



Convention Proceedings

**41st Regular Convention
Pacific Southwest District—LCMS**

**June 25—June 27, 2006
Hyatt Regency Irvine**

MINUTES

41st Pacific Southwest District–LCMS Equipping Conference and Convention Friday, June 23 to Tuesday, June 27, 2006 Hyatt Regency Irvine, California

Hearts on Fire was the theme of the Pacific Southwest District Equipping Conference and District Convention held from June 23 to June 27, 2006 in Irvine, California. The Conference began with a time of musical celebration. Representatives from district congregations gathered together on Friday evening to hear Michael Antonovich speak on the theme *Pray and Send*. Mr. Antonovich, a Los Angeles County Supervisor, shared pertinent information that challenged the attendees to focus on the opportunities to be a positive Christian witness in the communities in which we live.

Missionaries, Tim and Rita Nickel, spoke on the theme *Go and Tell*. The Nickels shared their experiences of planting sixteen new churches last year in Kyrgyzstan in front-line missionary work. The attendees were challenged to step out in faith and help plant new churches wherever the Lord leads their congregations. Rev. Victor Belton addressed the afternoon session on *Learn and Give*. Pastor Belton, a parish pastor in Decatur, Georgia and a member of the LCMS Board of Directors, encouraged people to learn what's needed to make a difference, and then to give appropriately so that the Gospel can be sown and grown.

District President Larry Stoterau tied the three previous presentations together as he spoke on *Celebrate*. He emphasized that we need to find ways to be creative in our approach to share the Gospel of Christ in our mission field of the Pacific Southwest District.

The evening session on Saturday was the 75th Anniversary Celebration for the Pacific Southwest District. Katie and Martin Luther served as hosts for an evening filled with song and celebration from various ministries throughout the District. Through instrumental and choral music, both contemporary and traditional as well as in various

languages, this anniversary celebration was a huge success.

On Sunday morning, June 25, the four regional vice presidents conducted Bible studies for each of their regions based on Synod's *Ablaze!* program. The book "How Do You Start a Fire with Water?" was used. The Equipping Conference ended with a worship celebration and a service of Holy Communion. Rev. William Diekelmann, First Vice President of the LCMS was the preacher for this service with the emphasis on *Hearts on Fire*. Truly God was glorified through this service of praise and thanksgiving; as well as the participants being strengthened and renewed through Word and Sacrament.

Session 1

Sunday, June 25, 2006

President Larry Stoterau called the 41st Convention of the Pacific Southwest District of The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod to order at 2:24 p.m. Rev. Dennis Bradshaw opened the session with prayer.

President's Report

President Larry Stoterau gave part two of his report to the Convention. Part one is on Page 29 of the Convention Workbook. He shared the new mission statement of the District: "*As the Pacific Southwest District, our Mission is to effectively resource congregations and schools to fulfill the Great Commission.*" He also presented the vision statements which the Board of Directors and District staff has adopted.

The goal of The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod's *Ablaze!* effort is share the Gospel with 100,000,000 people by 2017, and to establish 2,000 new congregations in the USA. "We want

to be a missional church and find a strategy to do it. We want to be faithful to the Scriptures and the Great Commission,” President Stoterau emphasized. He shared that the LCMS has declined by over 350,000 members in the last 35 years. Even in the PSW we are also declining. Our four regions have 300 congregations and fifty-percent of those churches worship less than 100 people a week. Many cultures and ethnicities are reflected in our ministries of the District. God has blessed us with 204 preschools, elementary and high schools in our district.

President Stoterau stressed that we are faced with many challenges. Those challenges include: a churched vs. unchurched culture, the fact that churches are unwanted, the values of our society have changed, the family structure is being challenged, and economics [are affecting our ministries]. The result is that we are faced with either fear or opportunity. He compared this challenge to that of when Moses sent the spies out into the land of Canaan. “Fear or opportunity: which road will we take? Will we be a sanctuary or a mission outpost? Will our *hearts on fire* move us out into the mission field?”

Registration Report

Joy Jones reported that 404 voting delegates had registered for convention with 346 present at the opening. This number of delegates constituted a quorum necessary to conduct the business of the Convention. In addition, there were 55 advisory delegates and 105 guests and visitors. The Equipping Conference had a total of 202 participants. The report was accepted as presented.

Reception of New Members

The Committee on Constitutions and the Board of Directors approved the constitutions of the newly established congregations (July 1, 2003 to June 30, 2006). Their representatives came forward and signed the Constitution of The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod.

These new congregations are:
Indonesian Lutheran, Claremont, CA
Saving Grace Lutheran, Chino Valley, AZ
Trinity Lutheran, Duncan, AZ

Good News Korean Lutheran, Garden Grove CA
Light of Life Lutheran, Indio, CA

In addition, those pastors who had been ordained since the last District Convention (July 1, 2003 to June 30, 2006) also signed the Constitution of The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod.

They are:
Jeffrey Alexander
Arthur Andrews
Guggsa Biru
Ramon Contreras
Chris Deknatel
Raymond Fellers
Roger Frick
Scott Ganas
Samuel Gomez
Travis Guse
James Gwaltney III
Thomas Henkes
Justin Herman
Juan Herrera
Mark Hoffmann
Jason Hong
Mark Jasa
Mark Johnson
Jason Kilian
Eshetu Abate Koyra
Zabdi Lopez
Marco Lozano
Jonathan Manthei
Theodore Martin
Jedidiah Maschke
Peter Mueller
Dustin Parker
Keith Reich
Victor Rico
Richard Ross
Pison Sinambela
Jeffrey Springer
David Weber
Steven Wells

Electronic Voting Machines

The district president then instructed the delegates on the procedure for voting with the new electronic keypads.

Nominations Committee

Philomena Howard, chairperson of the Nominations Committee, explained the procedure for electing the district president. She explained that each delegate should nominate one person from the clergy roster of the LCMS for district president. The ballot was cast and declared closed.

Adoption: Standing Rules of the Day

(WB p.7)

It was moved and seconded to adopt the “Standing Rules of the Convention.” Adopted.

District Structure & Governance Floor Committee

R-Dist-01

(ref: District-01 WB p.111)

TO: Change the Nominating Procedure for District President. The committee presented this resolution and moved its adoption. R-Dist-01 was adopted.

R-Dist-02

(ref: District-02 WB p.111-112)

TO: Elect the Members of the District Board of Directors. The committee presented this resolution and moved its adoption. R-Dist-02 was adopted.

R-Dist-03

(ref: District-07 WB p.114)

TO: Establish a District Standing Committee for Youth Ministry. The committee presented this resolution and moved its adoption. R-Dist-03 was adopted.

R-Dist-05

(ref: District-05 WB p. 113-114)

TO: Return Grace, Banning to Its Former Circuit. The committee presented this resolution move to decline and moved its adoption. A substitute motion was presented and seconded. The substitute motion (Overture District-05 p. 113-114) was accepted for consideration. The substitute motion was then adopted.

Report: Nomination Committee

Chairperson Philomena Howard reported that there was no election for the position of district

president. The top four candidates will be contacted for their willingness to permit their names to be placed on the ballot for the office of district president. The four are Robert Dargatz, Beryl Droegemueller, Roger Sonnenberg and Larry Stoterau. This election will take place at 8:30 a.m. on Monday morning.

School Ministries Report

Rachel Klitzing gave her report on the status of our district schools. Her written report to the Convention is on Pages 72-73 of the Convention Workbook. Paul Brandt spoke to the Convention regarding his new position within the School Ministries department. Mrs. Klitzing then shared a video presentation on the power and impact of our Lutheran schools. The delegates received a pair of dark glasses called “mission eyes.” She emphasized the Grantparent Program. Rachel thanked the District for their commitment to Christian education.

Theology & Church Relations Floor Committee

R-Theo-01

(ref: Theo-11 Unprinted Overtures p. 3)

TO: Study “Brief Statement” Article 43 on the Antichrist. The committee presented this resolution and moved its adoption. A change by consensus was made in the title to include the words, “the LCMS Website Presentation of the” between the words “Study” and “Brief”. R-Theo-01 was adopted.

R-Theo-02

(ref: Theo-14 WB p. 117)

TO: Memorialize Synod to Rescind 2004 Res. 3-08A on the Role of Women in the Church. The committee presented this resolution and moved its adoption. A motion was made to recommit R-Theo-02 back to the Theology & Church Relations Floor Committee for further study. It was seconded and adopted.

Special Presentation

A DVD presentation entitled “A Healthy You” was shown to the delegates.

Session 1 was adjourned at 5:08 p.m.

Session 2 Sunday, June 25, 2006

President Larry Stoterau called the Convention to order at 7:02 p.m. Convention Chaplain Dennis Bradshaw led in prayer.

A motion was made to extend the time of Session 2 one additional hour until 9:00 p.m. Motion carried.

Registration Report

As of Sunday evening 340 voting delegates have arrived.

Concordia University Irvine

President Jack Preus of Concordia University Irvine was introduced by President Larry Stoterau. President Preus shared the highlights and successes of the 30th anniversary of Concordia University. As of the fall of 2006, 2300 students will be studying at CUI. President Preus' written report can be referenced on Pages 87-88 of the Convention Workbook.

Synodical Structure & Governance Floor Committee

R-Synod-07

(ref: Synod-19 Unprinted Overtures p. 4)

TO: Increase Available Pastors for District Congregations by Expanding Seminary Education in the Pacific Southwest District. The committee presented this resolution and moved its adoption. R-Synod-07 was adopted.

R-Synod-01

(ref: Synod-03 WB p. 112)

TO: Sunlight Resolution. The committee presented this resolution and moved its adoption. A motion to postpone discussion on R-Synod-01 until the delegates heard the report from the First Vice President of The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod, Rev. William Diekelmann, was made and seconded. Motion passed.

R-Synod-02

(ref: Synod-13 WB p. 116)

TO: Commend Synod for Amending Bylaws on Dispute Resolution and to Encourage All to Employ and Examine the Recent Document on

“Public Rebuke of Public Sin” Recently Issued by the Commission on Theology and Church Relations (CTCR). The committee presented this resolution and moved its adoption. Time expired for this floor committee.

District Mission Team Report

Rev. Jerry Kosberg, Mr. Gary Norton and Rev. Ron Rehner shared this presentation time. Their written report can be viewed on Pages 62-63 of the Convention Workbook.

Synodical Structure & Governance Floor Committee

R-Synod-02 was again presented to the delegates for their consideration. The assembly by consensus agreed that lines 25-27 be stricken from R-Synod-02. A motion to postpone indefinitely was made and seconded. The motion was defeated. The main motion, R-Synod-02, went before the Convention. R-Synod-02 was adopted as changed by consensus.

Lutheran Laymen's League Presentation

Mr. Lou Marting brought greetings from the LLL.

Session 2 was adjourned at 9:01 p.m. as the assembly sang together, “Go My Children” from the Lutheran Service Book. Each session began with the Convention delegates singing several songs from Lutheran Service Book, the new hymnal. Mrs. Linda Stoterau accompanied the singing.

Session 3 Monday, June 26, 2006

President Larry Stoterau called the session to order at 8:30a.m. Rev. Dennis Bradshaw led the assembly in prayer.

Elections Committee

District President

Elections Committee chairperson Kevin Kritzer presented the slate for district president. Rev. Robert Dargartz, Rev. Beryl Droegemueller, Rev. Roger Sonnenberg and Rev. Dr. Larry Stoterau constituted the ballot. Rev. Dr. Larry Stoterau was elected on the first ballot.

District Vice Presidents

Rev. Kevin Kritzer presented the slate for the four regional vice-presidents as listed in the Convention Workbook Pages 89-94. Rev. Jim Johnson of Region 1 declined to let his name stand and was replaced on the ballot by Rev. Elroi Reimnitz. Elections results were as follows:

Region 1	Rev. Steve Carlson
Region 2	Rev. Roger Sonnenberg
Region 3	Rev. Richard Dannenbring
Region 4	Rev. Dr. Kevin Wyssmann

Nominations from the Floor

Chairperson Philomena Howard received nominations from the floor for the remaining offices for district positions.

Rev. James Hallmann was nominated for the position of Secretary.

Mr. Oliver Schutte was nominated for the position of LCEF chairman.

Nominations were closed.

Synodical Representative

First Vice President of The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod, Rev. William Diekelmann, presented a video from Synod President, Rev. Dr. Jerry Kieschnick. He also shared a few brief remarks with the Convention delegates.

Theology & Church Relations Floor Committee

The committee brought back to the floor R-Theo-02 for discussion and consideration by the delegates. It was moved and seconded that Theo-14 (*WB p.117*) be substituted for R-Theo-02. Theo-14 was adopted as a substitute motion. The substitute motion went before the assembly and was defeated.

R-Theo-03

(*ref: Theo-15 WB p. 118*)

TO: Memorialize Synod to Direct the CTCR to Restudy Guidelines for Participation in Civic Events. R-Theo-03 was presented by the committee and moved. A substitute motion “To Memorialize Synod to Direct the CTCR to Study

and Prepare Additional Guidelines for Participation in Civic Events” was moved and seconded. It was adopted for consideration. The substitute motion will be printed and made available to the delegates for discussion at a later time.

R-Theo-04

(*ref: Theo-17 WB p. 119*)

TO: Encourage the Sharing of God’s Gifts of Prayer and the Lord’s Supper between and among All Christian Brothers and Sisters. R-Theo-04 was presented by the committee and moved for adoption. A substitute motion (*Theo-17 WB p. 119*) was presented and seconded. It was defeated.

R-Theo-04 was then adopted.

Report District Restructuring

Rev. Dr. Larry Stoterau gave the report on the efforts and progress of continued district restructuring during the past triennium.

Bible Study/Essay

President Rev. Robert Newton of the California-Nevada-Hawaii District led the assembly in a Bible study on “Seedbags”. He challenged the delegates to understand their role in the world and the awesome responsibility of fulfilling the Great Commission.

Session 4

Monday, June 26, 2006

Lutheran Service Book Presentation

An information video on progress of the new hymnal, *The Lutheran Service Book*, was shared with the delegates.

District Structure & Governance Floor Committee

R-Dist-06

(*ref: Dist-18 WB p. 119*)

TO: Reassign Mount Zion Lutheran Church from Circuit 28 to Circuit 26. R-Dist-06, to decline the overture, was presented by the committee and moved for adoption. A motion was made and seconded to substitute Dist-18 WB p. 119 and passed. The delegates then adopted Dist-18.

R-Dist-04

(ref: Dist-16 WB p. 118-119)

TO: Allow Congregations to Retain Language Regarding the Nature of Holy Scripture in Their Constitutions. The committee presented this resolution and moved its adoption. Time expired before the delegates could reach a decision.

Question and Answer Time

Rev. John Zeile read the questions that the delegates had submitted. Synodical Vice President Rev. William Diekelmann answered the questions during the time allowed.

District Recruitment Task Force

Dr. Steve Mueller shared some insights on the need for called ministers. Pastoral vacancies are rising, many schools are served by non-rostered teachers, and other positions in the church are also experiencing a shortfall. “On the Edge: Stepping into the Ministry” was a retreat that attempted to raise up more church workers. September 30, 2006 will be the second “On the Edge” retreat.

World Missions Ablaze

Rev. David Birner gave a report on the *Ablaze!* efforts throughout our Synod.

Elections Committee

Elections Committee chairperson Rev. Kevin Kritzer conducted the remaining elections:

Ranking of the Vice Presidents

1 st Vice President	Rev. Roger Sonnenberg
2 nd Vice President	Rev. Dr. Kevin Wyssmann
3 rd Vice President	Rev. Steven Carlson
4 th Vice President	Rev. Richard Dannenbring

Secretary Rev. James Hallmann

Treasurer Diana Alexander

Board of Directors

Ordained

Rev. David Bolte

Rev. Douglas Johnstone

Rev. Timothy Klinkenberg

Commissioned

Charles Gerken

Bonnie Hicks

Lay

Esther Jow

Michael Lange

Dr. Douglas Martin

Rudiger Stuhlmuller

Committee on Constitutions

Ordained

Rev. John Sauer

Rev. David Schilling

Lay

Robert Bartels

LCEF Committee Chair

Julian Fruhling

Missions Committee Chair

Rev. James Pflueger

CUI Board of Regents

Ordained

Rev. Robert Dargatz

Commissioned

Dr. Marian Baden

Lay

Del Glanz

Synod’s Committee for Nominations

Lay

Diana Alexander

2009 Convention Nomination Committee

Ordained

Rev. Lowell Kindschy

Rev. Patrick Jow

Rev. John Elke

Rev. Kevin Kosberg

Commissioned

Bonnie Hicks

Dennis Jacobson

Joe Henkell

Karen Zimmerman

Lay

Mike Schultz

Gregory Kniep

Diana Orr

Dave Anderson

North American Missions Deployed Staff

Rev. Chris Reinke shared a few thoughts on lay training possibilities that supports the work of *Ablaze!*.

Synodical Structure & Governance Floor Committee

R-Synod-03

(ref: Synod-04 WB p. 113)

TO: Credentials of Lawsuit Participant Delegates. The committee presented and moved its adoption. R-Synod-03 was adopted.

R-Synod-04

(ref: Synod-08 WB p. 114-115)

TO: Revise the Selection and Number of Commission on Constitutional Matters Members. The Committee presented this resolution and moved its adoption. R-Synod-04 was adopted.

R-Synod-05

(ref: Synod-09 and Theo-10 WB p. 115-116)

TO: Require Consideration of CCM-Related Overtures and Resolutions by Conventions of the Synod. The committee presented this resolution and moved its adoption. R-Synod-05 was adopted.

R-Synod-06

(ref: Synod-12 Unprinted Overtures p. 3)

To: Reaffirm the Authority of Scripture in Church Governance. The committee moved it adoption. R-Synod-06 was adopted.

Lutheran Church Extension Fund

Mr. Gary Spencer and Mr. Tom Butz made a joint presentation on the work of The Lutheran Church Extension Fund in our district. Rev. Cal Fiege was honored for his years of service to our district and LCEF.

Special Presentation

Synodical First Vice-president Rev. William Diekelmann came forward to answer questions concerning the lawsuit against himself and President Kieschnick.

The session ended at 5:25 p.m.

The Jubilarian and Memorial Service

At 7:30 p.m. delegates, family and friends paused to remember and honor faithful workers for the Lord at the Jubilarian and Memorial Service. Twenty-seven ordained ministers and five commissioned ministers were remembered by loved ones. Also, honored and remembered during the service were those ordained and commissioned ministers who were observing anniversaries in the service of the Lord for 25, 40, 50 and 60+ years. District President Larry Stoterau preached the sermon.

Session 5

Tuesday, June 27, 2006

Rev. Dr. Larry Stoterau opened the session at 8:31 a.m. and Rev. Dennis Bradshaw led the assembly in prayer.

Theology & Church Relations Floor Committee

R-Theo-03A as a substitute motion to R-Theo-03 (distributed to the delegates) was brought to the floor R-Theo-03A was adopted.

District Structure & Governance Floor Committee

R-Dist-04 was presented again for consideration. An amendment was proposed, moved and seconded. The amendment was defeated. The main motion R-Dist-04 was adopted.

Bible Study/Essay

District President Rev. Robert Newton continued his presentation of the Bible study.

District Structure & Governance Floor Committee

R-Dist-07

(ref: District-20 Unprinted Overtures p. 4)

TO: Amend the District By-Laws. The committee presented the resolution and moved its adoption. R-Dist-07 was adopted.

Special Recognition

Rev. RZ Meyer was recognized for his leadership work in the Intentional Interim Ministry program as he is retiring from that position.

Lutheran Women’s Missionary League

Mrs. Joanne Bradley, the president of the District LWML, addressed the convention. \$132,000+ is the goal for district mites this year.

Ratification Ballot for Circuit Counselors

President Larry Stoterau presented to the assembly the ratification ballot for Circuit Counselors. The slate was ratified by an affirmative yes voice vote.

- 1 Dave Bloedel
- 2 Rob Rebensal
- 3 Greg Barth
- 4 Chuck Pearson
- 5 Jess Knauft
- 6 John Perling
- 7 Vern Ermeling
- 8 Thomas St. Jean
- 9 Charles Brady
- 10 John Zeile
- 11 Bill Cwirla
- 12 Daniel Harmelink
- 13 Dan Kelm
- 14 Kerry Duerr
- 15 Tom Rogers
- 16 Eric Kaelberer
- 17 Woody Blanke
- 18 Dennis Krueger
- 19 Lloyd Strelow
- 20 Daniel Alsop
- 21 Allen Kolkman
- 22 David Keil
- 23 Dave Weber
- 24 Tom Bunnnett
- 25 Richard Collin
- 26 Gale Schmidt
- 27 Michael Schmidt
- 28 Tim Blau
- 29 James Behnke
- 30 Gary Boye
- 31 David DePaoli
- 32 Greg Mech

Synodical Structure & Governance Floor Committee

R-Synod-01 was brought back to the floor for the delegates’ consideration. It was defeated.

Commission on Ministerial Growth and Support

Rev. Tim Puls, from Concordia Seminary Fort Wayne and the Commission on Ministerial Growth and Support, made a special presentation.

Registration Report

Mrs. Joy Jones reported that there were 363 voting delegates, 82 advisory delegates and 123 guests and visitors as the final report.

Convention Closing and Installation

The final service gave God thanks for those who had faithfully served our district, and asked for God’s guidance in the years ahead. Former District President Loren Kramer installed Rev. Dr. Larry Stoterau as District President. President Stoterau then in turn installed the four Regional Vice Presidents and the other officers of the District.

At 11:03 a.m. President Stoterau declared the 41st Convention of the Pacific Southwest District of The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod adjourned. The delegates and guests joined in singing “Lord Reign in Me” as the closing song.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Richard A. Dannenbring, Secretary

UNPRINTED OVERTURES

DISTRICT: District Structure and Governance
SYNOD: Synodical Structure and Governance
THEO: Theology and Church Relations

THEO-11

To Study "Brief Statement" Article 43 on the Antichrist

WHEREAS, the "Brief Statement" of 1932 is printed on The LCMS website; and

WHEREAS, Article 43 states, "Hence we subscribe to the statement of our Confessions that the Pope is "the very Antichrist;" and

WHEREAS, this statement ought to be reconsidered in terms of the 21st century, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Pacific Southwest District of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod petition the national convention to refer Article 43 to the CTCR for study; and be it further

RESOLVED that Article 43 be removed from The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod website until there is resolution on this matter.

Adopted on February 22, 2006
Gethsemane Lutheran Church, Tempe, AZ
Rev. John W. Krueger, D. Min, Pastor
James Kauffman, President
Charles Winfrey, Secretary

SYNOD-12

To Reaffirm the Authority of Scripture in Church Governance (Overrule CCM Opinions 02-2296, 02-2320, and 02-2309)

WHEREAS, the Commission on Constitutional Matters (CCM) issued the binding opinion that the "Constitution and By-Laws of the Synod do not allow or contemplate the expulsion of a member of the Synod on the basis of an action taken with the full knowledge and

approval of the appropriate ecclesiastical supervisor" (02-2296, January 20-21 2003 Minutes, p. 3; also 02-2320 and similarly 02-2309 on the same page); and

WHEREAS, this binding opinion contradicts Holy Scripture, which not only repeatedly warns against "respect[ing] persons in judgment (Deuteronomy 1:17; see also Ephesians 6:9; Colossians 3:25; James 2:1,9), "making the Word of God of no effect through [human] tradition" (St. Mark 7:13), and "teaching for doctrines the commandments of men" (St. Mark 7:7), but also insists that "we must obey God rather than men" (Acts 5:29); and

WHEREAS, the CCM's stance is also incompatible with our Lutheran Confessions, which teach on the basis of Holy Scripture that "it is not lawful for a man to annul an obligation that is simply [i.e., clearly] a matter of divine right" (Augsburg Confession XXVII, 24); and deny that texts like St. Luke 10:16 and Hebrews 13:17 grant ecclesiastical supervisors any authority beyond the Gospel itself (Apology XXVIII, 17-21); and

WHEREAS, the CCM opinion in effect changes the Synodical constitution by granting immunity from expulsion to those who do not comply with the conditions of membership so long as they have secured the permission of their ecclesiastical supervisors; and

WHEREAS, a Scripturally- and confessionally-based Synod cannot endure for long if its members cease to be held responsible for the words and actions by which they confess the faith; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church of Colton, CA solicit and encourage the 2006 Convention of the Pacific Southwest District to memorialize the 2007

LCMS Convention to overrule Opinions 02-2296, 02-2320, & 02-2309 of the Commission on Constitutional Matters; and be it finally

RESOLVED, that the Commission on Structure be encouraged to propose a By-Law to the 2010 convention that addresses ecclesiastical supervision and responsibility in accordance with Scriptural and confessional principles, not superseding them.

Adopted on February 26, 2006
St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Colton,
CA

Rev. Don Wiley, Pastor
Mrs. Margaret Perry, Secretary/Treasurer
and

Approved on February 26, 2006
Christ the King Lutheran Church, Redlands, CA
David Vadala, Chairman
Sharon Johnson, Secretary

SYNOD-19

To Increase Available Pastors for District Congregations by Expanding Seminary Education in the Pacific Southwest District

WHEREAS, the mission statement of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod calls us: "vigorously to make known the love of Christ by word and deed within our churches, communities and the world"; and

WHEREAS, many of the nation's fastest-growing metropolitan areas are in the Pacific Southwest District; and

WHEREAS, current trends show that the numbers of ordained ministers in the LCMS will shrink from 5,246 in 2006 to 2,211 in 2023 (2004 report by Towers Perrin); and

WHEREAS, the absence of a Masters of Divinity Program on the West Coast is preventing more and more men in the District considering pastoral education to begin training as a pastor; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Pacific Southwest District and its congregations continue to recognize, support and promote the current cross-cultural pastoral certification program of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis on the campus of Concordia University Irvine; and be it

RESOLVED, that with all urgency, Concordia University Irvine, in concert with the District and the Seminaries in Saint Louis and Fort Wayne, establish an actual M.Div. extension program on its Irvine campus; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Pacific Southwest District petition the national convention of the LCMS to extend with all diligence, in coordination with the LCMS Board for Pastoral Education, the M.Div. programs of our two seminaries to Concordia campuses around the country in order to meet the pressing need for additional pastors to strengthen and expand God's Kingdom of grace.

Adopted on May 9, 2006
Pastors and Deacons of Circuit 12
(Rev. Joseph Strubbe, Rev. Dr. Daniel Harmelink, Rev. Mark Baumbach, Rev. Timothy Krieger, Rev. Nathan Loesch, Rev. Richard Ross, Rev. Ron Kusel, Deacon Tom Miller, Deacon Roger Smith with Rev. Dr. Charles Manske and Rev. Dr. Loren Kramer.)

DISTRICT-20

To Amend the District By-Laws

WHEREAS, the mission statement of the Pacific Southwest District is to effectively resource congregations and schools to fulfill the Great Commission, and

WHEREAS, the Pacific Southwest District Board of Directors continues to seek the most effective ways to "effectively resource" the congregations and schools of the District, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors has determined that having a Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) as currently defined in the By-

Laws has not served the District, staff and congregations effectively, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors has implemented a revised Policy-Based form of governance to structure their work, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors has determined to replace the CAO position with an Executive Team Leader administrative position that administrates the District Office and Staff on behalf of the District President with no Ecclesiastical Supervision responsibility, therefore be it

RESOLVED that the District By-Laws be amended to reflect such a change in administration.

Adopted on June 6, 2006
PSW District Board of Directors

ACTION ON REPORTS AND OVERTURES

District Structure and Governance

Resolution	Based On	Title	Action
R-DIST-01	WB p. 111	Change the Nominating Procedure for District President	Passed
R-DIST-02	WB p. 111-112	Elect the Members of the District Board of Directors	Passed
R-DIST-03	WB p. 114	Establish a District Standing Committee for Youth Ministry	Passed
R-DIST-04	WB p. 118-119	Allow Congregations to Retain Language Regarding the Nature of Holy Scripture in their Constitutions	Passed
R-DIST-05	WB p. 113-114	Return Grace, Banning to its Former Circuit	Passed
R-DIST-06	WB p. 119	Reassign Mount Zion Lutheran Church from Circuit 28 to Circuit 26	Passed
R-DIST-07	Unprinted p. 4	Amend the District By-Laws	Passed

Synodical Structure and Governance

Resolution	Based On	Title	Action
R-SYNOD-01	WB p. 113	Sunlight Resolution	Defeated
R-SYNOD-02	WB p. 116	Commend Synod for Amending Bylaws on Dispute Resolution and to Encourage all to Employ and Examine the Recent Document on “Public Rebuke of Public Sin” Recently Issued by the Commission on Theology and Church Relations (CTCR)	Passed
R-SYNOD-03	WB p. 113	Credentials of Lawsuit Participant Delegates	Passed
R-SYNOD-04	WB p. 114-115	Revise the Selection and Number of Commission on Constitutional Matters Members	Passed
R-SYNOD-05	WB p. 115-116	Require Consideration of CCM-Related Overtures and Resolutions by Conventions of Synod	Passed
R-SYNOD-06	Unprinted p. 3	Reaffirm the Authority of Scripture in Church Governance	Passed
R-SYNOD-07	Unprinted p. 4	Increase Available Pastor for District Congregations by Expanding Seminary Education in the Pacific Southwest District	Passed

Theology and Church Relations

Resolution	Based On	Title	Action
R-THEO-01	Unprinted p. 3	Study the LCMS Website Presentation of the “Brief Statement” Article 43 on the Antichrist	Passed
R-THEO-02	WB p. 117	Memorialize Synod to Rescind 2004 Res. 3-08A on the Role of Women in the Church	Defeated
R-THEO-03A	WB p. 118	Memorialize Synod to Direct the CTCR to Study and Prepare Additional Guidelines for Participation in Civic Events	Passed
R-THEO-04	WB p. 119	Encourage the Sharing of God’s Gifts of Prayer and The Lord’s Supper between and among All Christian Brothers and Sisters	Passed

RESOLUTIONS

R-DIST-01

To Change the Nominating Procedure for District President

References: DISTRICT-01 (WB pg. 111)

WHEREAS, the Pacific Southwest District currently uses an Ecclesiastical Ballot in the first session of the District Convention to nominate candidates for the office of District President, and

WHEREAS, this procedure requires the Nominating Committee after the first session of the convention to gather the biographical information of the top candidates who are nominated on the first ballot and consent to allow their name to stand for election and distribute this information at the beginning of the second session of the convention, and

WHEREAS, the delegates to the convention are given a very short time to learn of the candidates and prayerfully consider the mission and vision of those nominated before they are asked to vote, and

WHEREAS, the election of District President must take place prior to the election of other officers, and

WHEREAS, this nominating process is not followed by other districts or the synod in convention, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Pacific Southwest District in convention 2006 adopt a nominating process for District President which will be implemented for the District Convention 2009, and be it further

RESOLVED, that six (6) months prior to the District Convention, the secretary of the District will request from all congregations of the District the nomination of up to two (2) pastors for the office of District President, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the candidates receiving the four (4) highest total number of nominations who are willing to serve if elected shall be on the ballot for District President, and be it further

RESOLVED, that all candidates for the office of District President on the ballot must have received a minimum of ten (10) nominations, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the biographical information of the four nominees as well as mission and vision statements from the candidates will be printed in the convention workbook for prayer and study by the delegates, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the election of District President will occur during the first session of the District Convention, and be it finally

RESOLVED that the District By-Laws be amended to reflect this change.

CONVENTION ACTION Passed

SESSION 1

R-DIST-02

To Elect the Members of the District Board of Directors

References: DIST-02 (WB pg. 111-112)

WHEREAS, the current membership of the Pacific Southwest District Board of Directors is

Clergy <i>(District President, Secretary, 4 Region Vice Presidents & 3 clergy elected at large)</i>	9
Commissioned Ministers <i>(elected at large)</i>	2
Lay <i>(Treasurer & 4 lay reps elected at large)</i>	5

Which gives the majority of influence on the Board to the clergy, and

WHEREAS, The Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF) provides financial planning and support for the vast majority of congregations throughout the Pacific Southwest District, and

WHEREAS, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod believes and teaches the “Priesthood of all Believers,” and has through its history given equal representation to clergy and laity, and

WHEREAS, the Pacific Southwest District has always valued the ministry of the commissioned ministers in our mission together, and

WHEREAS, the current membership of the Pacific Southwest District Board of Directors is elected at large without concern for geography therefore resulting in a board representation of:

Region 1	2	
Region 2	2	
Region 3	9	(6 in Orange County)
Region 4	3	

Which does not represent our district equally, and

WHEREAS, the changing of the name of the District from the Southern California District to the Pacific Southwest District in 1988 was an attempt to describe the growing nature of our district in Arizona and Nevada, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Pacific Southwest District in Convention 2006 adopt the following constituency of the Board of Directors which will take effect with board elections in 2009:

- One Vice President (*clergy*) from each region 12
- One commissioned minister from each region
- One lay person from each region

District President and Secretary 2
(*Synodical By-laws require they are clergy*)

Treasurer & LCEF Board chair (*lay*) 2

Resulting in new BOD of:

Clergy	6
Lay	6
Commissioned Ministers	4

And be it further

RESOLVED, that six (6) months prior to the District convention, the Secretary of the District will request nominations for all board positions with regional representation being achieved as follows:

Each congregation in a region will be invited to nominate up to two (2) people for commissioned minister and up to two (2) lay people from their region. All who are nominated must be a member of a parish in their region. The individuals receiving the four (4) highest number of nominations from each region will be placed on the ballot for election by the entire convention. Nomination for Regional Vice Presidents will remain as currently outlined in the By-laws, and be it further

RESOLVED, that if an elected member of the Board would move out of their region during their term of office, they would resign from the Board and a new candidate from the region would be appointed as outlined in the District By-laws to fulfill the unexpired term, and be it finally

RESOLVED that the District By-Laws be amended to affect this change.

CONVENTION ACTION Passed

SESSION 1

R-DIST-03

To Establish a District Standing Committee for Youth Ministry

References: DISTRICT-07 (WB pg. 114)

WHEREAS, district organized youth ministry activities provide a valued service to congregations; and

WHEREAS, there is no provision for a District Youth Council in the District Bylaws; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the following paragraphs be included in the District Bylaws under section 8.0.

The Youth Ministry Standing Committee shall:

- provide planning and leadership for district youth events and training events
- provide an avenue for youth selected for District LYF (Lutheran Youth Fellowship) positions to be involved in leadership experiences

The Council membership:

- a chairperson nominated by district staff, and appointed by the District President;
- one adult representative each from Arizona, Nevada, and California nominated by the area DCE groups;
- six high school youth, selected to district LYF positions at the District Senior High Youth Gathering; and
- project directors and coordinators, selected by the Youth Committee, to serve as committee chair or coordinators for district youth activities.

The Committee shall normally meet three times a year.

CONVENTION ACTION Passed

SESSION 1

R-DIST-04

To Allow Congregations to Retain Language Regarding the Nature of Holy Scripture in Their Constitutions

References: DISTRICT-16 (WB pg. 118-119)

WHEREAS, the constitution of a congregation of the Pacific Southwest District is a critical document for congregational governance and self-understanding; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Constitutions of the PSW District has been established to provide wise and godly counsel to lead congregations to craft a document that is both workable and reflective of our Lutheran ethos; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Constitutions of the Pacific Southwest District of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod has, in recent years, required congregations seeking to amend their constitutions to remove descriptive words regarding the nature of Holy Scripture (like “inspired,” “inerrant,” and “revealed”) from the Confessional Standard section of their constitutions before receiving the Committee’s approval; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Constitutions bases this requirement on the precept that these descriptive words go “beyond the Synod’s confessional standard”; and

WHEREAS, Scripture itself as well as our Lutheran Confessions and the public teaching of our LCMS clearly advocate the use of these words when articulating the nature of Scripture; and

WHEREAS, these words have been retained in the constitutions of congregations within the PSW District for generations without question; and

WHEREAS, the Secretary of the LCMS has informed the Board of Directors of the PSW

District that the use of such wording “should be allowed to continue to stand”; and

WHEREAS, this removal requirement has caused some congregations in our district to refrain from amending their constitutions; and

WHEREAS, the action of the Committee on Constitutions has had the unfortunate consequence of casting doubt on our commonly held doctrine of Holy Scripture, be it therefore

RESOLVED, that the Committee on Constitutions of the PSW District cease altogether forcing congregations, new or old, to refrain from using descriptive, orthodox words regarding Scripture, such as “inspired,” “inerrant,” or “revealed” in the Confessional Subscription section of their constitutions; and be it therefore further

RESOLVED, that the Committee on Constitutions of the PSW District joyfully encourage congregations of our district to retain said language; and be it therefore further

RESOLVED, that the PSW District make public this misunderstanding and its correction in order to ensure no lingering ill effects; and be it finally

RESOLVED, that the PSW District memorialize the 2007 Synodical Convention to instruct the CCM to clarify their document: “Guidelines for the Constitution and Bylaws of a Lutheran Congregation” that the inclusion of orthodox and time-honored verbiage to describe our Lutheran doctrine in the Confessional Standard section of a congregation’s constitution **that is not used in Synod’s Confessional Standard section**, does not, thereby, mean that the congregation’s own standard has “gone beyond” the Synod’s confessional standard.

CONVENTION ACTION Passed

SESSION 5

R–DIST–05

To Return Grace, Banning to Its Former Circuit

References: DISTRICT–05 (WB pg. 113-114)

The committee respectfully declines this overture.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION

Ref: DISTRICT–05 (WB pg. 113-114)

CONVENTION ACTION Passed

SESSION 1

R–DIST–06

To Reassign Mount Zion Lutheran Church from Circuit 28 to Circuit 26

References: DISTRICT–18 (WB pg. 119)

The committee respectfully declines this overture.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION

Ref: DISTRICT–18 (WB pg. 119)

CONVENTION ACTION Passed

SESSION 4

R–DIST–07

To Amend the District By-Laws

References: District–20, Unprinted Overture p. 4

WHEREAS, the mission statement of the Pacific Southwest District is to effectively resource congregations and schools to fulfill the Great Commission, and

WHEREAS, the Pacific Southwest District Board of Directors continues to seek the most effective ways to “effectively resource” the congregations and schools of the District, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors has determined that having a Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) as currently defined in the By-Laws has not served the District, staff and congregations effectively, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors has implemented a revised Policy-Based form of governance to structure their work, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors has determined to replace the CAO position with an Executive Team Leader administrative position that administrates the District Office and Staff on behalf of the District President with no Ecclesiastical Supervision responsibility, therefore be it

RESOLVED that the District By-Laws be amended to reflect such a change in administration.

CONVENTION ACTION Passed

SESSION 5

R-SYNOD-01

Sunlight Resolution

References: SYNOD-03 (WB, pg. 112)

WHEREAS, all officers and board members in the LCMS are directly accountable to our church body which elects them in convention; and

WHEREAS, five members of the LCMS Board of Directors voted in Dallas, Texas at the November 18-19, 2004 meeting to file suit against the Synod "to seek legal remedy through the courts of the state of Missouri to clarify its authority," thus seeking to overturn through secular courts what the Synod determined for itself in its 2004 convention; and

WHEREAS, the publicly published minutes of this Board of Directors meeting do not divulge the names of the five board members who voted to support this suit, nor the nine who opposed it; and

WHEREAS, a lawsuit was subsequently filed against the Synod which also sought to overturn results of the 2004 LCMS Convention; and

WHEREAS to be fully informed so that the convention can vote intelligently it is inherent that ethically and morally the members of the Board of Directors reveal how they voted on the matter.

WHEREAS, only a fully informed electoral body in convention can properly exercise its authority over the Board of Directors it elects; therefore be it

WHEREAS, to be fully informed so that the convention can vote intelligently it is inherent that ethically and morally the members of the Board of Directors reveal how they voted on the matter.

RESOLVED, that the congregations of the Pacific Southwest District in its 2006 District Convention formally request that before any elections take place at the 2007 LCMS convention that the current Board of Director members reveal and announce to the Synod in convention or prior to the convention how they voted on this issue in their November 18-19, 2004, meeting to file the lawsuit against the Synod.

CONVENTION ACTION Defeated

SESSION 5

R–SYNOD–02

To Commend Synod for Amending Bylaws on Dispute Resolution and to Encourage All to Employ and Examine the Recent Document on “Public Rebuke of Public Sin” Recently Issued by the Commission on Theology and Church Relations (CTCR)

**References: SYNOD–13 (WB, pg. 116)
Synod Resolution 8-01A (Unprinted,
Reference Material, pg. 8)**

WHEREAS, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod in the past has been faced with numerous Charges (False Doctrine, Public Sin, Unionism, etc.) being filed against individuals to the extent that at times the system was almost parallelized; and

WHEREAS, the former Bylaws did not require that a “face-to-face” meeting must precede any and all public rebuke of a sin (including publicly teaching false doctrine) which might be a cause for expelling a member from the Synod; and

WHEREAS, in 2004 Res. 8-01A the Synod adopted new procedures for ecclesiastical supervision and dispute resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Bylaws implementing 2004 Res. 8-01A now require that a “face-to-face” meeting must precede any and all public rebuke of a sin (including publicly teaching false doctrine) which might be a cause for expelling a member from the Synod—citing St. Matthew 18:15 the new Bylaw 2.14.3(c) asserts that the face-to-face meeting is a Biblical requirement which must be carried out “even if the alleged violation of Article XIII of the Constitution is considered ‘public’”; and

WHEREAS, since the adoption of 8.01A, numerous questions regarding “public sin” and the appropriate way of dealing with it according the Holy Scriptures and the Lutheran Confessions, which those raising the questions

were interpreting as teaching contrary to Res. 8-01A, and therefore teaching and alleging that Res.8.01A was contrary to the Holy Scriptures and Lutheran Confessions, and

WHEREAS, on October 28, 2002, the President of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod requested the CTCR “prepare a study on the explanation to the Eighth Commandment found in Luther’s Large Catechism and give special attention to the notion of public rebuke being given to public sin,” to address these issues specifically, and

WHEREAS, the CTCR has now (May 2006) issued its study on the subject; therefore be it

~~RESOLVED, that the 2006 Convention of the Pacific Southwest District commend this document to the Synod and to all those having questions regarding these issues and commend the CTCR for its study document; and be it finally, be it~~

RESOLVED, that we commend and encourage the LCMS in its use and application of By-law 8.01A as a Biblical and Confessional means of balancing both the protection of the LCMS in doctrinal purity and faithfulness and insuring a fair process for resolving differences of opinions and charges that arise from time to time in the LCMS.

CONVENTION ACTION Passed

SESSION 2

R–SYNOD–03
Credentials of Lawsuit Participant Delegates

References: SYNOD–04 (WB, pg. 113)

The committee respectfully declines this overture.

CONVENTION ACTION Passed

SESSION 4

R–SYNOD–04
To Revise the Selection and Number of Commission on Constitutional Matters Members

References: SYNOD–08 (WB, pg. 114-115)

The committee respectfully declines this overture.

CONVENTION ACTION Passed

SESSION 4

R–SYNOD–05
To Require Consideration of CCM-Related Overtures and Resolutions by Conventions of Synod

References: SYNOD–09 & THEO–10 (WB, pg. 115-116)

The committee respectfully declines this overture.

CONVENTION ACTION Passed

SESSION 4

R–SYNOD–06
To Reaffirm the Authority of Scripture in Church Governance

References: SYNOD–12 (Unprinted Overtures, pg. 3)

The committee respectfully declines this overture.

CONVENTION ACTION Passed

SESSION 4

R–SYNOD–07
To Increase Available Pastors for District Congregations by Expanding Seminary Education in the Pacific Southwest District

References: SYNOD–19 (Unprinted Overtures, pg. 4)

WHEREAS, the mission statement of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod calls us: "vigorously to make known the love of Christ by word and deed within our churches, communities and the world"; and

WHEREAS, many of the nation's fastest-growing metropolitan areas are in the Pacific Southwest District; and

WHEREAS, current trends show that the numbers of ordained ministers in the LCMS will shrink from 5,246 in 2006 to 2,211 in 2023 (2004 report by Towers Perrin); and

WHEREAS, the absence of a Masters of Divinity Program on the West Coast is preventing more and more men in the District considering pastoral education to begin training as a pastor; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Pacific Southwest District and its congregations continue to recognize, support and promote the current cross-cultural pastoral certification program of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis on the campus of Concordia University Irvine; and be it

RESOLVED, that with all urgency, Concordia University Irvine, in concert with the District and the Seminaries in Saint Louis and

Fort Wayne, establish an actual M.Div. program on its Irvine campus.

RESOLVED, that the Pacific Southwest District petition the national convention of the LCMS to extend with all diligence in coordination with the LCMS for Board for Pastoral Education to Concordia University Irvine the granting of an actual M.Div. program, in order to meet the pressing need for additional pastors to strengthen and expand God's Kingdom of grace.

CONVENTION ACTION Passed

SESSION 2

R-THEO-01

To Study the LCMS Website Presentation of the "Brief Statement" Article 43 on the Antichrist

References: THEO-11 (Unprinted Overture, pg. 3)

WHEREAS, the "Brief Statement" of 1932 is printed on The LCMS website; and

WHEREAS, Article 43 states, "Hence we subscribe to the statement of our Confessions that the Pope is "the very Antichrist;" and

WHEREAS, this statement should be clarified and carefully explained in its theological and historical context, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Pacific Southwest District of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod petition Synod in convention to refer this web site article to the CTCR for review and clarification.

CONVENTION ACTION Passed

SESSION 1

R-THEO-02

To Memorialize Synod to Rescind 2004 Res. 3-08A on the Role of Women in the Church

References: THEO-14 (WB pg. 117) Synod Resolution 3-08A (Unprinted, Reference Material, pg. 6)

[Substitute motion THEO-14]

PREAMBLE: Historically the Church and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (as recently as 1969 Res. 2-17) have recognized two criteria for determining whether women can serve in various lay congregational offices: (1) By serving in a given office does a woman do things which are distinctive functions of the Pastoral Office (public preaching and administration of the Sacraments, Church discipline and spiritual oversight)?; and (2) Might a woman be violating the order of creation by serving in certain congregational offices in which she does not carry out distinctive functions of the Pastoral Office (see 1TIM 2:11-14 and 1COR 14:34-35)?

WHEREAS, the Synod in adopting 2004 Resolution 3-08A seems to have affirmed only the first of the two criteria for determining whether women can serve in various lay congregational offices which have been previously held in past resolutions of the Synod to be male-only offices; and

WHEREAS, in 1995 Res. 3-06A the Synod directed the CTCR to continue studying the issues in its 1994 report and dissenting opinion and to do so "in consultation with the faculties of the seminaries," but the CTCR has not reported to the convention any record of such communication with or from the seminaries on the topic of the role of women in the Church; and

WHEREAS, there is disagreement in Synod about the role of women in the Church and the practical application of the various resolutions concerning women's roles; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church of Colton, CA solicit and

encourage the 2006 Convention of the Pacific Southwest District to express its desire to see the Synod seek a God-pleasing and lasting resolution to the understanding of women's role in the Church; and be it further

RESOLVED, that we solicit and encourage the 2006 Convention of the Pacific Southwest District to memorialize the 2007 LCMS Convention to rescind 2004 Res. 3-08A and anything based upon it such as policies or administrative procedures; and be it further

RESOLVED, that we solicit and encourage the 2006 Convention of the Pacific Southwest District to memorialize the 2007 LCMS Convention to assign the CTCR to fulfill the mandate given it in 1995 Resolution 3-06A; and be it further

RESOLVED, that we solicit and encourage the 2006 Convention of the Pacific Southwest District to memorialize the 2007 LCMS Convention to task the faculties of her two seminaries to give input to the CTCR concerning the role of women in the Church by addressing “open letters” to the CTCR and making them available to the entire Synod; and be it finally

RESOLVED, that we solicit and encourage the 2006 Convention of the Pacific Southwest District to memorialize the 2007 LCMS Convention to assign the CTCR to critically review all the recommendations in its 1994 report and their basis in its 1985 Women in the Church document in light of the seminary input mentioned above and the input of other concerned members of the Synod and in light of the scholarly studies concerning relevant Biblical passages (aided by ancient literature databases) that have appeared since 1985.

CONVENTION ACTION Defeated

SESSION 3

R-THEO-03

To Memorialize Synod to Direct the CTCR to Restudy Guidelines for Participation in Civic Events

References: THEO-15 (WB p. 118)

SUBSTITUTE MOTION R-THEO-03A

To Memorialize Synod to Direct the CTCR to Study and Prepare Additional Guidelines for Participation in Civic Events

WHEREAS, in 2004 Res. 3-06A, The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod commended for study “Guidelines for Participation in Civic Events,” a report of the Commission on Theology and Church Relations (CTCR), “to help pastors, teachers, and church workers make decisions about participation in civic events”; and

WHEREAS, this CTCR report introduces discussion regarding “serial” prayers—a series of prayers offered by leaders of differing denominations and/or faiths—but does not offer definite guidelines for participation in such circumstances; and

WHEREAS, there are many settings in which such serial prayers by differing denominations and/or faiths would be offered; and

WHEREAS, it would be helpful to the pastors, teachers, and church workers of The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod to have clarification and guidelines regarding participation in such serial prayer events; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Pacific Southwest District memorialize the Synod in convention to assign the CTCR the task of providing a detailed study of serial prayer and guidelines for participation in events including the offering of serial prayers.

CONVENTION ACTION Passed

SESSION 5

R-THEO-04

**To Encourage the Sharing of God's Gifts
of Prayer and The Lord's Supper between
and among All Christian Brothers and
Sisters**

References: THEO-17 (WB p. 119)

Declined due to lack of clarity and purpose.
Overture confuses prayer and Communion
fellowship.

CONVENTION ACTION Passed

SESSION 3

CONVENTION COMMITTEES

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Warneke, Linda	Christ, Rancho Palos Verdes

Nominations

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Cook, Richard	Carlsbad
Harding, Michael	Church of the Master, Phoenix
Hodel, Ron	Faith, Capistrano Beach
Kritzer, Kevin	Bethany, Long Beach
Kunze, Ellen	Fountain of Life, Tucson
Martin, Douglas	Redondo Beach
Reynolds, Jan	Sun City West
Spelbring, Faith	University Lutheran Chapel, UCLA

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