at the Fort Wayne seminary; and be it." The committee also agreed to add the words "continue to" prior to the word "purchase" in the second resolve, change the word "*Pastor's*" to "*Pastoral Care*" in the second WHEREAS, and delete the letter "s" from the word "gives" in the first resolve. The chair asked the assembly whether it was ready to vote [Yes: 1,123; No: 33], after which Res. 2-03A was adopted [Yes: 1,081; No: 49].

Dr. Paul Grime was called to the podium for recognition. He called to the stage representatives from Concordia Publishing House, and he named persons on his staff at the International Center with whom he wished to share recognition. Dr. Greg Wismar, chairman of the Commission on Worship, presented a specially engraved copy of *Lutheran Service Book* to the President of the Synod in recognition of his ready support throughout the hymnal project.

#### *Evening Prayer*

The chair called upon convention chaplain Dean Wenthe to lead the assembly in evening prayer prior to the balloting process for boards and commissions and close of session.

#### *Committee 9: Registration, Credentials, and Elections*

Committee 9 Chairman Larry Harvala called on Committee 10 Chairman John Brunner to explain a number of discrepancies in the nominations information supplied to the delegates. In the case of the mistaken omission of a candidate for the layperson slate for the Board of Directors of LCEF, Mr. Tom Buuck, his biographical information and personal statement were provided orally. Given this omission and the difficulties that this caused for the large ballot that had already been prepared, Chairman Harvala re-

ported that the only practical method for taking this vote for two laypersons to the Board of Directors of LCEF would be to do so electronically prior to the written ballot.

#### *Election*

The candidates for the layperson slate for the Board of Directors of LCEF were presented: Tom Buuck, Walter Dissen, Ronald Reinking, David Wuenscher, and Robert Wurl. The following was the result of the first electronic ballot:

Tom Buuck	578
Walter Dissen	379
Ronald Reinking	356
David Wuenscher	537
Robert Wurl	505

There was no election from the first ballot. The following was the result of the second ballot:

Tom Buuck	704
Walter Dissen	392
David Wuenscher	690
Robert Wurl	606

Tom Buuck and David Wuenscher were declared elected to the Board of Directors of the Lutheran Church Extension Fund.

In preparation for the major written ballot, Committee 9 Chairman Larry Harvala provided an updated registration report:

Voting delegates	1,239
Advisory delegates	328
Advisory district presidents	34
Ad hoc committee members	3
Former officers	2
Invited guests	7
Total	1,613

Announcements and instructions preceded the balloting process.

#### *Recess*

### **Session 7**

**July 17, 2007**

#### *Call to Order*

President Gerald Kieschnick called the evening session to order. Convention chaplain Dale Meyer led in evening prayer.

#### *Committee 2: District and Congregational Services*

Committee 2 Chairman Kurt Schultz directed the assembly's attention to Res. 2-05, "To Support Synod National Youth Gatherings" (TB, pp. 63-64). The resolution was adopted without discussion [Yes: 724; No: 130].

Res. 2-04A, "To Create Position of Director for Strategic Development of Hispanic Ministries (DSDHM)" (TB, pp. 181-182), was introduced by the committee. During the discussion that followed, "Board of Missions" in the first resolve was corrected to read "Board for Mission Services." A motion to end debate carried [Yes: 886; No: 86], and the resolution was adopted without amendment [Yes: 875; No: 112].



Res. 2-08, "To Celebrate Significant Synod Anniversaries" (*TB*, pp. 65–66), was introduced by the committee. A motion to amend the final resolve with the addition of "be encouraged to" prior to the word "prepare" was agreed to by the committee. A motion to amend the resolution by striking all references to Wilhelm Loehe throughout the resolution was introduced and discussed. A motion to terminate debate on the amendment was carried [Yes: 950; No: 125], and the amendment failed [Yes: 174; No: 904]. After further discussion of the main motion, a motion to terminate debate was carried [Yes: 1,044; No: 60], and Res. 2-08 was adopted as changed [Yes: 1041; No: 88].

#### *Committee 8: Synod Structure and Governance*

Committee 8 Chairman Lane Seitz directed attention to Res. 8-07A, "To Call Special Convention to Amend Synod Structure and Governance" (*TB*, pp. 213–214). The resolution was introduced by the committee, calling on former Synod Presidents Ralph Bohlmann and Robert Kuhn for supportive comments. Committee 8 Co-chairman Larry Stoterau, President of the Pacific Southwest District, reminded the assembly that the issue before it is merely to determine when the matter of restructuring, which must be faced, will be faced. A motion was introduced to insert a new resolve following the first resolve: "*Resolved*, That since Articles II, VI, and XIV do not pertain to structure and governance, amendments thereto are specifically prohibited." After discussion, a motion to cease debate was carried [Yes: 981; No: 154], and the motion to amend failed [Yes: 529; No: 629]. Extensive discussion continued on the main motion until the assembly was asked by the chair whether it was ready to terminate debate of the resolution [Yes: 586; No: 592]. With the assembly not ready to end debate, discussion continued until the Orders of the Day were called.

#### *Closing Prayer*

The chair called upon convention chaplain Dale Meyer for the closing prayer.

#### *Recess*

### **Session 8 July 18, 2007**

#### *Morning Devotion*

President Gerald Kieschnick called the session to order and asked convention chaplain Dale Meyer to introduce the devotion leader, Rev. Jon Braunersreuther, senior assistant to the President of the Synod. Basing his message on Luke 7:11–17, Rev. Braunersreuther spoke of our reluctance to approach death, whether our own or that of another. But the time comes when we have no choice but to face death and its consequences, as was the case with the woman from Nain. But Jesus walked up to death and touched it, confronted it, and ruined the funeral. This is exactly what He has done for us as well, for the entire world.

#### *Greetings from ILLL*

Mr. Jack Kidwell, President of the International Lutheran Laymen's League, addressed the convention. He

spoke of the convention theme, "One Message—Christ!" and shared some of the work done by the ILLL in light of that theme and the *Ablaze!* movement. He spoke of a bright future for the International Lutheran Laymen's League, with many opportunities before it as it moves into the future.

The chair shared plans for making schedule adjustments to provide opportunity for addressing actions that in his judgment must be acted upon before adjournment, noting that such changes are evident in the schedule for the day.

#### *Committee 3: Theology and Church Relations*

Committee 3 Chairman Gerhard Michael directed the assembly's attention to Res. 3-07, "To Study CTR Reports Relating to the Service of Women in the Church" (*TB*, pp. 73–74), already introduced to the convention, and asked Dr. Samuel Nafzger, Executive Director of the Commission on Theology and Church Relations, to provide background information. A motion was introduced to amend the first WHEREAS by deleting "on issues like the order of creation" and replacing those words with the words "of the Scriptures and issues like the order of creation, the order of redemption (e.g. Gal. 3:28)." The committee agreed to the change. After discussion, a motion to end debate carried [Yes: 944; No: 198], and Res. 3-07 was adopted [Yes: 870; No: 286].

Res. 3-09, "To Address Administration of the Lord's Supper" (*TB*, pp. 74–75), was introduced by the committee. A motion to amend the resolution by adding a new second "*Resolved*, That all pastors and congregations who have established and practice Communion fellowship contrary to the Word of God and the Lutheran Confessions are encouraged by the 2007 LCMS convention to immediately cease such practice and return to a faithful practice and administration of the Sacrament of Holy Communion; and be it further" was agreed to by the committee, as was the additional amendment added to the end of the new resolve: "by practicing close(d) Communion." When an amendment was introduced to insert into the first resolve the words "and 1995 convention Res. 3-08" after the word "*Supper*," the committee suggested the wording "and the resolutions of the Synod adopted on this topic." With all parties agreeing to these changes, a motion to cease debate was carried [Yes: 1,083; No: 67], and Res. 3-09 was adopted as changed [Yes: 986; No: 177].

Res. 3-10, "To Encourage Publication of Theological Literature" (*TB*, p. 75), was introduced by the committee. During discussion, a motion was introduced to amend the resolution by adding the word "orthodox" in the title and first WHEREAS. After debate was ended [Yes: 1,039; No: 107], the amendment failed [Yes: 405; No: 748]. Discussion returned to the main motion and continued until a motion to cease debate carried [Yes: 1,047; No: 91], and the resolution was adopted [Yes: 947; No: 210].

Res. 3-11, "To Endeavor to Keep the Unity of the Spirit in the Bond of Peace" (*TB*, p. 76), was introduced by the committee. After he finished reading the resolution, Dr. C. William Hoesman, Chairman of the Council of Presidents and President of the Michigan District, was recognized by the chair for his service to the church. The assembly rose to applaud. During discussion of the resolution, an amend-

ment was proposed to insert a new third WHEREAS: "Our Synod in recent years has shown signs of theological disunity in many areas; and." After a motion to cease debate carried [Yes: 1,004; No: 104], the motion to amend failed [Yes: 553; No: 570]. A motion "to amend by deleting 'unity' in the second WHEREAS and replacing it with 'concord'" also failed [Yes: 396; No: 716]. A motion was introduced to amend by adding "and taking attendance" in the first resolve after "participation." After discussion of the motion to amend, a motion to end debate was carried [Yes: 969; No: 137], and the motion to amend failed [Yes: 212; No: 908]. The chair tested the will of the assembly regarding terminating debate. The vote was favorable [Yes: 1,022; No: 101], and Res. 3-11 was adopted [Yes: 1,018; No: 112].

Res. 3-13, "To Respectfully Decline Overtures" (*TB*, p. 77) was introduced by the chairman of the committee. It was noted that necessary wording would need to be added to form a resolution: "WHEREAS, The floor committee has considered all overtures assigned to it and has concluded, for various reasons, that certain overtures should be declined; therefore be it *Resolved*, That the following overtures be respectfully declined for the reasons given:" Prior to discussion, a motion was introduced to end debate [Yes: 867; No: 204] and the resolution was adopted [Yes: 919; No: 167].

#### *Committee 6: Human Care*

Committee Chairman David Benke directed attention to Res. 6-06, "To Develop Abuse Education Materials and Programs" (*TB*, pp. 117–118), which was introduced by a member of the committee. A motion was offered to delete the words "recognized the gravity of this issue and" in the second WHEREAS. The chair advised that the resolution be referred back to the committee to resolve concerns with wording. The committee attempted to resolve the matter by changing "sexual misconduct" to "domestic violence" in the second WHEREAS. Additional amendments adding "and professional church worker" after "seminary" in the second resolve and changing the title by inserting "Domestic and Child" before the word "Abuse" were agreed to by the committee. A motion was introduced to amend the resolution by deleting the sixth WHEREAS, which led to a motion to recommit the resolution to the committee because the meaning of the motion had been changed. After discussion, a motion to end debate on the motion to recommit the resolution was carried [Yes: 969; No: 63], but the motion to recommit failed [Yes: 438; No: 612]. The chair asked if the assembly was ready to cease debate on the motion to amend. Debate was ended [Yes: 953; No: 88], and the motion to amend by deleting the sixth WHEREAS failed [Yes: 135; No: 898]. Discussion continued on the main motion as changed. When debate was ended [Yes: 1,006; No: 62], Res. 6-06 was adopted with the agreed-upon changes [Yes: 1,027; No: 48].

The committee introduced Res. 6-03A, "To Care for Foster and Adoptive Children in a Pure and Undefined Way re Not Placing Children in Morally Ambiguous Contexts" (*TB*, p. 197). During discussion, the committee agreed to add the words "and revealed" after "natural" in the final resolve. Noting the Orders of the Day, the chair asked the assem-

bly whether it was ready to end debate [Yes: 995; No: 63]. Debate ended, Res. 6-03A was adopted as changed [Yes: 1,017; No: 52].

The committee requested and was granted opportunity for Ralston Deffenbaugh, Director of Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services, to address the convention briefly in the interest of refugee resettlement.

#### *Memorial Service*

The chair called on Dr. Robert King and Dr. Ralph Bohlmann to lead worship in remembrance of those departed since the last convention (*TB*, pp. 365–367). Dr. King's theme for his message was "Christ—The 'I AM' of Resurrection and Life," basing his message on the story of Jesus' raising of Lazarus from the dead (John 11:20–27).

#### *Special Recognition*

After the memorial service, Dr. Robert King was honored for his service to the Synod since his ordination in 1949, including service as a vice-president of the Synod for 21 years. He was presented with a gift: a marble base inscribed with mention of his service to the Synod, and a crystal cross to stand on the base, a gift intended also for Mrs. King. The assembly honored Dr. King with a prolonged standing ovation.

#### *Committee 5: Seminary and University Education*

Committee 5 Chairman Jon Diefenthaler called attention to editorial changes to Res. 5-01B, "To Establish Specific Ministry Pastor Program" (*TB*, pp. 278–282) and its introductory materials (*TB*, pp. 274–278) before the resolution was again placed before the convention for discussion and action. A lengthy amendment was proposed for the introductory materials accompanying the resolution. The chair ruled that the proposed amendment was in effect a substitute motion and would be treated as such. After two-minute speeches by the maker of the motion and the committee, the assembly determined not to consider the substitute motion [Yes: 320; No: 793]. As discussion continued, the committee agreed to an amendment to delete the words "others responsible for the program" in the first resolve and replace them with "Board for Pastoral Education, and Council of Presidents." A motion was introduced to delete the remainder of the first paragraph under "Step Six" after the word "Program" and replace it with the words "will be expected, whenever possible, to pursue the path to become a 'general ministry pastor.' To accomplish this:"—also deleting the next line, "1. They may remain rostered as a specific ministry pastor." An amendment to the amendment was introduced to replace the word "expected" in the amendment with "encouraged." After debate was ended [Yes: 1,035; No: 70], the amendment to the amendment was adopted [Yes: 685; No: 429]. A motion to terminate debate on the amended amendment was carried [Yes: 1,016; No: 113] but the amended amendment failed [Yes: 474; No: 665]. As discussion returned to the original resolution, a motion was introduced to amend it by adding a final resolve: "*Resolved*, That the Specific Ministry Pastor Committee submit a progress report to the Synod at least nine months prior to the 2010 convention." The committee

agreed to this change. The chair encouraged a motion to terminate debate [Yes: 904; No: 270], and Res. 5-01B was adopted as changed [Yes: 908; No: 287]. A motion was introduced and carried to allow votes to be recorded in the minutes [Yes: 962; No: 198]. The following delegates submitted their negative votes to be recorded: Sean Ballard, Gregory H. Becker, Arie Bertsch, Bruce Blocker, Steven W. Bohler, Neal Breitbarth, Eric J. Brown, Ted Bourret, Paul E. Bremer, Daniel R. Burns, Robert Burnside, Myron G. Buss, Don G. Carpenter, Kevin G. Church, George Clausen, Loren Cooper, Cynthia L. Cunningham, Frederick E. Davison, Roger Dilger, Walter C. Dissen, Rebecca Dominguez, Justin Dragosani-Brantingham, Mark Eckert, Mark R. Eddy, Paul Egger, Gary J. Ellul, Stephen Fisher, Dale Gust, Timothy Hafner, David C. Hansen, Norman Hauschildt, Gregg Hein, Chuck Henkel, Karl Hess, Daniel G. Holthus, Craig Howell, Robert Jahns, Ronald Kabitzke, Craig Kellerman, Vernon Koch, Larry J. LeBlanc, David Luck, Daniel Mackey, David Markworth, Michael Mathews, Wayne McBride, Jared Melius, Don Meyer, Alan Miller, Bruce A. Nathan, Shawn P. Nettleton, Robert Nowicki, Michael P. O'Connor, Ron Ohnesorge, Fred Page, Raymond Parent, Gary Piepkorn, Peter Piepkorn, Davin Quiram, Russell D. Reimers, John Riley, Frank Schatte, Tim Schenks, Bruce Schreiner, Wayne W. Schwiesow, Scott Shields, Randy Short, Lowell S. Sorenson, Edward Steeh, Eric A. Stinnett, Winfried Strieter, Le Roy B. Sundbom, Matthew J. Theriault, Brian J. Thoson, Bruce Timm, Kelly Todd, Gary Urban, Magdalen Veitengruber, Charles Wachlin, Steve Wageman, Paul Weber, Lee Wenskay, Melvin Weseloh, Keith R. Weise, Henry C. Wied, Allan D. Wierschke, George Williams, Dan L. Wipf, Robert Wurst, Loren C. Zell.

*Committee 9: Registration, Credentials, and Elections*

In preparation for the report and runoff balloting by Committee 9, the chair called on convention chaplain Dean Wenthe to lead the convention in prayer. While preparations were being made, President Kieschnick introduced Dr. Franklin Hayes, Presiding Pastor-Elect of the American Association of Lutheran Churches. Dr. Hayes briefly addressed the assembly, thanking the Missouri Synod for its hospitality and fellowship.

*Completion of Elections of Boards and Commissions*

Committee 9 Chairman Larry Harvala walked the delegates through the results of the big ballot for the election of members of boards and commissions. He reported elections that were completed and used the electronic response system to resolve elections not decided. The results of the elections are as follows (bold type indicates elections):

**Board for Black Ministry Services**

	Ballots			
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
<i>Ordained Ministers</i>				
<b>Samuel Cosby</b>	<b>749</b>			
Bertram Lewis, Sr.	435			
<i>Commissioned Ministers</i>				
<b>Jonathan Cleveland</b>	<b>579</b>	<b>661</b>		
Emily Carder	427	497		
Jeffrey Howell	175			

<i>Laypersons</i>			
<b>Ceretha Cartwright</b>	<b>525</b>	<b>642</b>	
Annette Gard	508	535	
Karen Wiggins	153		

**Board for Communication Services**

<i>Ordained Ministers</i>			
<b>John Bush</b>	<b>437</b>	<b>701</b>	
David Fleming	322	438	
David Kluth	150		
Glenn Zander	141		
David Albertin	140		

*Commissioned Ministers*

<b>David Berger</b>	<b>630</b>		
David Bangert	562		

**Board for District and Congregational Services**

<i>Ordained Ministers</i>			
<b>Jon Coyne</b>	<b>499</b>	<b>589</b>	
Bruce Keseman	468	588	
Robert Jarvis	222		

*Commissioned Ministers*

<b>David Saving</b>	<b>440</b>	<b>513</b>	<b>628</b>
David Brown	339	368	530
Jill Hasstedt	281	275	
Steven Christopher	108		

*Laypersons*

<b>K. Allan Voss</b>	<b>568</b>		
<b>Ida Mall</b>	<b>561</b>	<b>557</b>	<b>654</b>
Cornelia Schulz	488	463	535
Jesse Yow, Jr.	459	165	
Patti Mitschke	181		

**Board for Human Care Ministries**

<i>Ordained Ministers</i>			
<b>Bernhard Seter</b>	<b>877</b>		
John Frerking	163		
Elwin Rethinasamy	155		

*Commissioned Ministers*

<b>Robert Miles</b>	<b>654</b>		
Sandra Bowers	525		

**Board for Mission Services**

<i>Ordained Ministers</i>			
<b>John Temple</b>	<b>589</b>		
<b>Philip Kuehnert</b>	<b>560</b>	<b>555</b>	<b>673</b>
Phillip Saywayne	487	181	
Ralph Patrick	482	443	506
James Vehling	182		

*Commissioned Ministers*

<b>Roger Buck</b>	<b>541</b>	<b>619</b>	
Jennie Waters	499	564	
Emily Carder	137		

*Laypersons*

<b>Kermit Almstedt</b>	<b>608</b>		
<b>Linda Reiser</b>	<b>565</b>	<b>644</b>	
Susan Christian	521	452	
Lil Spilde	391	80	
Joseph Harwell	133		
John Friend	107		

**Board for Pastoral Education***Ordained Ministers*

<b>Kenton Wendorf</b>	<b>625</b>
Peter Bender	18
Richard Allsing	156
William Doubek	69

*Commissioned Ministers*

<b>Richard Cohrs</b>	<b>829</b>
Judith Meyer	331

**Board for University Education***Ordained Ministers*

<b>David Smith</b>	<b>960</b>
William Ameiss	225

**Commission on Theology and Church Relations***Ordained Ministers*

Paul Sauer	390	492	510
<b>Walter Lehenbauer</b>	<b>346</b>	<b>452</b>	<b>663</b>
Holger Sonntag	257	246	
Brent Kuhlman	194		

*Laypersons*

<b>Jean Garton</b>	<b>495</b>	<b>552</b>	<b>601</b>
Mark Kalthoff	424	464	591
Kathy Schulz	207	179	
Elizabeth Goodine	64		

**Concordia Historical Institute Board of Governors***Ordained Ministers*

<b>Cameron MacKenzie</b>	<b>900</b>		
<b>James Kalthoff</b>	<b>540</b>	<b>674</b>	
Kurt Bodling	513	506	
Mark Loest	138		
Eugene Juergensen	118		
James Rassbach	87		

*Commissioned Ministers*

<b>Kathy Graumann</b>	<b>539</b>	<b>618</b>	
Constance Seddon	517	552	
Peggi Lawrence	101		

**Concordia Publishing House Board of Directors***Laypersons*

<b>Heidi Abegg</b>	<b>687</b>		
<b>Elaine Graff</b>	<b>643</b>		
<b>Robert Beumer</b>	<b>593</b>		
<b>Karol Selle</b>	<b>549</b>	<b>483</b>	<b>685</b>
Nancy Kaul	508	168	
John Mollwitz	503	120	
Aaron Wolf	467	277	495
Sandra Ostapowich	413	131	
Katherine Hallock	192		

**LCMS Foundation Board of Trustees***Ordained Ministers*

<b>Richard Drews</b>	<b>765</b>
Ron Maxwell	407

*Laypersons*

<b>Mark Sheldon</b>	<b>714</b>
Carol Geisler	418

**Lutheran Church Extension Fund****Board of Directors***Ordained or Commissioned Ministers*

<b>David Belasic</b>	<b>528</b>	<b>591</b>
Roger Krause	509	590
Ralph Reinke	111	

*Laypersons*

<b>Tom Buuck</b>	<b>578</b>	<b>704</b>
<b>David Wuenscher</b>	<b>537</b>	<b>690</b>
Robert Wurl	505	606
Walter Dissen	379	392
Ronald Reinking	356	

**Concordia University, Ann Arbor***Ordained Ministers*

<b>Donald Luhring</b>	<b>598</b>
Martin Moehring	475
Gene Ott	95

*Commissioned Ministers*

<b>Jeanne Ollhoff</b>	<b>628</b>
Kelly Lamkin	525

*Laypersons*

<b>Sandra Hardies</b>	<b>647</b>	
<b>Julie Stiegmeyer</b>	<b>548</b>	<b>667</b>
Kaaren Kayser	513	495
Glen Piper	507	

**Concordia University, Austin***Ordained Ministers*

<b>Michael Dorn</b>	<b>676</b>
Glenn Huebel	410
Steven Morfitt	79

*Commissioned Ministers*

<b>David Beringer</b>	<b>599</b>
Andrew Bates	349
Tim Meisner	196

The allotted time did not allow for the completion of the elections process, to be completed at a later time.

*Recess***Session 9****July 18, 2007***Afternoon Devotion*

President Gerald Kieschnick called on convention chaplain Dean Wenthe to introduce the devotion leader, Dr. Philip Campbell, Executive Director of the Board for Black Ministry Services. In his meditation, "Applauding for Life in Christ," Dr. Campbell recalled applauding soldiers in the St. Louis airport on their way to Iraq, applauding in hope that they were marching off to war with Christ in their hearts.

*Minutes*

The chair called attention to the minutes of Sessions 4 and 5 printed in the Wednesday edition of *Today's Business*, pages 383–391. After asking for corrections and hearing none, he declared the minutes approved as printed.

*Special Greetings*

Mr. Brad Hewitt brought greetings from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, reminding the convention of the long history and relationship of Thrivent's parent organizations with the Synod and our common Lutheran heritage. He highlighted some of the ways in which Thrivent has been able to support the LCMS and its congregations, including a \$500,000 grant in support of *Fan Into Flame*.

*Committee 9: Registration, Credentials, and Elections*

Convention chaplain Dean Wenthe was asked to lead the convention in prayer prior to the continuation of the election process. Committee 9 Chairman Larry Harvala then proceeded to complete the process of runoff elections as necessary.

**Concordia University, Austin***Laypersons*

	Ballots			
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
Ginny Valleau	350	488	540	475
<b>Jim Linnell</b>	<b>348</b>	<b>477</b>	<b>504</b>	<b>552</b>
<b>Paul Feucht</b>	<b>335</b>	<b>499</b>	<b>590</b>	
Dale Heitshusen	243	306	292	
Rebecca Kieschnick	243	363	413	
Albert Carrion, Jr.	228	209		
Janet Hurta	132			
Christopher Leslie	105			

**Concordia College, Bronxville***Ordained Ministers*

<b>Arthur Scherer</b>	<b>549</b>	<b>704</b>
Christopher Esget	322	384
Dien Taylor	166	
William Flammann	111	

*Commissioned Ministers*

<b>H. Allen Herbst</b>	<b>653</b>
Jonathan Laabs	503

*Laypersons*

<b>Sharon Dever</b>	<b>653</b>
<b>Alice Bruening</b>	<b>648</b>
Ed Mahn	462
David Lord	456

**Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne***Ordained Ministers*

<b>Wayne Graumann</b>	<b>634</b>		
<b>James Pragman</b>	<b>519</b>	<b>511</b>	<b>621</b>
Jack Baumgarn	512	350	493
John Hill	511	237	
David Ritt	107		

*Commissioned Ministers*

<b>David Held</b>	<b>899</b>
Karen Gabriel	264

*Laypersons*

<b>Janet Johnson</b>	<b>468</b>	<b>584</b>
Johnny Buck	445	546
Roger Potratz	104	
John Lang	84	

**Concordia University, Irvine***Ordained Ministers*

<b>J. L. Precup</b>	<b>595</b>
Charles Froh	395
Kevin Kritzer	152

*Commissioned Ministers*

<b>Paul Brandt</b>	<b>657</b>
Dale Hartman	381
Erna Schmid	114

*Laypersons*

<b>Kathi Romsa</b>	<b>694</b>
<b>Gene Haertling</b>	<b>679</b>
Barbara Grimm-Marshall	217
Michael Besch	200
Melvin de la Motte	109
Al Panhorst	109
Georgann McKee	78

**Concordia University Wisconsin, Mequon***Ordained Ministers*

<b>Wayne Braun</b>	<b>673</b>
John Struve	411

*Commissioned Ministers*

<b>Dwayne Jobst</b>	<b>448</b>	<b>606</b>
Lynette Fredericksen	419	491
Steven Buuck	268	

*Laypersons*

<b>Craig Schmidt</b>	<b>599</b>	
Frederick Anderson	490	664
Greta Martin	462	459
Robert Schjerven	300	
Robert Weber	184	

**Concordia University, Portland***Ordained Ministers*

<b>Steve Eaton</b>	<b>667</b>
Daryl Windermuth	401

*Commissioned Ministers*

<b>Joel Koerschen</b>	<b>451</b>	<b>620</b>
Karen Gabriel	401	496
Chuck Gerken	282	

*Laypersons*

<b>Gary Hoover</b>	<b>532</b>	<b>646</b>
<b>Kathy Schulz</b>	<b>431</b>	<b>578</b>
Tom Hurley	392	430
Irma Pinkerton	380	359
Leslie Sramek	329	250
Karol Selle	116	

**Concordia University Chicago, River Forest***Ordained Ministers*

<b>Kent Tibben</b>	<b>528</b>	<b>646</b>
William Tucker	461	489
David Stein	173	

*Commissioned Ministers*

<b>Thomas Buck</b>	<b>595</b>
Michelle Bauman	457
Shirley Wallace	106

*Laypersons*

<b>Kirk Farney</b>	<b>652</b>	
<b>Kathleen Mills</b>	<b>609</b>	
Greta Martin	359	
Merton Troeger	336	

**Concordia Seminary, St. Louis***Ordained Ministers*

<b>David Dissen</b>	<b>531</b>	<b>678</b>
<b>Ulmer Marshall</b>	<b>528</b>	<b>624</b>
Mark Grunst	408	504
Dennis Schwab	401	459
Ken Schurb	235	
William F. Meyer	184	

*Commissioned Ministers*

<b>LeRoy Wilke</b>	<b>598</b>	
Hans Otten	305	
Robert Libka	256	

*Laypersons*

<b>Alan Stumpf</b>	<b>558</b>	<b>686</b>
Ralph Cavaliere	387	441
Jean Garton	213	

**Concordia University, St. Paul***Ordained Ministers*

<b>Christopher Dodge</b>	<b>621</b>	
Robert Jarvis	533	

*Commissioned Ministers*

<b>Paul Crisler</b>	<b>538</b>	
Harold Frerich	534	

*Laypersons*

<b>Gregg Hein</b>	<b>505</b>	<b>628</b>
David Teigen	458	535
<b>Kenneth Behm</b>	<b>437</b>	<b>575</b>
Lori Utech	371	499
Michael Hunter II	299	

**Concordia College, Selma***Ordained Ministers*

<b>Dien Taylor</b>	<b>582</b>	
Michael Taylor	314	
Thomas Eggebrecht	249	

*Commissioned Ministers*

<b>Ruth Drum</b>	<b>757</b>	
Erna Schmid	317	

*Laypersons*

<b>Ulysses Floyd</b>	<b>690</b>	
<b>Debbie Gallerson</b>	<b>565</b>	
Glen Piper	534	
David Brazeal	344	

**Concordia University, Seward***Ordained Ministers*

<b>David Block</b>	<b>582</b>	
Gene Ott	321	
John Hill	133	
Luke Biggs	110	

*Commissioned Ministers*

<b>Vance Hinrichs</b>	<b>640</b>	
Jan Lohmeyer	525	

*Laypersons*

<b>Tim Moll</b>	<b>714</b>
William Hartmann	709
Max Wake	381
John Hughes	350

*LCMS in Mission Presentation*

Rev. Scott Snow, Director of Outreach in LCMS World Mission, provided the convention with another unique Gospel-sharing experience, this time from the hearing-impaired community.

*Committee 7: Planning and Administration*

Committee 7 Chairman Daniel May directed the convention's attention to Res. 7-07A, "To Revise Bylaw Section 1.5 and to Add Definitions to *Handbook*" (*TB*, pp. 203–211), and an accompanying amendment printed on page 375 of *Today's Business* agreed to by the committee, to be inserted as 1.5.2 (a) (4) on pages 205 and 208: "All such disclosures shall be reported to the respective board or commission to determine 'by a vote of its remaining impartial members' whether an inappropriate interest exists, 'and such vote shall be recorded in its official minutes.' In the case of officers, all such disclosures shall be reported to the President of the Synod to determine whether an inappropriate interest exists." After calling attention to recent changes to the proposed bylaw revision, the committee moved its adoption and discussion followed. A motion to cease debate was carried [Yes: 989; No: 118], and Res. 7-07A was adopted as changed [Yes: 997; No: 116]. A motion was introduced and carried to allow delegates to have their votes recorded in the minutes [Yes: 836; No: 287]. The following requested that their negative votes be recorded: Steven W. Bohler, R. Thomas Colgrove, Loren Cooper, Frederick E. Davison, David Dyson, Mark Eckert, Gary V. Gehlbach, Harold King, Donald Prevallet, Frank Schatte, Le Roy Sundborn, Charles Wachlin.

Res. 7-08A, "To Add Bylaw re Removal of Individual Members from Board or Commission Membership" (*TB*, pp. 284–285), was introduced by the committee and discussed. A motion to cease debate failed [Yes: 632; No: 464] and discussion continued. An amendment was offered to delete the phrase "5. insubordination;" under proposed Bylaw 1.5.3. After extensive discussion, the committee agreed to the deletion. A question was addressed to legal counsel regarding the resolution in light of Missouri law. A motion was introduced to add the words "failure to disclose" immediately after "(8)" under proposed Bylaw 1.5.3. The committee did not agree to the change, and the motion was ruled out of order by the chair because it had not been properly reviewed. After 20 minutes of debate, the question was automatically called, but the assembly chose to continue its discussion [Yes: 717; No: 411]. As discussion continued, a motion was introduced to amend the resolution by deleting the first two WHEREAS paragraphs of the resolution. When a motion to end debate on the amendment was carried [Yes: 837; No: 192], it was determined that a number of keypads were not working. The chair decided to proceed, judging

that debate was ended and the amendment was defeated by standing vote. When legal counsel was again asked for input, the committee offered to take the matter back for additional attention.

Res. 7-12, "To Equalize Terms of Office" (*TB*, pp. 141–142), was introduced by the committee. An amendment was offered and agreed to by the committee to move the proposed paragraph (c) from under Bylaw 3.8.4.1.1 and locate the same as paragraph 3 under Bylaw 3.8.4.1. An amendment changing "may" to "shall" in paragraph 3.2.4.2 (a) was ruled out of order as the committee's allotted time ran out.

#### *Committee 5: Seminary and University Education*

Committee 5 Chairman Jon Diefenthaler directed attention to Res. 5-02, "To Address Licensed Lay Deacons," on page 101 of *Today's Business*. He reported that Committees 3 and 5 had harmonized their nearly identical resolutions according to the text of Res. 5-02. Dr. Samuel Nafzger was asked to address the convention regarding the licensed lay deacon program. The committee then introduced Res. 5-02 for consideration. A substitute motion was offered: "Resolved, That all laymen licensed by synodical or district programs to conduct Word and Sacrament ministry be enrolled in the specific ministry pastor program by August 1, 2009, or such licensure shall be rescinded." The assembly voted not to consider the substitute resolution: [Yes: 489; No: 585]. Discussion continued on Res. 5-02 until a motion was introduced to amend the resolution by replacing the second and third paragraphs with the following: "WHEREAS, The need for such licensed lay deacons continues to be crucial and necessary, 'lest God's people be deprived of the opportunity for corporate worship and the celebration of the Sacraments' (*Convention Proceedings*, 1989, p. 112); therefore be it Resolved, That the Board for Pastoral Education and the Council of Presidents be requested to study the situations currently served by licensed lay deacons and to present that report with recommendations at the 2010 convention of the Synod." The chair ruled this to be a substitute resolution, and the assembly voted not to consider it [Yes: 550; No: 557], causing debate to return to the main resolution. An amendment was introduced to add the following words to the resolve, following the word "Synod": "and additionally, to study this program as it relates to Augustana XIV." A motion to cease debate on the amendment carried [Yes: 901; No: 196], and the motion to amend failed [Yes: 550; No: 577], leaving Res. 5-02 without amendment. An amendment was proposed to add a resolve paragraph before the existing resolve paragraph as follows: "Resolved, That the Board for Pastoral Education be encouraged to develop financial incentives for licensed lay deacons to enroll in the Specific Ministry Pastor Program (SMPP); and be it further." This proposed amendment was ruled out of order because it addresses funding. A motion to cease debate on the motion to amend was introduced and carried nonetheless [Yes: 974; No: 117], but the amendment failed [Yes: 391; No: 723]. As attention was returned to the resolution as presented by the committee, the chair called for the Orders of the Day. He asked whether the assembly was ready

to end debate on Res. 5-02. Debate was ended [Yes: 967; No: 156], and the resolution was adopted [Yes: 948; No: 202].

This mutual effort with Committee 5 marked the end of the work of Committee 3, and the committee was dismissed with thanks.

#### *Committee 8: Synod Structure and Governance*

Res. 8-07A (*TB*, pp. 213–214) was brought before the assembly by Committee 8. A substitute motion was then presented by the committee (Substitute Resolution 8-07). A motion to consider the substitute resolution was introduced and carried [Yes: 883; No: 267]. In discussion that followed, an amendment was offered: "Resolved that the said special convention shall have no authority to impair the title of congregations to their assets, most particularly to their land and buildings." Chair ruled the motion out of order upon advice of the parliamentarian and was supported in his ruling [Yes: 697; No: 410]. After further discussion of the substitute motion, and after the Treasurer of the Synod addressed the question of urgency, the chair tested the will of the assembly to continue debate. Debate was not ended [Yes: 741; No: 422] and will continue when the committee returns at a later time.

#### *Closing Prayer*

The chair called on convention chaplain Dale Meyer for a closing devotion.

#### *Recess*

### **Session 10 July 19, 2007**

#### *Call to Order*

President Gerald Kieschnick called the final session of the convention to order and asked convention chaplain Dale Meyer to introduce the devotion leader, Rev. Matthew Harrison, Executive Director of the Board for Human Care Ministries. With Mark 1:38 as his text, he spoke of Jesus as a Savior on the move, with marching orders for His church as well: "Let's go!" Referencing the presidency of F. C. D. Wyneken as one of the great missionary times of the church, he spoke of the importance of the message of repentance to accompany the "One Message—*Christ!*"

#### *Recognition of Former Officers and Church Body Leaders*

President Kieschnick recognized the service of former officers of the Synod present for the convention: Presidents Ralph Bohlmann and Robert Kuhn, First Vice-President Daniel Preus, former Treasurer Paul Middeke, and former Chief Administrative Officers John Schuelke and Brad Hewitt.

He then introduced special guests in attendance from other Lutheran church bodies in the United States: Rev. Thomas Aadland, Presiding Pastor of the American Association of Lutheran Churches; Rev. Franklin Hays, Presiding Pastor-Elect of the American Association of Lutheran Churches; Rev. James Pope, a member of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod's Commission on Inter-Church Relations; Rev. Glenn Obenberger, Vice-President of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod; and Rev. Lowell Almen, Secretary of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Also introduced were the following leaders of Lutheran church bodies around the world in Houston to attend an *Ablaze!* International Summit:

- Rev. Peter Ahlers, Free Evangelical Lutheran Synod in South Africa
- Rev. Thomas Bernard, The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Haiti
- Rev. James Cerdeñola, The Lutheran Church in the Philippines
- Rev. Edgardo Eleser, Evangelical Lutheran Church of Argentina
- Rt. Rev. Dr. Paul Fynn, Evangelical Lutheran Church of Ghana
- Rev. Alceu Figur, The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Paraguay
- The Rev. Jean Haessig & Rev. Philippe Volf, Evangelical Lutheran Church—Synod France & Belgium
- Rev. Arri Kugappi & Rev. Olav Panchu, Evangelical Lutheran Church of Ingria in Russia
- Rev. Dr. Ralph Mayan, Lutheran Church—Canada
- Rev. Mario Lehenbauer, Evangelical Lutheran Church of Brazil
- Most Rev. Walter Obare, Evangelical Lutheran Church in Kenya
- Rev. David Piso, Gutnius Lutheran Church, Papua New Guinea
- Rev. Reginald Quirk, The Evangelical Lutheran Church of England
- Rev. S. Rajagambeeram, India Evangelical Lutheran Church
- Rev. Carlos Schumann, Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Republic of Chile
- Rev. Kimio Takano & Rev. Masaki Shirai, Japan Lutheran Church
- Rev. Dr. David Tswaedi, Lutheran Church in Southern Africa
- Rev. Dr. Hyun-Sup Um, Lutheran Church in Korea
- Rev. Janis Vanags, Evangelical Lutheran Church of Latvia
- Rev. Gijsbertus van Hattem, Evangelical Lutheran Church in Belgium
- Rev. Hans-Jörg Voigt, Independent Evangelical—Lutheran Church, Germany

Following a standing ovation by the convention, each of the foreign church leaders was presented with a special and timely gift intended to mark the occasion.

#### *Committee 1: Missions*

Committee 1 Chairman Robert Newton called the convention's attention to Res. 1-13, "To Commend International Church Partners and Worldwide Mission Effort" (*TB*, p. 179). After it was read in its entirety and introduced by the committee, the resolution was adopted without discussion (Yes: 1,006; No: 14).

#### *Greetings from the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America*

Reverend Lowell G. Almen, Secretary of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, brought his church body's official greetings to the convention. Speaking of the relationship between the ELCA and the LCMS, he emphasized the very different histories of the two church bodies and the need to stay in contact and work together as much as possible (the text of his presentation will be provided in the *Convention Proceedings*).

#### *Committee 8: Synod Structure and Governance*

After the President called the convention's attention to Special Standing Rule 2 and its importance for the final session of the convention, Committee 8 Cochairman Larry Stoterau introduced Res. 8-07S (substitute), "To Call Special Convention to Amend Synod Structure and Governance" (handout), introducing a motion on behalf of the committee "that a two-thirds majority vote be required for this substitute resolution." The chair outlined a process to be used to consider the substitute resolution in light of the committee's motion, also expressing his own support. After the speakers at the convention floor microphones returned to their seats to vote, the convention first agreed to requiring a two-thirds vote to adopt the substitute resolution (Yes: 620; No: 490), then voted to end debate on the substitute resolution (Yes: 874; No: 241), and then voted to adopt Res. 8-07S by the necessary two-thirds vote (Yes: 793; No: 325).

When a motion was introduced to permit delegates to have their votes entered into the minutes, the chair ruled that for the remainder of the convention, delegate votes would be allowed to be registered as desired. The following delegates asked to have their negative votes on Res. 8-07S entered into the minutes: Benjamin Ball, Richard A. Becker, Peter Bender, Arie Bertsch, Bruce Blocker, Steven W. Bohler, Richard A. Bolland, Daniel Brege, Neal Breitbarth, Paul E. Bremer, Steven C. Briel, Eric J. Brown, Christopher C. Browne, Doris Burns, Myron G. Buss, John Casebeer, Kirk Clayton, Russell Davies, William Keith Davis, Roger Dilger, W. C. Dissen, Justin Dragosani-Brantingham, Burnell F. Eckardt, Jr., Mark Eckert, Paul Egger, Shawn Ethridge, Stephen Fisher, Ryan Fouts, Gary V. Gehlbach, Timothy Hafner, David Hansen, Carl J. Harberts, Benjamin Harju, Norman Hauschildt, Gregg Hein, Charles Henkel, Gary Hoffmann, Daniel G. Holthus, William H. Holzer, Craig Howell, Frederick K. Jabs, Al Jacobs, Ronald Kabitzke, Richard R. Kreutzer, Henry J. Koopmann, Josepha Lecke, Ken Mangold, David Markworth, Wendel K. Marotzke, Wayne Mc Bride, Philip G. Meyer, Alan Miller, Chris Nelson, Ron Ohnesorge, Bruce D. Osborne, Raymond Parent, Gary A. Piepkorn, Peter Piepkorn, Glen Piper, Michael Poynter, Davin Quiram, Fritz A. Raedeke, Russell D. Reimers, John Riley, Elliott M. Robertson, Frank Schatte, Tim Schenks, Dana Schnelle, Bruce Schreiner, S. R. Schumacher, Ken Sparbel, Don Stauty, Roger D. Sterle, Eric A. Stinnett, Winfried Strieter, Le Roy B. Sundbom, David Teigen, Matthew J. Theriault, Bruce Timm, Magdalen Veitenruber, Donald Wagner, Douglas Wanderer, Paul M. Weber, Henry C. Wied, Allan D. Wierschke, Danl Wipf, Alan Wollenburg, Robert Wurst, Loren C. Zell.

Res. 8-13, "To Amend Bylaws for Special Convention" (handout), was introduced by the committee. After discussion, during which the committee estimated that the special convention would meet for two to three days, a motion to end debate was carried (Yes: 968; No: 118), and Res. 8-13 was adopted (Yes: 937; No: 156). The following delegates asked to have their negative votes recorded in the minutes: Frederick Davidson, Ron Ohnesorge.

Res. 8-04, "To Provide Wording for Congregations' Constitutions and Bylaws" (*TB*, p. 147), was introduced with



introductory comments by the committee. During discussion, an amendment to change “may” in the last resolve to “be encouraged to” was agreed to by the committee. Upon question of the chair, the assembly agreed to cease debate (Yes: 1,007; No: 66), and Res. 8-04 was adopted as changed (Yes: 1,054; No: 35). The following delegates asked to have their negative votes recorded in the minutes: Stanley Abraham, James W. Hallerberg.

Res. 8-05A, “To Encourage the Study of CTCR Documents Relating to Public Rebuke of Public Sin” (*TB*, pp. 290–291), was read in its entirety and introduced by the committee. During discussion that followed, the committee agreed to replace the word “recognize” in the first resolve with the word “affirm” and to add the words “and to Amend the Synod’s Bylaws Relating to Matthew 18” to the title of the resolution. When a lengthy amendment was offered expressing concern regarding the ecclesiastical supervisory responsibility of district presidents (*TB*, p. 377), the chair was supported in his ruling that the amendment was not germane to Res. 8-05A (Yes: 732; No: 287). When the chair asked the assembly whether it was ready to end debate, the assembly agreed (Yes: 904; No: 147), and the resolution was adopted as changed (Yes: 950; No: 122). The following delegates asked to have their negative votes recorded in the minutes: Steven W. Bohler, Mark Eckert, Charles Henkel, Harold King, Wendel K. Marotzke, Bruce A. Nathan, Ron Ohnesorge, Davin Quiram, Paul Weber, Jim Wiese.

#### *Committee 5: Seminary and University Education*

After attention was called to Res. 5-03A (*TB*, pp. 194–195) and the presidents of the Synod’s seminaries spoke in support, the resolution was introduced by the committee. During discussion, an amendment was offered to insert a new #5 under Bylaw 3.8.2.5.2, “5. Appointed members may not vote on the appointment of other members of the Board.” The committee agreed to this amendment initially but changed its mind, leaving the amendment for the assembly to decide. When the Commission on Constitutional Matters asked for time to consider the amendment, debate continued on the main motion. After the commission reported that the amendment would affect other appointed members of the board such as the officers of the Synod, discussion continued until the Orders of the Day prompted the chair to ask whether the assembly was ready to terminate debate on the amendment. After the assembly voted to cease debate (Yes: 860; No: 69), the amendment was adopted (Yes: 471; No: 467). When asked whether it was ready to end debate on the amended motion, the assembly ended debate (Yes: 832; No: 106), and Res. 5-03A was adopted as amended (Yes: 742; No: 214). The following delegates asked to have their negative votes recorded in the minutes: Benjamin Ball, William Keith Davis, Mark Eckert, Daniel G. Holthus, Kenneth Howes, Robert Jahns, Bryan Lindemood, Timothy D. May, David Teigen, Paul Weber.

#### *Bible Study*

The chair called on convention chaplain Dean Wenthe to introduce Dr. David Buegler, former Ohio District President and current Fifth Vice-President of the Synod, to provide the final Bible study of the convention. Focusing his study on Acts 3 and 4, he used the verbiage of two favorite

hymns to lead the delegates in a study of “One Message—*Christ! A Message of Love to a Desperate People.*”

#### *Committee 4: Program and Finance*

Res. 4-16, “To Hold 2010 Convention in Houston, Texas” (*TB*, p. 245) was introduced by the committee. The committee asked that “and with the recommendation of” be inserted after “Meeting Planning”; that “Synod’s” be inserted before “Board of Directors”; that “recommends to the 2007 convention that” be deleted; and that the word “will” be inserted in the final line before the words “be held in Houston, Texas.” After a motion to terminate debate was carried (Yes: 809; No: 97), Res. 4-16 with changes offered by the committee was adopted (Yes: 805; No: 118).

Res. 4-10, “To Encourage Funding for Center for Hispanic Studies” (*TB*, p. 89), was introduced by the committee and was adopted without discussion (Yes: 837; No: 74).

Committee chairman Keith Kohlmeier announced that his committee would yield the balance of its allotted time to the chair for use at his discretion. The members of Floor Committee 4 were thanked for their service to the convention.

#### *Committee 6: Human Care*

Res. 6-04A, “To Encourage and Assist Congregations to Respond to the Ministry Needs of the Immigrants in Their Midst” (*TB*, pp. 197–198), was introduced by the committee. During the discussion that followed, the committee agreed to change #3 of the resolve to read, “Encourage Board for Human Care Ministries to provide legal and counseling services to undocumented immigrants responding to legislation enabling them to become residents and citizens.” After a motion to amend the resolution by striking #3 in the resolve, new wording was proposed for #3: “Encourage the Board for Human Care Ministries to assist congregations by providing information regarding legal and counseling services possibly needed by undocumented immigrants responding to legislation enabling them to become residents and citizens.” The chair asked the assembly whether it was ready to terminate debate (Yes: 766; No: 148). The motion to amend the resolution by deleting #3 in the resolve failed (Yes: 393; No: 526). After a motion to end debate was carried (Yes: 783; No: 142), Res. 6-04A with the new wording for #3 of the resolve was adopted (Yes: 744; No: 204). The following delegate asked to have his negative vote recorded in the minutes: Tom Schenks.

Board for Human Care Ministries Executive Director Matthew Harrison was given opportunity to introduce Rev. Wilhelm Torgerson, Director of the International Lutheran Welcome Center in Wittenberg, Germany.

Res. 6-07, “To Include People with Disabilities in All Aspects of the Church’s Life” (*TB*, pp. 118–119), was introduced by the committee. After discussion, the chair asked the assembly whether it was ready to vote on the resolution (Yes: 847; No: 76). Debate ended, and Res. 6-07 was adopted (Yes: 926; No: 13).

#### *Committee 7: Planning and Administration*

Res. 7-10A, “To Amend Bylaws 1.9 and 3.9.3 Pertaining to Doctrinal Review Process” (*TB*, pp. 285–289), was introduced by the committee, reading only the lines that in-

cluded bylaw changes. A motion to amend Bylaw 1.9.1.1 (b) by adding the words “Each page of the document shall be prominently marked ‘not doctrinally reviewed’” was defeated (Yes: 395; No: 457). A motion to amend Bylaw 1.9.1.1 (b) by deleting in its first sentence the words “or immediately following the title page” and replacing them with the words “the cover and title page in print not smaller than fourteen-point type” also failed (Yes: 404; No: 467). A motion to divide the question was ruled by the chair to be a substitute motion, which the assembly decided not to consider (Yes: 227; No: 633). Returning to the resolution as presented, the chair asked the assembly whether it was ready to cease debate (Yes: 750; No: 116). Debate ended, Res. 7-10A was adopted (Yes: 761; No: 119). The following delegate asked to have his negative vote recorded in the minutes: John Riley.

#### *Committee 1: Missions*

Res. 1-08, “To Commend Lutheran Hour Ministries for Its Faithful Mission Focus” (*TB*, pp. 58–59), was introduced by the committee. After the entire resolution was read, the resolution was adopted without discussion (Yes: 735; No: 95). The following delegate asked to have his negative vote recorded in the minutes: Benjamin Ball.

Res. 1-03, “To Prepare New Study and Increase Emphasis on Priesthood of All Believers” (*TB*, p. 56), was introduced by the committee, reading the entire resolution. A motion immediately to end debate was not carried (Yes: 391; No: 457). In the discussion that followed, the committee responded to a motion to strike the final resolve with a suggestion that “after approval by the Synod in convention” be inserted into the final resolve after the word “That.” This was agreed to by the delegate who had made the motion to amend. An additional amendment to insert “and Luther’s teaching on vocation” after “priesthood” in the first resolve was also agreed to by the committee. After the assembly agreed to end debate (Yes: 732; No: 117), Res. 1-03 was adopted (Yes: 714; No: 151). The following delegates asked to have their negative votes recorded in the minutes: Ronald Kabitzke, Henry J. Koopmann.

Res. 1-04, “To Encourage an Intentional Mission Development Focus” (*TB*, pp. 56–57), was introduced by the committee and adopted without discussion (Yes: 708; No: 115).

Res. 1-10, “To Encourage Creative Partnerships between Districts and Congregations and the LCMS Sister and Partner Churches” (*TB*, p. 59), was introduced by the committee. During discussion, changes were made to the resolves, inserting “individuals, congregations, institutions, organizations, and auxiliaries” after “districts” in the first resolve, and replacing “congregations within these districts” with “all these entities” in the second resolve. Resolution 1-10 was then adopted as changed (Yes: 768; No: 57).

Res. 1-11, “To Continue Assessing LCMS Campus Ministry and Its Association with the ELCA” (*TB*, p. 60), was introduced by the committee. During discussion, an amendment was offered to delete from the final WHEREAS paragraph the words “I believe it is important for me to state my ongoing impression that, at many levels, the ELCA continues to demonstrate a vastly different understanding of the authority of Holy Scripture and interpretation of the

Lutheran Confessions than does The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod’ (*CW*, p. 8).” The chair tested the will of the assembly for terminating debate on the amendment, and debate was ended by voice vote. The amendment was defeated (Yes: 202; No: 613). After again terminating debate by voice vote, Res. 1-11 was adopted as presented (Yes: 689; No: 137).

#### *Committee 8: Synod Structure and Governance*

Res. 8-06, “To Recommend Further Study of Composition of Hearing Panels in Bylaws 2.14, 2.15, and 2.17” (*TB*, pp. 148–149), was introduced by the committee. An amendment to replace the reference to the 2010 convention in the final resolve with reference to the 2009 special convention was offered and then withdrawn. Res. 8-06 was adopted as presented (Yes: 654; No: 89).

Res. 8-10, “To Refer for Theological Study CCM Opinions 02-2296, 02-2309, and 02-2320” (*TB*, p. 151), was introduced by the committee. During discussion, a substitute resolution was proposed (*TB*, p. 378). After comments by the delegate proposing the substitute resolution and the floor committee, the chair invited comment from the Commission on Constitutional Matters. When a delegate challenged this action by the chair on the basis of Special Standing Rule 15, the assembly upheld the action of the chair (Yes: 469; No: 333). After the assembly voted not to consider the substitute resolution (Yes: 375; No: 426), discussion continued on the main motion. A motion was offered to amend the resolution with Overture 8-37 (*CW*, p. 273). After the chair had ruled the amendment a substitute resolution and after the maker of the motion and the floor committee had been given opportunity to speak, the assembly declined to consider the substitute resolution (Yes: 272; No: 513). After debate was terminated (Yes: 615; No: 175), Res. 8-10 was adopted (Yes: 603; No: 191). The following delegates asked to have their negative votes recorded in the minutes: Frederick Davison, Henry J. Koopmann, Le Roy B. Sundbom.

#### *Committee 5: Seminary and University Education*

Res. 5-07A, “To Change CUS Membership Structure” (*TB*, pp. 195–196), was introduced by the committee and further explanation was offered by Dr. Alan Borcharding of the Board for University Education staff. When the presence of a quorum was questioned, the chair asked delegates to use their keypads to indicate their attendance (706 delegates voted). A quorum being present, Res. 5-07A was voted on and adopted (Yes: 611; No: 78).

Floor Committee 5 having completed its work, Committee Chairman Jon Diefenthaler recognized Dr. L. Dean Hempelmann, retiring Executive Director of the Board for Pastoral Education, for his service to the Synod. Dr. Hempelmann received a standing ovation from the assembly.

#### *Committee 2: District and Congregational Services*

Res. 2-09, “To Initiate Planning for the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation” (*TB*, pp. 66–67), was introduced by the committee. The resolution was adopted (Yes: 627; No: 85) without discussion.

*Committee 6: Human Care*

Res. 6-09, "To Encourage Ministry to Armed Forces Personnel and Families" (*TB*, p. 120) was introduced by the committee and adopted without discussion (Yes: 715; No: 10).

Res. 6-08, "To Encourage Congregations to Provide Professional Church Worker Sabbaticals" (*TB*, pp. 119–120), was introduced by the committee. After brief discussion, the chair asked the assembly whether it was ready to vote on the resolution. After debate was ended by a voice vote, Res. 6-08 was adopted (Yes: 680; No: 59).

*Committee 2: District and Congregational Services*

Res. 2-07A, "To Encourage Christian Forgiveness and Greater Use of Individual Confession and Absolution" (*TB*, p. 182), was introduced by the committee. After discussion, a voice vote indicated the assembly's readiness to vote on the resolution. Res. 2-07A was adopted (Yes: 690; No: 31).

*Final Business*

As the convention prepared to adjourn, a survey question of interest for planning a 2009 convention was asked of the delegates: 1. Delegate seating for a number of conventions has been according to a computer-generated random plan. 2. Some have expressed an interest in being seated according to circuit delegations. The assembly was asked to vote for one of the two options: #1: 516; #2: 173.

The chair called attention to the minutes for Sessions 6–9 (*TB*, pp. 421–436) and asked for corrections or additions. None were offered, and the minutes were declared approved.

After asking the members of his committee to be recognized, Committee 9 Chairman Larry Harvala provided the final Registration Report:

Voting delegates:	1,239
Pastors	620
Laymen	619
Advisory delegates	328
District presidents	34
Ad hoc committee members	3
Former officers	2
Invited guests	27

The members of the *Today's Business* staff were introduced and thanked with a standing ovation: Ann Schmidt, Pearl Houghton, Allison Zehnder, Kathy Ledbetter, Brenda Wilson, Kathryn Gritts, and Christine Presson.

*Adjournment*

The chair declared the 63rd Regular Convention of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod adjourned "In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen." The historic gavel was returned to Dr. Martin Noland, Director of Concordia Historical Institute, for safekeeping until its next use. Convention chaplain Dale Meyer led the convention in a closing devotion.

Following the devotion, President Kieschnick offered a "strong personal presidential word of appreciation" to the delegates attending the convention, noting in particular the "sharing of personal conviction with such high respect and proper demeanor." He sent the delegates on their homeward way with final words of benediction.

Raymond L. Hartwig, *Secretary*

