

**“Encourage, Raise Up and Motivate One Another in Christ”**  
**2009 Convention**  
**Kansas District LCMS**  
**Topeka, Kansas**  
**June 4 – 6, 2009**

**PRE-CONVENTION** (Thursday, June 4, 2009)

Registration

Floor Committee Meetings and Hearings

**FIRST SESSION**  
**Thursday, June 4, 2009**

Rev. Ed Trost, First Vice President, led the opening worship on the theme “The Spirit: Our Encourager”.

Orientation and Introductions:

Past President Eugene Schmidt was introduced to the Convention.

A past servant of the District was introduced: Rev. Wally Friedrichs.

The Board of Directors and District staff were introduced.

Floor Committees were also introduced.

Convention Personnel: Rev. David Meier (Parliamentarian), Jim Bradshaw (Convention Manager), Marie Holt, and Debbie Crites were thanked for their work in preparing for the Convention.

A-V Technology Coordinators: Henry Blickhahn, Mike Smith, Dustin Smith, Dave Willingham.

Special Guests:

Synodical President, Rev. Dr. Gerald B. Kieschnick, (will be present with us Friday & Saturday).

Rev. Robert Newton, Convention Essayist.

The Credentials Committee was introduced by the chairman, Rev. Tom Harmon. Other members of the committee include: Laity: Ron Schultz, Brian Posteir; Commissioned Worker: Amy Hofman. Rev. Tom Harmon, reported that there are 105 Voting Lay Delegates, 89 Voting Pastoral Delegates, 44 Advisory Delegates and 7 guests.

President Kohlmeier called the Convention of The Kansas District LCMS to order at 1:30 p.m., “In the Name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.”

It was moved and seconded to adopt the Orders of the Day.     **ADOPTED**

The Convention Special Standing Rules were presented by President Kohlmeier.

**CONVENTION SPECIAL STANDING RULES**

1.       The chair will see that the agenda is followed as closely as possible.
2.       When recognized by the chair, members of the convention will state their name, whether they are a delegate or an advisory delegate, and the congregation or entity they represent.
3.       Delegates may speak and vote, Advisory Delegates may speak, but not vote.
4.       A delegate who has spoken on an issue may not at the close of their remark’s move the previous question.
5.       The two-minute rule will apply for all who speak from the floor and for the committee during debate.
6.       The chair can limit debate and also the number of times a person may speak. (The Pro-Con speakers on a question will be observed.)

7. Personal Privilege will not be abused by using the time to advance the speaker's opinion. It is only to ask a question.
8. All substitute motions and amendments must be presented in written form to the District Secretary. Material should be provided in digital format when possible.
9. If a substitute motion is offered and seconded, the presenter will be offered two minutes to provide the rationale for presenting it. The convention will then first decide by majority vote without debate whether or not to consider the substitute. If the decision is in the affirmative and the substitute motion is subsequently adopted, the original motion fails; if the substitute motion does not receive favorable action either to consider or to adopt, the original motion is again before the house. (This is the so-called "Behnken rule" for dealing with substitute motions.)
10. The Convention may alter or add to the nominated slates. A floor nomination must be accompanied by written acceptance of nomination from the nominee and a brief biographical description of the nominee. Material should be provided in digital format when possible.
11. Elections: Except on the election of the President and the Vice-Presidents, the following regulations will apply: Candidates receiving a majority on the first ballot will be declared elected. When a second or succeeding ballot is required for a majority, the candidate receiving the fewest votes and all candidates receiving less than 15% of the votes cast will be dropped from the ballot, unless fewer than two candidates receive 15% or more of the votes cast, in which case the three highest candidates will constitute the ballot. When the number of candidates for an office is four or more times larger than the number of offices, then after the second ballot and for all subsequent ballots, the lowest 25% of the candidates will be removed from the ballot until all offices are filled by a majority of votes cast.
12. Unless covered by these standing rules of the convention, parliamentary procedure will be governed by the most recent edition of *Robert's Rules of Order*.
13. Use of portable telephones and other electronic communication devices will not be permitted in the **delegate section**. Computers and hand held devices are allowed in the delegate area only if communication (wireless contact) can be and is turned off.
14. No distribution of literature will be allowed in the Manor Conference Center without pre-convention approval by the office of the District President.

It was moved and seconded to adopt The Special Standing Rules for the Convention.

**ACTION: ADOPTED**

Pres. Kohlmeier presented Part II of the District President's Report, "The Message, the Mission, the Means."

Pres. Kohlmeier called on Rev. Robert Schaedel, District Secretary, to take the chair for nominations and election of the District President and Vice-Presidents.

Rev. David Gruoner, Chairman of the District Nominating Committee, introduced the members of the Committee. Pastors: David Gruoner, Chairman; Thomas Johnson, Robert Roberts; Commissioned: Mark Schotte; Laity: Steve Hanschu, Richard Schotte, Marlene Lorenz, Pat Bruenger.

Rev. Don Miller, Chairman of the Elections Committee, introduced the members of the Committee: Pastors: Don Miller, Lyle Stuehrenberg; Laity: Bill Proctor, Tim Ohlde; Commissioned Workers: Sue Kleber; Board: Rev. Robert Schaedel; Staff: Steve Bremer.

Rev. Robert Schaedel, District Secretary, presented the nominee for President. The floor was opened for further nominations. There were no additional nominations. It was moved and seconded to close nominations.

**ACTION: ADOPTED**

Only one candidate received the necessary five vote minimum to be placed on the ballot.  
Candidate: Rev. Keith E. Kohlmeier.

Candidates for Regional Vice Presidents were presented. The floor was opened for additional nominations. Rev. David Gruoner was nominated from the floor for Vice-President, Region 2. It was moved and seconded to add Rev. Gruoner to the slate of candidates. A Consent to Serve form was presented and biographical information was distributed to the delegates.

**ACTION: ADOPTED**

There were no additional nominations.  
It was moved and seconded to close nominations.

**ACTION: ADOPTED**

Candidates are:

Region 1

Rev. Peter Lange  
Rev. Edward Trost

Region 3

Rev. Jeffrey Duncan  
Rev. Thomas Harmon  
Rev. David Meier

Region 2

Rev. Alan Stahlecker  
Rev. David Gruoner

Region 4

Rev. Randall Jahnke

Rev. Trost, Convention Chaplain for Thursday, led the convention in prayer.  
Rev. Miller, explained the elections process. The ballots were distributed. The election for District President and Regional Vice Presidents was declared closed after the ballots were collected.

Pres. Kohlmeier returned to the chair.

Mission Moment: Ablaze! and Fan into Flame

Rev. Joel Hiesterman and Rev. Mark Frith presented a Mission Moment focusing on Fan into Flame, an opportunity to support mission outreach around the world and within our own communities.

The Resolutions Committee (#6) was introduced to the Convention: Pastors: Chairman Dean Von Stroh, John Schmidt; Laity: Monte Cross, Sally Ray; Commissioned Workers: Orville Altevogt, Dennis Hintz; Board: Rev. Ed Trost; Staff: Pres. Keith Kohlmeier.

The Committee presented the following Resolution:

**RESOLUTION 2009-06-01      Decrease the Number of Members of the District Board of Directors**

WHEREAS, the current number of the Board of Directors of the Kansas District is twenty; and  
WHEREAS, in response to an effort to effect cost efficiencies in all operational areas of the District, the Board has determined it can effectively carry out its oversight and other duties with a reduced Board membership from twenty to seventeen; and

WHEREAS, a reduction of the number of Board positions requires amendments to the District Bylaws; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that By-Law Article III – Administration, 2, Elective Boards and Appointive Boards, Committees, and Commissions, shall be amended as follows:

The words “twenty (20)” in subsection “(a)” shall be amended to “seventeen (17)”;

The word “eight (8) ordained ministers” in subsection “(a).I” shall be amended to “seven (7) ordained ministers”;

Subsection “(a).I.e” shall be eliminated;

The word four (4) commissioned ministers” in subsection “(a).II” shall be amended to “three (3) commissioned ministers”;

The word “eight (8) Laity” in subsection “(a).III” shall be amended to “seven (7) Laity.

**ACTION: ADOPTED**

Rev. Tom Krause, Chairman of the Missions Floor Committee (#4) introduced the members of the committee: Pastor: Dennis Fangmeyer; Laity: Don Copley, Lois Llewellyn; Commissioned Workers: Jane Limback, Kent Stephens; Board: Steve Hanschu; Staff: Rev. Mark Frith.

The Committee presented the following Resolution:

**RESOLUTION 2009 – 04 – 01 To Celebrate Our Kansas Mission Ministry by Electing Leaders from Members of Mission Supporting Congregations**

WHEREAS, every congregation of the Kansas District has voluntarily joined the LC-MS in order to promote the work of Christ’s Church together as we “walk together” as one church body; and WHEREAS, it is through the support of the congregations of the Kansas District that we are able to accomplish multiple and blessed ministries both in Kansas and throughout our synod; and WHEREAS, we understand that while God gives some congregations the ability to provide more support than others, all congregations are called to share support for Kansas mission ministry; and WHEREAS, congregations who are not supportive of Kansas mission and ministry often nominate; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that we give thanks to the Lord for the ability for congregations to serve him across the Kansas District through the sharing of our resources for the work of the Church at large; and be it further

RESOLVED, that we choose our Kansas District elected leaders from those congregations who have shared their resources for the mission ministry of the district; and be it finally

RESOLVED, that the District Board of Directors enhance the profile of the candidate’s nomination form to include the recorded support of the mission and ministry of the Kansas District to allow a more informed decision in the election of officers and Board members.

It was moved and seconded to amend the Resolution by striking the last two Resolves.

**ACTION ON THE AMENDMENT: DEFEATED**

It was moved to refer the Resolution back to the Committee:

**ACTION: ADOPTED**

The Elections Committee presented the results of the first ballot. (Names in **bold** denote election.)

President: **Rev. Keith Kohlmeier - 205**

Regional Vice Presidents:

Region 1

Rev. Peter Lange - 81

**Rev. Edward Trost - 135**

Region 2

Rev. Alan Stahlecker - 99

**Rev. David Gruoner - 110**

Region 3

Rev. Jeffrey Duncan - 22

Rev. Thomas Harmon - 76

**Rev. David Meier - 113**

Region 4

**Rev. Randall Jahnke - 198**

The Elections Committee presented the slate for the office of District Secretary: Rev. Robert Grimm, Rev. Peter Lange. The floor was opened for additional nominations. There were no additional nominations. It was moved and seconded to close nominations. **ACTION: ADOPTED**

The Elections Committee distributed ballots for the offices of District Secretary, Board of Directors – Commissioned Ministers and Board of Directors, Laity by Region.

Candidates are:

District Secretary:

Rev. Robert Grimm

Rev. Peter Lange

Board of Directors – Commissioned Ministers:

Joyce Duitsman  
Dennis Hintz  
Leland Jackson

Jeremy Pera  
Mark Schotte

Board of Directors - Laity by Region:

Region 1

Jeff Grimm  
Ivan Grimm  
Steve Hanschu

Region 3

Frederick Bohm  
Kenneth Jorns  
Larry Junker

Region 2

Donald Dodd  
Timothy Ohlde  
Bruce Schultz  
Barb Teske  
Mark Wendt

Region 4

Otis Howard  
Betty Kruse  
Doug Wolters

The election was declared closed after the ballots were collected.

A discrepancy was noted between the report of the Credentials Committee and the number of ballots cast on the ballot for District President and VP. The Credentials Committee was asked to check the current list of registered delegates.

The Chair noted that the Motion to refer **Resolution 2009 – 04 – 01** to Committee was out of order. Thus the adoption of the Resolution was considered invalid and the Resolution will come before the Convention the next time the Missions Committee comes before the Convention.

Caring Ministry Floor Committee (#2) was introduced: Pastors: Chairman Justin Panzer, Dan Ramsey; Laity: Vicki Mundinger, Debra Wilson; Commissioned Workers: Denise Sprengeler, Paul White; Board: Mark Schotte; Staff: Rev. Rocky Mease.

The Committee introduced Dr. John Eckrich, Director of Grace Place Retreat who shared information about the ministry of Grace Place.

Rev. Robert Newton presented the first part of his Convention Essay: “Being a Missional Church in a Non-Christian World.”

Pres. Kohlmeier reported that as of 4:50 p.m. there were a total of 223 registered Voting Delegates, thus within the limits to validate the Pres. and VP ballot that had been previously challenged.

The Elections Committee distributed a Ranking Ballot for the purpose of determining the order of succession among the Vice-Presidents.

It was announced that the delegates from Circuits 5, 11 & 14 would caucus to elect Circuit Counselor candidates, and that Advisory/Ordained Ministers and Commissioned Ministers would caucus to elect their Advisory delegate to the 2010 Convention of Synod. The groups will caucus at 7:00 p.m. in the Convention Hall.

Betty Kruse brought greetings from the District Lutheran Women’s Missionary League (LWML).

The Convention was recessed at 5: 45 p.m. for dinner.

Rev. Ed Trost led us in a prayer of thanksgiving for the evening meal.

Following the dinner recess, the Elections Committee returned with the results of the Ranking Ballot for District Vice President.

First Vice President – Rev. Edward Trost, Overland Park (Region 1)

Second Vice President – Rev. David Meier, Humboldt (Region 3)

Third Vice President – Rev. Randall Jahnke, Dodge City (Region 4)

Fourth Vice President – Rev. David Gruoner, Linn (Region 2)

The Elections Committee reported on the results of the previous ballot (District Secretary, Board of Directors – Commissioned Ministers and Board of Directors, Laity by Region). (Names in **bold** denote election.)

District Secretary:

**Rev. Robert Grimm - 123**

Rev. Peter Lange - 82

Board of Directors – Commissioned Ministers:

**Joyce Duitsman - 120**

Dennis Hintz - 104

Leland Jackson - 78

Jeremy Pera - 103

**Mark Schotte - 149**

Board of Directors - Laity by Region:

Region 1

Jeff Grimm - 35

Ivan Grimm - 58

**Steve Hanschu - 108**

Region 3

Frederick Bohm - 41

**Kenneth Jorns - 127**

Larry Junker - 36

Region 2

Donald Dodd - 18

Timothy Ohlde - 52

Bruce Schultz - 21

Barb Teske - 88

Mark Wendt - 26

Region 4

Otis Howard - 53

Betty Kruse - 91

Doug Wolters - 63

The third ballot was distributed to the delegates. Included on this ballot are the following:

Board of Directors – Commissioned Ministers:

Dennis Hintz

Leland Jackson

Jeremy Pera

Board of Directors - Laity by Region:

Region 2

Barb Teske

Timothy Ohlde

Region 4

Betty Kruse

Doug Wolters

The election was declared closed after the ballots were collected.

With the election of Rev. Grimm as District Secretary, it was announced that the delegates from Circuit 8 would also need to caucus at 7:00 p.m., since Rev. Grimm had previously been nominated by the congregations of the Circuit to serve as the Circuit Counselor

Rev. Robert Newton presented the second part of his essay: “Being a Missional Church in a Non-Christian World” following the dinner recess.

President and Marlene Kohlmeier invited all delegates and guests to a reception beginning at 8:30 p.m.

Rev. Trost concluded the day’s session with prayer and Benediction.

**SECOND SESSION**  
**Friday, June 5, 2009**

The Convention session began with worship led by Rev. Randal Jahnke, Fourth VP, KS District, on the theme "Great Opportunities in Tenuous Times."

The Elections Committee reported on the results of the third ballot. (Names in **bold** denote election.)

Board of Directors – Commissioned Ministers:

Dennis Hintz - 73  
Leland Jackson - 38  
Jeremy Pera - 65

Board of Directors - Laity by Region:

Region 2

Barb Teske - 87  
**Timothy Ohlde - 90**

Region 4

**Betty Kruse - 106**  
Doug Wolters - 71

The Elections Committee presented the following slate for the position of Circuit Counselors for ratification:

Circuit 1: Rev. Timmothy Heath  
Circuit 2: Rev. Edward Mease  
Circuit 3N: Rev. Lee Hovel  
Circuit 3S: Rev. Thomas Krause  
Circuit 4: Rev. Mark Eichler  
Circuit 5: Rev. Theodore Cook  
Circuit 6: Rev. Robert Leiste  
Circuit 7: Rev. Rodney Fritz  
Circuit 8: Rev. James Mayes

Circuit 9: Rev. Alan Stahlecker  
Circuit 10: Rev. Dean Von Stroh  
Circuit 11: Rev. Mark Boxman  
Circuit 12: Rev. Charles Adams  
Circuit 13: Rev. Philip Hoppe  
Circuit 14: Rev. Mark Lovett  
Circuit 15: Rev. Joel Hiesterman  
Circuit 16: Rev. Andrew Wehling

**ACTION: RATIFIED**

The Elections Committee distributed the fourth ballot. The ballot included:

Board of Directors – Commissioned Ministers:

Dennis Hintz  
Jeremy Pera

Board of Directors - Laity at Large:

Jeff Grimm  
Ivan Grimm  
Donald Dodd  
Bruce Schultz  
Barbara Teske

Mark Wendt  
Frederick Bohm  
Larry Junker  
Otis Howard  
Doug Wolters

District Nominating Committee (no more than one from the same Region):

Clergy:

Region 1

Rev. Timmothy Heath  
Rev. Michael Penikis

Region 3

Rev. Kenneth Kaufmann  
Rev. Richard Peckman

Region 2

Rev. Michael Brockman  
Rev. Donnie Hofman  
Rev. Paul Tessaro

Region 4

Rev. Joel Hiesterman  
Rev. Rick Rostek

Commissioned Minister:

Jane Limback  
John Macy

Laity (one to be elected from each Region):

Region 1

Don Bauck  
Judy Carlson  
Jeff Grimm  
Don Lumpe  
Arthur Vogel

Region 2

Firman Brandt  
David Meisinger  
Todd Rengstorf

Region 3

Robert Sandman  
John Schlickau  
Roger Zwemke

Region 4

Terry Adam

The election was declared closed after the ballots were collected.

The Chair called the Missions Floor Committee to return to the dais and continue consideration of **RESOLUTION 2009- 04-01**.

The Committee re-introduced the Resolution.

It was moved and seconded to refer the Resolution back to the Committee.

**ACTION: ADOPTED**

Rev. Dr. Robert Greene, chairman of the Blue Ribbon Task Force on Synod Structure and Governance (BRTFSSG), presented the history, process and progress of the Task Force. The goal is to present proposals to the 2010 Convention of the Synod. Delegates had the opportunity to provide feedback to the Task Force through a response form provided by the Task Force. There was an hour allotted for questions and answers (Q & A).

The Administration Floor Committee (#1) was introduced to the Convention. Pastors: Chairman Lee Hovel, Mark Boxman; Laity: Jim Kroenlein, Chris Anderson; Commissioned Workers: Rick Hanebutt, Dawn Oldenettel; Board: Rev. Rod Fritz; Staff: Debbie Crites.

The Committee presented the following Resolutions for consideration:

**RESOLUTION 2009-01-01 To Expand Voting Membership to Other Members of Synod**

WHEREAS, Art. V of the Constitution of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod provides for membership in Synod for “congregations, ministers of religion – ordained and ministers of religion – commissioned”; and

WHEREAS, Art. V A provides for representation of congregations at District meetings and a group of congregations at synodical meetings by pastors and lay delegates; and

WHEREAS, Art. V of the Constitution does not allow ministers of religion – commissioned who are members of Synod to serve as voting representatives of their congregations at District meetings nor of a group of congregations at synodical meetings; and

WHEREAS, allowing ministers of religion – commissioned to be voting members would allow Districts and the Synod to make full use of the talents of ministers of religion – commissioned; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Kansas District meeting in Convention in 2009 recommend to the Blue Ribbon Task Force to continue their study of the right of franchise of Commissioned Ministers of Synod; and be it finally

RESOLVED, that the Kansas District meeting in Convention in 2009 commend to the Synodical Convention of 2010 that Ministers of Religion – Commissioned of the Synod be eligible to be chosen as voting delegates to the conventions of the Synod and its districts while maintaining the balance of voting between lay and clergy.

**ACTION: ADOPTED**

**RESOLUTION 2009-01-02            To Increase the Term Limits of the Office of District President  
from 3 Terms (9 years) to 4 Terms (12 years)**

WHEREAS, in 1985 the Kansas District in Convention first established term limits for the Office of District President; and

WHEREAS, the present Standard Operating Procedure Manual of the District states that “The District President shall be elected by Convention to a three (3) year term and shall not succeed himself more than twice (a total of nine years). To qualify, a candidate shall be listed on the clergy roster of the Synod and hold membership in a voting congregation”; and

WHEREAS, the tenures of District Presidents of the other 34 districts range from no term limits to 3 terms like Kansas, and the experience of the last three tenures in the Kansas District has supported that term limits are a healthy way for the District to continue to evolve and grow; and

WHEREAS, the “learning curve” for that office suggests that often the person spends 3-4 years acquainting themselves with the office and its’ duties, but then has a limited term before they begin a possible last term in which they are exiting that office; and

WHEREAS, on a triennial basis the District in Convention can elect a change in it’s’ leadership through the elections of the District convention should it desire to make a change before the full term limit; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Kansas District request the Kansas District in Convention to continue the “term limits” nature of the office of Kansas District President; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Kansas District request the Kansas District in Convention to increase those term limits for the office of District President from the present 3 terms (9 years) to 4 terms (12 years); and be it finally,

RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors be empowered to make the appropriate changes to both the bylaws and to the Standard Operating Procedure Manual of the District.

It was moved and seconded that the Resolution be amended by deleting the 4<sup>th</sup> WHEREAS.

**ACTION on the Amendment: ADOPTED**

The Orders of the Day indicate that time for the Floor Committee has expired. The Resolution will be presented again when the Floor Committee has the floor again.

Rev. Robert Newton presented the final part of his Convention Essay : “Being a Missional Church in a Non-Christian World.”

Stan Stanfield, Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, shared information about on-going ministries supported by Thrivent.

Rev. Lee Hovel (Administration Floor Committee) announced that the Committee will reconsider **RESOLUTION 2009-01-02.**

The Convention recessed for lunch. Rev. Randall Jahnke led the delegates in prayer.

The Circuit Counselors will meet over the lunch recess to elect a chairman of the Circuit Counselors Conference. (The Chairman of the Circuit Counselors serves as the 7<sup>th</sup> clergy member of the Board of Directors.)

**THIRD SESSION**  
**Friday, June 5, 2009**

Mission Moment: Guinea Mission Partnership

Marvin Kohlmeier, District Mission Awareness Coordinator, introduced Jack and Cathy Carlos, and their children, Raymond and Hannah, who will be serving in the mission field in Guinea as part of the District partnership with the Synod's outreach in that country.

Kurt Buchholz with LCMS World Missions was introduced to the Convention. He thanked the District for our partnership with LCMS World Missions in support of the outreach of our church in Guinea.

The District Guinea Task Force was introduced to the delegates: Rev. Joel Hiesterman, chair; Jane Limback, Rev. Daniel Ramsey, Nina Borgstader, Ken Jorns, Dick Hahn, Marvin Kohlmeier.

The Missions Floor Committee:

**RESOLUTION 2009-04-02**

**Renewal of Guinea Partnership Agreement**

WHEREAS, the Kansas District Convention in 1997 authorized a "Gospel Outreach Mission Partnership" with LCMS World Mission for work in Guinea, West Africa; and

WHEREAS, the Kansas District Conventions in 2000 & 2003 & 2006 reaffirmed support of this partnership; and

WHEREAS, the work in Guinea continues to expand through the efforts of Rev. Tim & Beth Heiney, Tim & Heidi Norton, Andrea Herman, Jack & Cathy Carlos and Doris Kayser and will include mission trips with teams composed of professional church workers and lay people from Kansas congregations; and

WHEREAS, the LWML has continually supported the mission outreach in Guinea; and

WHEREAS, about 65 congregations in Kansas are TIM (Together in Mission) for Guinea; and

WHEREAS, the Kansas District intends to lay the foundation for a Lutheran church body in Guinea; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Kansas District convention praise God for the faith and trust that led LCMS World Mission to offer this partnership and for the spirit and energy with which the people of our District have supported this endeavor; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Kansas District commend its Guinea Task Force and Mission Awareness Coordinator Marvin Kohlmeier for their work in administering, fostering, and supporting the partnership; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Kansas District affirm its intention to extend the Guinea Mission Partnership with LCMS World Missions through July 1, 2012; and be it further

RESOLVED, that we encourage thirty-five additional congregations throughout Kansas to designate Guinea as a TIM supporter by July 1, 2012; and be it further

RESOLVED, that we pledge ourselves to continue to pray for the protection, support, and work of the missionary families as well as the national church leaders; and be it finally

RESOLVED, that this convention encourage congregations of the Kansas District to support this partnership each year on Pentecost Sunday, or another Sunday of their choice.

**ACTION: ADOPTED**

The Elections Committee reported on the results of the fourth ballot. (Names in **bold** denote election.)

Board of Directors – Commissioned Ministers:

**Dennis Hintz - 116**

Jeremy Pera - 100

Board of Directors - Laity at Large:

Jeff Grimm - 54

Ivan Grimm - 88

Donald Dodd - 25

Bruce Schultz - 37

**Barbara Teske - 107**

Mark Wendt - 26

Frederick Bohm - 47

Larry Junker - 55

Otis Howard - 44

**Doug Wolters - 109**

District Nominating Committee (no more than one from the same Region):

Clergy:

Region 1

Rev. Timmothy Heath - 96  
Rev. Michael Penikis - 36

Region 3

Rev. Kenneth Kaufmann - 84  
Rev. Richard Peckman - 56

Region 2

Rev. Michael Brockman - 68  
Rev. Donnie Hofman - 61  
Rev. Paul Tessaro - 47

Region 4

**Rev. Joel Hiesterman - 123**  
Rev. Rick Rostek - 62

Commissioned Minister:

**Jane Limback - 116**  
John Macy - 95

Laity (one to be elected from each Region):

Region 1

Don Bauck - 24  
Judy Carlson - 48  
Jeff Grimm - 46  
Don Lumpe - 37  
Arthur Vogel - 58

Region 3

Robert Sandman - 78  
John Schlickau - 81  
Roger Zwemke - 42

Region 2

Firman Brandt - 25  
**David Meisinger - 118**  
Todd Rengstorf - 62

Region 4

**Terry Adam - 201**

The Elections Committee distributed the fifth ballot. The ballot included:

Board of Directors - Laity at Large:

Jeff Grimm  
Ivan Grimm  
Donald Dodd  
Bruce Schultz

Mark Wendt  
Frederick Bohm  
Larry Junker  
Otis Howard

District Nominating Committee (no more than one from the same Region):

Clergy:

Region 1

Rev. Timmothy Heath  
Rev. Michael Penikis

Region 2

Rev. Michael Brockman  
Rev. Donnie Hofman  
Rev. Paul Tessaro

Region 3

Rev. Kenneth Kaufmann  
Rev. Richard Peckman

Laity (one to be elected from each Region):

Region 1

Judy Carlson  
Jeff Grimm  
Don Lumpe  
Arthur Vogel

Region 3

Robert Sandman  
John Schlickau

The election was declared closed after the ballots were collected.

District Secretary, Rev. Robert Schaedel reported that the Circuit Counselors caucused to elect a Chairman. Elected was **Rev. Rodney Fritz**.

Missions Floor Committee introduced

**RESOLUTION 2009-04-01A To Celebrate Our Kansas Mission and Ministry by Electing Leaders from Mission Supporting Congregations**

WHEREAS, every congregation of the Kansas District has voluntarily joined the LC-MS in order to promote the work of Christ's Church together as we "walk together" as one church body; and WHEREAS, it is through the support of the pastors, commissioned ministers, laity and congregations of the Kansas District that we are able to accomplish multiple and blessed ministries both in Kansas and throughout our synod; and

WHEREAS, we understand that while God gives some pastors, commissioned ministers, laity and congregations the ability to accomplish more in growth, outreach and support of their community and the Church than others, all are called to support the Kansas District mission and ministry with their time, talents and treasure; and

WHEREAS, we desire to elect our Kansas District leaders from those pastors, commissioned ministers, laity and congregations who are actively supporting the growth of the Kingdom at home, within the District and throughout the world; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that we give thanks to the Lord for the ability of pastors, laity, and congregations to serve him across the Kansas District through the many gifts God has blessed upon each of them, individually and collectively, for the work of the Lord where they live and work, as well as the Church at large; and be it further

RESOLVED, that we commit to the District the responsibility to visit those pastors, commissioned ministers, laity and congregations who are struggling in their effort to support their community and the work of the Kansas District or The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod to encourage and support them in their efforts; and be it finally

RESOLVED, that we direct the Board of Directors to expand guidelines for the nominations committee that allows all candidates for office the opportunity to share detailed information about themselves and their congregation's mission and ministry. For example, these could include questions like:

- Write about your heart for mission and ministry and how this has shaped your work in your congregation.
  - How do you support mission work through or beyond your parish?
  - How do you lead within your congregation to support mission work?
- Share whatever statistics would be helpful to give a picture of your congregation's ministry as it relates to membership growth and attendance, children and adult education, stewardship, and other areas.

**ACTION: ADOPTED**

Chaplain Rocky Mease was called to the dais to introduce a ministry partner, Victor Frank, with Camp Restore and Camp Biloxi recovery efforts in the Gulf Coast area following Hurricane Katrina. Victor expressed thanks to the District for our assistance in the recovery efforts.

A video of information on the District Retreat Center was shown to the assembly. CPH Vice-President, Jonathan Schultz presented a "Stock the Library" gift to the Retreat Center. Pres. Kohlmeier, Chaplain Mease and Garry Niehoff accepted the gift on behalf of the Center.

President Dr. Brian Friedrich, Concordia University, Nebraska, brought greetings and a report to the delegates.

The delegates enjoyed a break for refreshments and fellowship.

Convention Resolutions Floor Committee:

**RESOLUTION 2009-06-03 To Request a Timely Final Report of the Blue Ribbon Task Force on Synod Structure and Governance Prior to Any Consideration for Action by Synod in Convention**

WHEREAS, the Blue Ribbon Task Force on Synod Structure and Governance was appointed by President Kieschnick in 2005 and given the charge to “make recommendations to the Synod” regarding structure and governance; and  
WHEREAS, the Blue Ribbon Task Force on Synod Structure and Governance has made available provisional drafts of its work in progress as it continues to gather input from the Synod through various means, including presentations to the 2009 District Conventions; and  
WHEREAS, there is an urgent need to have ample and sufficient time for congregations, pastors and Laity to receive, digest, and prayerfully consider recommendations for change coming from the Blue Ribbon Task Force on Synod Structure and Governance before such recommendations would come before the 2010 convention of Synod for possible action; and  
WHEREAS, there is always a need for work in the church to be done in a decent and orderly manner, so that the proclamation of the Gospel is uplifted and not hindered; therefore be it  
RESOLVED, that the Kansas District in Convention request that every effort be put forward by the Blue Ribbon Task Force on Synod Structure and Governance to provide its final report to the congregations of Synod by October 15, 2009, thereby giving time for congregations to consider the recommendations prior to the 2010 convention of Synod; and be it finally  
RESOLVED, that such timely final report of the Blue Ribbon Task Force on Synod Structure and Governance provide exact wording for recommended changes to the Constitution and Bylaws.

**ACTION: ADOPTED**

**RESOLUTION 2009-06-02 To Request Support for Kansas District, LC-MS Non-Rostered Workers**

WHEREAS, 35% of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod (LCMS) Early Childhood Education Directors and Educators are not synodically trained or rostered; and  
WHEREAS, the cost of higher education has been rising and continues to rise; and  
WHEREAS, an increasing number of LCMS Church Workers are entering the mission field with significant debt; and  
WHEREAS, attracting, retaining, and affirming church workers is a priority in the Kansas District; and  
WHEREAS, Lutheran identity, traditions, and theology are a value and priority in the LCMS, with significant importance for institutions of learning; therefore be it  
RESOLVED, that the Kansas District of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod shall develop and seek funding in order to implement a Kansas District Colloquy Scholarship for Non-Rostered Kansas District (LCMS) Educators and Early Childhood Education Directors to defer the financial hardships incurred as a result of participation in the Colloquy Program.

**ACTION: ADOPTED**

The Convention Resolution Floor Committee’s work is completed and they are released with thanks.

LCEF Vice-President Steve Bremer reported in the ministry and investment opportunities available through the Lutheran Church Extension Fund.

Administration Floor Committee:

**RESOLUTION 2009-01-02A To Increase the Term Limits of the Office of District President from 3 Terms (9 years) to 4 Terms (12 years)**

WHEREAS, in 1985 the Kansas District in Convention first established term limits for the Office of District President; and  
WHEREAS, the present *Standard Operating Procedure Manual* of the District states that “The District President shall be elected by Convention to a three (3) year term and shall not succeed himself more than twice (a total of nine years). To qualify, a candidate shall be listed on the clergy roster of the Synod and hold membership in a voting congregation”; and  
WHEREAS, the tenures of District Presidents of the other 34 districts range from no term limits to three (3) terms like Kansas, and the experience of the last three (3) tenures in the Kansas District

has supported that term limits are a healthy way for the District to continue to evolve and grow; and  
WHEREAS, the past District Presidents have stated that it takes at least three to four years to learn the responsibilities of the office, and  
WHEREAS, on a triennial basis the District in Convention has the right to change its leadership through the elections process; therefore be it  
RESOLVED, that the Kansas District in Convention continue the “term limits” nature of the Office of District President; and be it further  
RESOLVED, that the Kansas District in Convention increase the term limit of District President from three (3) terms ( 9 years total) to four (4) terms (12 years total); and be it finally  
RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors make the necessary changes to both the bylaws and to the *Standard Operating Procedure Manual* of the District.

**ACTION: ADOPTED**

**RESOLUTION 2009 -01-03                      Concordia Plan Services**

WHEREAS, Concordia Plan Services is the preeminent provider of health, retirement and disability benefits for church workers throughout The Lutheran Church- Missouri Synod; and  
WHEREAS, significant detrimental consequences may occur to both employer and employee upon withdrawal from Concordia Plan Services; and  
WHEREAS, Concordia Plan Services has continued to improve and update benefits to better serve the needs of the employees and employers of The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod; and  
WHEREAS, Concordia Plan Services introduced “The Church’s Plan” to offer additional retirement benefits and the option of a 403(b) Tax Sheltered Annuity; therefore be it  
RESOLVED, that the district staff and the circuit counselors in their ongoing visits with congregations encourage congregations to participate in the Concordia Plans and the Church’s Plan for their employees; and be it finally  
RESOLVED, that the congregations, schools, associations and entities in the Kansas District of The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod be encouraged to participate in the Church’s Plan for their employees.

**ACTION: ADOPTED**

**RESOLUTION 2009 -01-04                      Encourage Use of District Salary Guidelines**

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Kansas District Salary guideline is to provide congregations with an objective approach to developing a salary plan for professional and lay workers who serve them; and  
WHEREAS, the first step in salary administration in churches must be prayer; and  
WHEREAS, Church workers are professionals and deserve comparable pay to other professionals in the community; and  
WHEREAS, the congregation expects its workers to maintain a lifestyle comparable to their own in the community and should be paid accordingly; therefore be it  
RESOLVED, that congregations ask the Lord’s guidance that His will be done and He may be glorified as they begin planning salaries for their congregation’s workers; and be it finally  
RESOLVED, that congregations of the Kansas District of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod be encouraged to follow and implement the District Salary Guidelines in establishing compensation for their church workers.

It was moved and seconded to remove the third Whereas.

**Action on Amendment: Adopted**

It was moved and seconded to remove the fourth Whereas.

**Action on Amendment: Defeated**

It was moved to amend the Resolution by re-wording the fourth Whereas: “the congregations ought to support their professional workers so that they are able to live in their communities; therefore. . .”

The Amendment failed for lack of support.

**ACTION ON THE AMENDED RESOLUTION: ADOPTED**

**Amended**

**RESOLUTION 2009 -01-04**

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RESOLVED, that congregations of the Kansas District of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod be encouraged to follow and implement the District Salary Guidelines in establishing compensation for their church workers.

**RESOLUTION 2009 -01-05**

**To Establish Separate Task Forces with the Nebraska and Oklahoma Districts to Pursue Economy in Ministry**

WHEREAS, the changing setting in which we have been called to do ministry in the Kansas District invites us to consider regular review of both the efficiency of our work and at the same time to be challenged to pursue new opportunities to proclaim the Gospel; and

WHEREAS, the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod is itself examining present organization and structure in this same regard; and

WHEREAS, implementation of significant re-organization on the Synodical level is still years away; and

WHEREAS, it seems fit that all three districts consider where they might share common resources and benefit from common work, even as they have presently enjoyed work together in the areas of human care, vacancy service, and educational services, etc.; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Kansas District Board of Directors be authorized to form a task force to evaluate our present work together and to consider where we might increase our collaboration and partnership in ministry; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Kansas District Board of Directors offer this resolution to the Board of Directors of the Nebraska District and the Oklahoma District for their consideration; and be it finally

RESOLVED, that upon the favorable action of the respective District Conventions, the Board of Directors of those Districts may coordinate and implement those actions necessary to make the best use of God given resources and cooperative work where it best serves that District and the work of our Lord together.

**ACTION: ADOPTED**

The Administration Floor Committee's work is completed and they are released with thanks

The Elections Committee reported the results of the fifth ballot: (Names in **bold** denote election.)

Board of Directors - Laity at Large:

Jeff Grimm - 31

Mark Wendt - 26

Ivan Grimm - 53

Frederick Bohm - 13

Donald Dodd - 8

Larry Junker - 21

Bruce Schultz - 21

Otis Howard - 17

District Nominating Committee (no more than one from the same Region):

Clergy:

Region 1

Rev. Timmothy Heath - 85

Rev. Michael Penikis - 40

Region 2

Rev. Michael Brockman - 57  
Rev. Donnie Hofman - 52  
Rev. Paul Tessaro - 35

Region 3

Rev. Kenneth Kaufmann - 71  
Rev. Richard Peckman - 58

Laity (one to be elected from each Region):

Region 1

Judy Carlson - 53  
Jeff Grimm - 36  
Don Lumpe - 42  
Arthur Vogel - 70

Region 3

Robert Sandman - 89  
**John Schlickau - 108**

The Elections Committee presented the sixth ballot. Included on the ballot are:

Board of Directors - Laity at Large:

Jeff Grimm	Mark Wendt
Ivan Grimm	Larry Junker
Bruce Schultz	Otis Howard

District Nominating Committee (no more than one from the same Region):

Clergy:

Region 1

Rev. Timmothy Heath  
Rev. Michael Penikis

Region 2

Rev. Michael Brockman  
Rev. Donnie Hofman

Region 3

Rev. Kenneth Kaufmann  
Rev. Richard Peckman

Laity (one to be elected from each Region):

Region 1

Judy Carlson  
Don Lumpe  
Arthur Vogel

The election was declared closed after the ballots were collected.

Rev. Rick Hathaway, Chairman of the Education Floor Comm. (#3), introduced the members of his Committee: Pastor: Dan Galchutt; Laity: Otis Howard, Rudy Niermeier; Commissioned Workers: Jeremy Pera, Marilyn Shults; Board: Joyce Duitsman; Staff: Jim Bradshaw.

The Committee presented the following Resolutions for consideration:

**RESOLUTION 2009 -03-01 To Encourage the Continuation of the Adult Education Subcommittee**

WHEREAS, the 2006 Kansas District LCMS resolved that an adult education subcommittee should be formed; and

WHEREAS, this subcommittee has been formed, has presented the District's congregations with materials for a Sunday focus on Adult Education, and continues to study the possibilities of increasing adult participation in Bible Study; and

WHEREAS, only a small percentage of adults are involved in corporate Bible study; and

WHEREAS, Jesus commanded us to teach His people to observe everything He has commanded (Mt. 28:19-20); therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the 2009 Kansas District LCMS Convention commend the subcommittee for its work to this point; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the 2009 Kansas District LCMS Convention encourage the continuation of the adult education subcommittee, under the direction of the Board of Education, for the continued purposes of identifying needs and offering strategies for congregations as they consider adult Christian education in the parish to the glory of God, and to strengthen the body of Christ in God's Word for ministry; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the congregations and church workers of the Kansas District LCMS be urged to consider using any suggestions proposed by the subcommittee and participating in any future requests for information; and be it finally

RESOLVED, that the 2009 Kansas District LCMS Convention encourages the Board of Education to provide the means to support the ongoing work of the subcommittee.

**ACTION: ADOPTED**

**RESOLUTION 2009 -03-02**

**To Support Family Ministry in the District**

WHEREAS, God made the home the center of worship and religious training and as such the Christian home not only conveys physical life but is also God's primary institution to insert the life in Christ into each generation (Gen. 18:19; Deut. 6:6-7; Eph. 6:1-4); and

WHEREAS, new and continued stresses have been placed on the family by countless changes in society and the biblical model for marriage as a lifelong union between one man and one woman is under attack; and

WHEREAS, the Kansas District has developed a series of four Faith and Home Workshops for congregations to equip individuals and teams for Family Ministry at the local level providing training in the Biblical foundations of this ministry, concepts in marriage ministry, support for passing the faith from generation to generation and tools congregations can use; therefore be it  
RESOLVED, the Kansas District Family Life Committee be commended for their groundbreaking work in developing district training models to help congregations further develop ministries that strengthen discipleship in the Christian home; and be it further

RESOLVED, the Kansas District in Convention confirm together that ministry to the Christian home is not a niche ministry but is in fact the God designed primary institution for passing the faith from one Christian generation to the next; and finally be it

RESOLVED, the Kansas District in Convention reaffirm the support for Family Life Ministry.

**ACTION: ADOPTED**

**RESOLUTION 2009 -03-03**

**To Support And Encourage Youth Discipleship**

WHEREAS, children are a heritage of the Lord (Psalm 127:3), capable of praising God (Matthew 21:15); and

WHEREAS, Our Lord invites children of all ages to come to Him (Mark 10:13-16); and

WHEREAS, people of all ages are to be instructed in the ways of the Lord (Deuteronomy 31:12, 13); and

WHEREAS, the Kansas District of The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod has been involved in creating and encouraging various activities to support the work of our sister congregations in the task of discipling our youth; and

WHEREAS, various factors such as finances, distances, and lack of information keep youth, adults and congregations from taking advantage of the created opportunities; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that congregations be encouraged by the Kansas District Convention to consider the task of discipling their youth as they plan budgets, activities, and select leaders to help assist families and youth to take advantage of those activities, which includes leadership training for professional workers and lay leaders, sponsored by the District Youth Ministry Team (DYMT); and be it further

RESOLVED, that each pastor of the Kansas District in the LCMS carefully consider the activities and opportunities in both their personal involvement and support of the events by regularly sharing those activities and their evaluation with their congregation's committees and groups responsible for youth ministry; and be it finally  
RESOLVED, that congregations and pastors of the Kansas District give thanks to God for the blessing of the youth in their congregations by remembering them in prayers both public and private.

**ACTION: ADOPTED**

**RESOLUTION 2009 -03-04            To Encourage Congregations to Support the Future Youth Ministry of the LCMS through "Here's My Buck"**

WHEREAS, God has given the command that we are to raise up our children in the discipline and instruction of the Lord (Deut. 11:19; Eph. 6:4); and;  
WHEREAS, the Kansas District Board of Directors has adopted a resolution "that the Kansas District support the "Here's My Buck" campaign by encouraging Kansas congregations to support fundraising at the local level, in support of Synodical youth services." (RESOLUTION 06D-05-03); therefore be it  
RESOLVED, that the District Youth Ministry Team make congregations of our Kansas District aware of the "Here's My Buck" campaign and its annual progress; and be it further  
RESOLVED, that each congregation consider a specific funding strategy, such as contributing \$1.00 for every youth involved in their congregation; and be it finally  
RESOLVED, that congregations be encouraged to consider the public announcement or implementation of this strategy during the month of June, designated as Youth Ministry Month.

**ACTION: ADOPTED**

**OMNIBUS B 2009 -03-05            Synodical Membership**

WHEREAS, the Synod in convention has already spoken to Synodical Membership as addressed in Article V; and  
WHEREAS, there is no compelling reason to amplify or to revise previous convention actions relating to this overture; therefore be it  
RESOLVED, that the petitioners be referred to previous convention action.

The Education Floor Committee's work is completed and they are released with thanks.

Caring Ministry Floor Committee:

**RESOLUTION 2009 -02-01            To Encourage Adequate Time for Church Worker Renewal**

WHEREAS, God blesses mankind with rest and renewal of body, mind, and spirit, and  
WHEREAS, God's Word gives examples in which God provided periods of time for rest and renewal for leaders (e.g. the prophet Elijah); and  
WHEREAS, our Lord frequently "went off to a quiet place" for rest and prayer, and calls on His servants to follow His example; therefore be it  
RESOLVED, that professional church workers be encouraged by congregations to take at least one period of 7 consecutive days of their allotted vacation time each year away from the parish for rest and renewal.

**ACTION: ADOPTED**

The Caring Ministry Floor Committee's work is completed and they are released with thanks.

Missions Floor Committee:

**RESOLUTION 2009 -04-03            Congregational Revitalization**

WHEREAS, the Kansas District Board of Directors set the District ABLAZE goal to assist with congregational revitalization; and  
WHEREAS, the demographics of the communities around our congregations have changed and are changing and congregations may find themselves have plateau or declining in congregational roles and their outreach effort;

WHEREAS, congregational revitalization is designed to assist congregations in taking intentional steps to help create new and positive missional attitudes for Gospel proclamation, community service, and outreach; and

WHEREAS, “Fan into Flame” dollars are being received to assist with developing resources for congregational revitalization such as the “We Can” series and the “Transforming Churches Network” through the LCMS efforts; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Kansas District in Convention encourage congregations to see in their communities new opportunities for mission and ministry.

**ACTION: ADOPTED**

**RESOLUTION 2009 -04-04**

**Ablaze Goals/New Outreach Sites**

WHEREAS, the Kansas District Board of Directors set the District ABLAZE goals as:

a) 500,000 Conversations of Grace, moments where individuals in Kansas congregations share the Good News of Jesus through their personal faith stories; and

b) 12 New Church and Ministry Starts by 2017, the 500th anniversary of the Reformation; and

WHEREAS, our LCMS has equipped and encouraged congregations with abundant supply of resources; and

WHEREAS, an effective way to reach people through new congregations, preaching stations, and mission sites; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the convention commend congregations for their efforts in establishing outreach sites; and be it finally

RESOLVED, that the Kansas District in Convention encourage other congregations to establish new outreach sites and ministries to reach unchurched people in Kansas.

**ACTION: ADOPTED**

The Missions Floor Committee’s work is completed and they are released with thanks.

District LLL President Steve Hanschu reported on the work of the LLL in the District and beyond.

The Convention recessed with announcements and prayer.

The Convention Communion Worship was held at St. John Lutheran Church, Topeka (Rev. Peter Lange, pastor). Rev. Dr. Gerald Kieschnick, President, LCMS, was the preacher. The choir from St. John assisted with the worship. During the service, President Kieschnick installed Rev. Kohlmeier into his third term as District President. President Kohlmeier in turn installed the newly elected Circuit Counselors and District Vice Presidents.

**FOURTH SESSION**  
**Saturday, June 6, 2009**

The fourth session of the Convention began with devotions led by Rev. Robert Grimm – Third VP, Kansas District – on the theme, “Proclaiming the Kingdom of Christ.”

President Kohlmeier introduced special guests including former District President George Bruening and former Education Exec., Bob Eggold.

The Convention Offering, received at the worship service last evening was \$30,722. The offering will be used in support of the Carlos family as they prepare for work in the mission field of Guinea West Africa.

The Elections Committee reported the results of the sixth ballot. (Names in **bold** denote election.)

Board of Directors - Laity at Large:

Jeff Grimm - 30	Mark Wendt - 35
Ivan Grimm - 73	Larry Junker - 21
Bruce Schultz - 24	Otis Howard - 16

District Nominating Committee (no more than one from the same Region):

Clergy:

Region 1

**Rev. Timmothy Heath - 100**  
Rev. Michael Penikis - 30

Region 2

Rev. Michael Brockman - 59  
Rev. Donnie Hofman - 57

Region 3

Rev. Kenneth Kaufmann - 95  
Rev. Richard Peckman - 50

Laity (one to be elected from each Region):

Region 1

Judy Carlson - 62  
Don Lumpe - 39  
Arthur Vogel - 92

The seventh ballot was distributed by the Elections Committee. Candidates on the ballot include:

Board of Directors - Laity at Large:

Jeff Grimm	Bruce Schultz
Ivan Grimm	Mark Wendt

District Nominating Committee (no more than one from the same Region):

Clergy:

Region 2

Rev. Michael Brockman  
Rev. Donnie Hofman

Region 3

Rev. Kenneth Kaufmann  
Rev. Richard Peckman

Laity (one to be elected from each Region):

Region 1

Judy Carlson  
Arthur Vogel

The election was declared closed after the ballots were collected.

The President of The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, Rev. Dr. Gerald Kieschnick, was invited to the dais for the Synodical report. His report was presented in personal and video form, along with a Q & A period. Rev. Mark Frith, Assistant to the President for Missions and Stewardship, served as moderator of the Q & A.

(At the conclusion of the Convention, a delegate requested that Pres. Kieschnick’s opening remarks be included in the official Proceedings of the Convention. His personal remarks are attached to these Proceedings as ADDENDUM A.)

The results of the seventh ballot were presented by the Elections Committee. (Names in **bold** denote election.)

Board of Directors - Laity at Large:

Jeff Grimm - 27  
**Ivan Grimm - 91**

Bruce Schultz - 30  
Mark Wendt - 33

District Nominating Committee:

Clergy:

Region 2  
Rev. Michael Brockman - 37  
Rev. Donnie Hofman - 29

Rev. Kenneth Kaufmann - 88  
Rev. Richard Peckman - 31

Region 3

Laity (one to be elected from each Region):

Region 1  
Judy Carlson - 65  
**Arthur Vogel - 120**

The eighth ballot was distributed. Candidates on the ballot include:

District Nominating Committee (no more than one from the same Region):

Clergy:

Region 2  
Rev. Michael Brockman

Region 3  
Rev. Kenneth Kaufmann  
Rev. Richard Peckman

The election was declared closed after the ballots were collected.

Garry Niehoff, District Planned Giving Counselor, was invited to the dais. Garry reported that the Retreat Center is completed with no debt. An Endowment Fund has been established with the goal of providing for all expenses to maintain the Retreat Center for use by District workers and congregations.

Andrea Schrieber, Commission on Ministerial Growth and Support, presented a paid registration to a retreat center in Texas to Rev. Justin Panzer.

The Stewardship Committee (#5) was introduced: Pastors: Chairman Timmothy Heath, Bryan Jones; Laity: Don Dodd, Don Lumpe; Commissioned Workers: Jeff Bellach, Laurie Hoffman; Board: Ken Jorns; Staff: Garry Niehoff.

#### **RESOLUTION 2009-05-01 Support for Mission and Ministry**

WHEREAS, the Kansas District of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod is the union of all congregations and individuals belonging to the Synod within the State of Kansas; and  
WHEREAS, the word of God boldly declares that we are to give proportionately from what God has so graciously given us (e.g., 2 Corinthians 8 – 9); and  
WHEREAS, individuals are encouraged to be faithful stewards of God’s gifts of time, talents, and treasures, and  
WHEREAS, the Kansas District-LCMS is staffed with human resources to assist congregations in their support of mission and ministry within the State of Kansas and throughout the world, and

WHEREAS, statistics today point out that 1 in 2 Kansans today do not claim a church home and opportunities are opening for new mission and ministry starts, within Kansas and the Synod and continuous support is necessary for mission and ministry to our campus ministries, education, youth, singles, older adults, caring ministries and other ministries, and  
WHEREAS, congregations benefit from the administration of the District Office and have duly elected the President and Board of Directors who call and hire extended staff to administer various areas of ministry; therefore be it  
RESOLVED, that the Kansas District-LCMS in convention encourage congregations and individuals to be faithful in their God-pleasing practice of prayerful and financial support in offering up to our Lord their gifts of time, talents, and treasures for mission and ministry on the local, District, and Synodical levels; and be it further  
RESOLVED, that the Kansas District inform congregations of the various needs for support within the District and Synod; and be it finally  
RESOLVED, that we pray for a continuous outpouring of the Holy Spirit and the abundance of blessings so that God's will to seek and to save the lost is a common endeavor now and always.

**ACTION: ADOPTED**

The Stewardship Floor Committee's work is completed and they are released with thanks.

Dr. Dean Hempelman shared information about the "What a Way" program for fostering retention and recruitment of church workers conducted by the Concordia University System (CUS) and the Joint Seminary program.

The DVD that was used as part of the report by Pres. Kieschnick will be available through the District office and will eventually be posted on the LCMS web site.

The results of the eighth ballot were presented to the Convention. (Names in **bold** denote election.)  
District Nominating Committee:

Clergy:

Region 2

**Rev. Michael Brockman - 42**

Region 3

**Rev. Kenneth Kaufmann - 110**

Rev. Richard Peckman - 23

The elections were concluded.

(A complete listing of those elected to various offices is attached to these Proceedings as ADDENDUM B.)

It was moved and seconded to destroy all ballots. **ACTION: ADOPTED**

The work of the Elections Committee was concluded and they were dismissed with thanks.

The work of the Nominations Committee is also concluded and they were dismissed with thanks.

Rev. Tom Harmon, representing the Credentials Floor Committee announced the final delegate count:

Voting Lay delegates - 128

Voting Pastoral delegates - 104

Advisory - 69

Guests - 21

The Closing Convention Worship was led by Rev. David Meier, Second Vice President, under the theme: "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus." During the worship, President Kohlmeier, installed all those elected at this Convention.

The Convention was adjourned “In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.”

+ **SOLO DEO GLORIA** +

Respectfully Submitted,

Rev. Robert C. Schaedel  
Secretary, Kansas District

## ADDENDUM A

### Opening remarks from Pres. Kieschnick's report

Grace and peace be with you, from God our Father and from our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

Many years ago the church of my forefathers in Serbin, Texas, split. The children from the school at the new church and the children from the original church threw rocks across the cemetery at each other. The new church later disbanded and went out of existence. The original church celebrated its 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary several years ago. Very few people alive today can articulate what that controversy was really all about.

Challenges, struggles and conflicts have been an integral part of our Synod's past. Congregations and individuals in our Synod have disagreed, argued and even fought over many issues, resulting in family dissension and ecclesiastical division.

Much of that disharmony has resulted from serious doctrinal controversies, including church and ministry, the doctrine of election, church fellowship, and the authority of Holy Scripture. Other disagreements have been over practical or what we today consider relatively minor issues, including Boy Scouts, life insurance, dancing, women sitting in church with men, and the use of the English language.

Doctrinal unity in the LCMS remains a very important matter for the future of our Synod. As repeatedly written, resolved, and reaffirmed in our constitution, bylaws, doctrinal resolutions, and doctrinal statements, the LCMS is exceptionally united in what we believe, teach, and confess:

- That there is only one true and triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, who created the world in six days.
- That the first man and woman, Adam and Eve, fell into sin by disobeying the command of God.
- That since the fall into sin, all people are born with original sin and are incapable of pleasing God by their own merits, works, or behavior.
- That God promised a Savior to Adam and Eve and, through them, to all people.
- That this Savior is Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, who died for the sins of the whole world.
- That only those who trust in His atoning work of dying on the cross will be saved eternally.
- That those who do not have faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior will not spend eternity in heaven, but eternal condemnation in hell.
- That we are saved by God's grace alone, without any merit or worthiness of our own.
- That we are saved through faith in Christ alone, not by our own efforts, works, or endeavors.
- That the doctrine of justification by grace through faith in Christ is the doctrine on which the church stands or falls.
- That the Scriptures of the Old and the New Testaments are the inspired, inerrant, infallible, written Word of God and the only rule and norm of faith and of practice.
- That the Lutheran Confessions are a true statement and exposition of the Word of God.
- That all the miraculous accounts recorded in Holy Scripture actually occurred.
- That Jesus was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.
- That Jesus healed the lame, the deaf, and the blind, and raised the dead back to life.
- That Jesus was crucified, died, and was buried.
- That Jesus rose from the grave and ascended into Heaven.
- That in, with, and under the bread and the wine of Holy Communion, Christ is truly present as we receive His true body and blood for the forgiveness of sins and the assurance of eternal salvation.
- That the Bible teaches that abortion is not a moral option except as a tragically unavoidable by-product of medical procedures necessary to prevent the death of another human being, that homosexual behavior is contrary to the will of God and therefore intrinsically sinful, and that marriage is a divine institution which binds one man and one woman together in a one flesh union not to be broken until death parts them.
- That all baptized Christians are members of the priesthood of all believers.
- That the Scriptures teach that while women are not to hold the pastoral office, they are free to use their God given gifts in service to the Lord and His Church in other biblically appropriate roles.
- That church fellowship has as its basis complete agreement in doctrine and practice.

- That Holy Communion, Holy Baptism, and the Word of God are the means through which God conveys to sinful human beings His grace—His undeserved love and forgiveness—and through which the Holy Spirit calls individuals to faith in Christ.

This is what we believe, teach, and confess. This is what I believe, teach, and confess. While this list is not intended to include every doctrine of the Christian faith, it serves to illustrate that we simply are not arguing or even debating the major doctrines of the Christian faith that are in contention in many parts of the Body of Christ. We are undeniably blessed with God given unity and harmony and have so much more that unites us than those things that would divide us!

At the same time, there are matters about which we in the LCMS are not in agreement, most notably:

- The administration of the Sacrament of Holy Communion, mainly the question of who should be invited or allowed to commune at the altar of our Lord in LCMS congregations.
- The service of women, mainly the question of in what roles and capacities Scripture allows or commends the participation and involvement of women in the church.
- Questions about proper forms of worship, mainly how much uniformity is necessary in the worship life of LCMS congregations, how much and what kind of diversity in forms of worship is acceptable.
- Inter-Christian relationships, mainly the question of how to remain a biblical, confessional, evangelical, Christian, Lutheran church body boldly confessing the truth in love, relating to other Christians and Christian churches while honoring our covenants of love to avoid unionism and syncretism.

In the years ahead our Synod will need to continue to work under Holy Scripture and the Lutheran Confessions to achieve similar solidarity in these matters. Where Scripture speaks plainly and clearly to the question at hand, the matter is resolved. Where Scripture does not speak plainly, clearly, or at all to the question at hand, it behooves us as a group of rational, reasonable, Christian people to come to a godly and common sense conclusion regarding how to proceed with mutual respect and non-offensive conduct.

Recall with me the Holy Spirit-inspired words of the Apostle Paul to the Ephesians:

*“I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to one hope when you were called—one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.”* (Ephesians 4:1-6)

With these introductory comments, I now share with you the video portion of the report of the president of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

ADDENDUM B

**Kansas District  
2009 District Convention  
Election Results**

**President:** Rev. Keith E. Kohlmeier  
**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President:** Rev. Edward Trost,  
Region 1  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President:** Rev. David Meier,  
Region 3  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President:** Rev. Randall Jahnke,  
Region 4  
**4<sup>th</sup> Vice President:** Rev. David Gruoner,  
Region 2  
**District Secretary:** Rev. Robert Grimm

**Board of Directors**

**Commissioned Ministers:**  
Joyce Duitsman  
Dennis Hintz  
Mark Schotte

**Laity by Region:**

Steve Hanschu, Region 1  
Timothy Ohlde, Region 2  
Kenneth Jorns, Region 3  
Betty Kruse, Region 4

**Laity at Large:**

Ivan Grimm  
Barbara Teske  
Douglas Wolters

**Circuit Counselor Representative**

Rev. Rodney Fritz

**Circuit Counselors**

Circuit 1: Rev. Timmothy Heath  
Circuit 2: Rev. Edward Mease  
Circuit 3N: Rev. Lee Hovel  
Circuit 3S: Rev. Thomas Krause  
Circuit 4: Rev. Mark Eichler  
Circuit 5: Rev. Theodore Cook  
Circuit 6: Rev. Robert Leiste  
Circuit 7: Rev. Rodney Fritz  
Circuit 8: Rev. James Mayes  
Circuit 9: Rev. Alan Stahlecker  
Circuit 10: Rev. Dean Von Stroh  
Circuit 11: Rev. Mark Boxman  
Circuit 12: Rev. Charles Adams  
Circuit 13: Rev. Philip Hoppe  
Circuit 14: Rev. Mark Lovett  
Circuit 15: Rev. Joel Hiesterman  
Circuit 16: Rev. Andrew Wehling

**2012 Convention Nominating Committee**

**Clergy:**

Rev. Timmothy Heath, Region 1  
Rev. Kenneth Kaufmann, Region 3  
Rev. Joel Hiesterman, Region 4

**Commissioned Ministers:**

Jane Limback

**Laity:**

Dr. Arthur Vogel, Region 1  
David Meisinger, Region 2  
John Schlickau, Region 3  
Terry Adams, Region 4