



Inviting
Conversations -
Empowering
Words

John 17:20

Pacific Southwest District ~ LCMS
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District Convention ~ June 28-30, 2009
Daily Newsletter

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Issue 4

Tell it to your children, and let your children tell it to their children, and their children to the next generation. Joel 1:3

Mr. Lou Marting came before us to share information regarding LLL. "The International **Lutheran Laymen's League (LLL)** is a global movement of Christians empowered and equipped to communicate the Gospel of Christ to all people. The League chose Lutheran Hour Ministries (LHM) as the overall identity for its media outreach programs to bring Christ to the Nations-and the Nations to the Church. "For more information on LLL, check out the website, www.lhm.org.

** We were then treated to a report/preview of the 2010 Rose Parade Float presented by Dick Gast.

LCEF ~ Provides space and place NOW and in the FUTURE. We invite you to become a partner in the ministry that is the Lutheran Church Extension Fund.

Contact the District Office in Irvine for information or visit us on the internet at www.lcef.org

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LWML ~ The mission of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League is to assist each woman of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod in affirming her relationship with the Triune God so that she is enabled to use her gifts in ministry to the people of the world.

www.lwml.org

SCHOOL MINISTRIES Rachel Klitzing, Director of School Ministries for the Pacific Southwest District, came forward to share news and information with us regarding the ministry of education in our schools. She discussed the School Ministry Vision with us reminding us that our schools are bursting with dynamic disciples, all of which are connected in Christ. The statistical information reported is as follows; 125 ECC, 70 Elementary Schools and 10 High Schools, approximately 23,000 students learning in one of our Lutheran Schools. Rachel reminded us that we should always be mindful that we are out there participating in Christ's Mission. We are NOT working our own agendas. **There are so many opportunities to serve.** Even if you are a member of a church with no school – you can still volunteer – still find ways to help and be supportive. **The Grantparent Program** is an extremely beneficial way to participate and support a Lutheran Education. There are currently 5 schools in our District that have families that are able to benefit from your generosity. But, there are always more needs. For just \$50 a month you can sponsor a student who might otherwise never be able to attend due to the financial hardships many families face today. Please continue to pray for this mission and that the Lord may find a way to use you to bless our children and their Lutheran Education.

Concordia Publishing House - Listening, Providing, and then Responding - for 140 years. CPH awarded Peace Lutheran Church, Las Vegas, NV a \$500 certificate to "stock the library". This was accepted by Rev. Bo Brink.

Lutheran Credit Union - Amy from LCU came forward to award their give-a-way gift igloo. Wally Turner was the lucky recipient.

Concordia University – Rev. Dr. Jack Preus, President of CU spoke on general information including facts & figures. Enrollment is high and CU is on track to maintain financial strength. Dr. Preus then announced his departure from CU, effective this september, accepting a position with Bethesda Lutheran Homes & Services in WI. What a gift from God he has been to our District and even more so to the Lutheran Higher Education community. He will be missed.

"You know you're a Steadfast Lutheran if ... You have uttered the phrases, "What Does This Mean?", "How Is This Done?" , and "This Is Most Certainly True" more times than you care to remember. You learned what words like beseech, besmirch, backbite, stricken, smitten, and afflicted mean and they still produce a bit of guilt in you.

~ All Issues's quotes taken from [You Know You Are A Lutheran If ...](#) by J.Martin & S.Nelson

What A Way! – Dr. Kurt Krueger spoke to us regarding this program which will enable us to seek out church workers. Our communities NEED these servants of God, those called into His service. We are charged to *Pray to the Lord of the Harvest!* Support & encourage appropriate candidates to serve in our community. Look for more information to come in the months to follow.

Ranking of Vice Presidents

1. Roger Sonnenberg
2. Richard Dannenbring
3. Lowell Kindschy
4. David Bolte

Resolution Results

District Resolutions

R-DIST-01: To Restructure the District Mission Committee, **81.3% PASSED**

R-DIST-02: To Improve the Nomination Process for District Officers, **72.1% PASSED**

R-DIST-03: To Realign the Circuits of the Pacific Southwest District, **94.2% PASSED**
AMENDMENT TO REMOVE LAMB OF GOD, LAKE HAVASU FROM THIS RESOLUTION, 83.3% PASSED

R-DIST-04: Encouraging Smaller Congregations to Participate in "Cures and Connections" **87.9% PASSED**

R-DIST-05: To Encourage Congregations to Pray Corporately and Regularly for Their Communities, the Lost, Our Missionaries and the Harvest, **98.1% PASSED**

R-DIST-06: To Encourage Congregations to Hold Adult Instruction Courses, **98.3% PASSED**

R-DIST-07: To Thank, Affirm, and Support Our Covenant Congregations, **93.8% PASSED**

R-DIST-08: To Encourage Congregations to Conduct One or More Evangelism Training Events per Year, **92.5% PASSED**

R-DIST-09: To Encourage Congregations with Schools to Be Intentional in Reaching The Unchurched Families in Their School, **98.2% PASSED**

R-DIST-10: To Encourage Congregations to Pay Convention Assessment, **94.0% PASSED**

R-DIST-11: To Affirm Human Life, **motion made to consider the original verbiage of the unprinted overture 09 – this would then negate Resolution 11: 56.0% PASSED**

Unprinted Overture 09: Not to Lose Heart or Grow Weary in the Defense of Human Life 77.8% PASSED

R-DIST-12: To Encourage the 2010 Synod convention to Give Careful consideration to the Proposals and Report of The Blue Ribbon Task Force on Synod Structure and Governance, **75.8% PASSED**

AMENDMENT TO RETAIN LANGUAGE FROM ORIGINAL ARTICLE 2 – TO LEAVE IT UNCHANGED, 65.3% PASSED

R-DIST-13: A Call for Equitable Representation and Voice for Commissioned Ministers of the Gospel within the Pacific Southwest District, **78.8% PASSED**

AMENDMENT TO HAVE (1) ONE COMMISSIONED MINISTER FOR EACH CONG TO DISTRICT AND (1) CIRCUIT TO SYNOD 68% PASSED

Omnibus Resolutions- Resolution A- **88.9% PASSED**

Overture 02: To Encourage Congregations to Use Stewardship Education Resources

Overture 03: To Establish A Task Force for Ministry To and With People with Disabilities

Overture 05: To Encourage Circuits To Organize For Mission Support

Omnibus Resolutions- Resolution B- **85.3% PASSED**

Amendment to remove Overture 12 from the Omnibus Resolution B- 51.3% PASSED

Overture 10: To Preserve Current Article II of the Constitution of the LCMS

Overture 11: To Confront Militant Atheism in the Public Arena

Thank-You, At-a-Boy, Way to Go! We thank and praise God for the servant hearts of so many of His faithful! Thank you to our EQUIPPING CONFERENCE COMMITTEE, to our DISTRICT CONVENTION COMMITTEE, and to the many who offered devotions and council. We thank our LCMS Synod President, Rev. Dr. Kieschnick and our District President, Rev. Dr. Stoterau for their leadership. We are thankful for the PSD Staff who dedicated countless hours of time to ensure success in these gatherings. The YOUTH DELEGATES & MANY VOLUNTEERS were blessings to us all.