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## Voting Pastors

Abraham	Rev. Stan	Mt. Calvary/Trinity	Soquel/Watsonville CA
Airey	Rev. Mark	Luth Ch of Prayer	Bakersfield CA
Aldrich	Rev. Paul	Zion	Piedmont CA
Amen	Rev. Christopher	Bethlehem	Carson City NV
Beck	Rev. Tim	Mt. Zion	Richmond CA
Becker	Rev Dr Stephen	Greenhaven	Sacramento CA
Beilstein	Rev. Jim	Trinity	Gardnerville NV
Bestul	Rev. John	L C of Our Savior	Cupertino CA
Beyer	Rev. Jim	St. Mark	Santa Rosa CA
Beyer	Rev. Philip	Luth Ch ot Redeemer	Atascadero CA
Bliese	Rev. Karl	St. John	Willits CA
Borchers	Rev. Eric	Zion	San Francisco CA
Boylan	Rev. Shawn	Christ	Hilo HI
Bredeson	Rev. Jason	Trinity	Sacramento CA
Burch	Rev. Herb	Grace	Santa Maria CA
Byrd	Rev. Joseph	Bethany	Lompoc CA
Carney	Rev. Bill	Our Redeemer	Honolulu HI
Cavener	Rev. Jim	Christ	Mount Shasta CA
Chan	Rev. Terry	Christ for All Nations	San Francisco CA
Chu	Rev. Bill	Holy Cross	Concord CA
Conrad	Rev. Daniel	Zion	Terra Bella CA
Coyne	Rev. Jon	Bethany	Menlo Park CA
Crown	Rev. Stewart	Trinity Evangelical	Palo Alto CA
Cusson	Rev. Brad	St. Matthew	Rocklin CA
Davis	Rev. Eli	Our Saviour's	Caruthers CA
Deuel	Rev. Dan	St. Andrew	Stockton CA
Draeger	Rev. Dr. Hal	Redeemer	Redwood City CA
Dubke	Rev. Dallas	St. Paul/Mt. Olive	Red Bluff/Corning CA
Eckert	Rev. Steve	Lu Ch of Our Savior	Santa Maria CA
Eisberg	Rev. Clarence	Redeemer	Fresno CA
Ellis	Rev. Bill	Zion	North Highlands CA
Erickson	Rev. Mick	Bethlehem	Monterey CA
Floyd	Rev. David	St. Mark's	Ferndale CA
Flynn	Rev. Alan	Messiah	Citrus Heights CA
Francisco	Rev. Tim	Holy Cross	Atwater CA
Froh	Rev. Charles	Grace	San Mateo CA
Geach	Dr. Jack T.	Hope	San Leandro CA
Gowen	Rev. Mitchell	Our Savior	Aiea HI
Gross	Rev. John P.	Zion	San Luis Obispo CA
Guse	Rev. Travis	St. Philip	Dublin CA
Haack	Rev. Lon R.	L C o/t Resurrection	San Rafael CA
Haas	Rev. Mark	First	Placerville CA
Hall	Rev. Michael	Trinity	Exeter CA
Hall	Rev. Rod	St. Mark	Sunnyvale CA
Hazel	Rev. Shawn	Trinity	Wahiawa HI

Hess	Rev. Russ	Town & Country	Sacramento CA
Hilpert	Rev. Matthew	Saint Mark	Kaneohe HI
Hilton	Rev. Alan R.	St. John	Fallon NV
Hoffman	Rev. Chuck	St. Mark	Elko NV
Jordan	Rev. Donald	Redeemer	Chico CA
Jow	Rev. Warren	First	Dinuba CA
Kah	Rev. John	St. Peter	Lodi CA
Klemsz	Rev. Scott	Our Savior	Salinas CA
Kliewer	Rev. Mark	Zion/Christ	Winnemucca/Bt. Mt NV
Krueger	Dr. John	Faith	Burney CA
Krueger	Rev. Ed	Emmanuel	Clovis CA
Lange	Rev. Mike	Resurrection	Brentwood CA
Lau	Rev. Shiu Ming	L C o/t Holy Spirit	San Francisco CA
Lopez	Rev. Zabdi	Grace/Bethlehem	Gridley/Colusa CA
Lutz	Rev. Clint	Good Shepherd	Healdsburg CA
Maschke	Rev. Jedidiah	First	Concord CA
Milz	Rev. Norm	Shep of the Sierra	Carson City NV
Molyneux	Rev. Dr. Dan	Trinity	Fairfield CA
Moore	Rev. David R.	Trinity	Walnut Creek CA
Mueller	Rev. John	St. Luke	Santa Rosa CA
O'Sullivan	Rev. Robert	Bethlehem	Berkeley CA
Oatman	Rev. Mark	St. Peter's/Grace	San Leandro/Hayward CA
Oestmann	Rev. Vern	Bethany	Vacaville CA
Oetting	Rev. Jonathan	Our Savior	Sparks NV
Olson	Rev. Vern	Grace	El Cerrito CA
Pauling	Rev. Ruclare	Our Faith	Davis CA
Peperkorn	Rev. Todd	Holy Cross	Rocklin CA
Perry	Rev. Scott	Holy Cross	Los Gatos CA
Poganski	Rev. Dr. David F.	St. Paul	Auburn CA
Putnam	Rev. Aaron	Good Shepherd	Hayward CA
Ray	Rev. Don	Faith	Fair Oaks
Reese	Rev. David	Grace	Pittsburg CA
Rice	Rev. Richard	Messiah	Santa Cruz CA
Rollefson	Rev. Dr. Stace	Trinity	Redding CA
Rowe	Rev. Daniel	Trinity	Paso Robles CA
Sauer	Rev. Dave	Prince of Peace	Fremont CA
Scharnitzke	Rev. Philip	Our Savior	Livermore CA
Schatz	Rev. Dr. Don	Luth Ch of Arcata	Arcata CA
Schlensker	Rev. Dan	Grace	Crescent City CA
Schmid	Rev. Michael	St. John	Napa CA
Schneider	Rev. Joshua	Emmanuel	Kahului HI
Schroeder	Rev. Robert	Grace	Visalia CA
Schufreider	Rev. Jeff	First/Trinity	S SF/Burlingame/ CA
Schultz	Rev. William K.	Resurrection	Santa Clara CA
Schulz	Rev. M. L.	Faith	Ukiah CA
Seying	Rev. Kou	St. Paul	Merced CA
Sharpe	Rev. Tom	St. Matthew	Sonora CA

Slater	Rev. Tom	Hope	Fortuna CA
Smith	Rev. Aaron	St. Paul	Mountain View CA
Sommer	Rev. Alan	Light of the Hills	Cameron Park CA
Standley	Rev. John M.	Cordova	Rancho Cordova CA
Tinetti	Rev. Ryan	Faith	Seaside CA
Tyler	Rev. Marty L.	Christ Our King	Morgan Hill CA
Vallejo	Rev. Gabriel E.	First Immanuel	San Jose CA
Vernava	Rev. Michael	First	Hanford CA
Waetzig	Rev. Kal	St. Paul	Tracy CA
Weller	Rev. Robert	Shepherd o/t Valley	San Jose CA
Whittaker	Rev. Mark	Peace	Arroyo Grande CA
Wikstrom	Rev. Mark	St. Paul	Selma CA
Williams	Rev. Douglas	Calvary	Oroville CA
Willweber	Rev. Lloyd	Ch of Our Saviour	Delano CA
Woo	Rev. Daniel	Hope	Daly City CA
Woodward	Rev. Pete	Faith	Pleasant Hill CA
Young	Rev. Greg	Peace	Fresno CA
Youngdale	Rev. Ron	Good Shepherd	Turlock CA
Zabell	Rev. Phil	First/St. Paul	Willows/Artois CA

## LAY DELEGATES

Abellera	Dan	Zion	San Francisco CA
Back	Norman L.	Our Savior	Livermore CA
Blackburn	Craig	St. Philip	Dublin CA
Brungs	Karl	St. Mark's	Ferndale CA
Buchholz	Diane	Trinity	Georgetown CA
Buhr	Grover	Zion	Piedmont CA
Bultena	David	St. Paul	Merced CA
Capps	Justin	St. Peter's/Grace	San Leandro/Hayward CA
Carlee	Bart	Mt. Olive	Milpitas CA
Crews	Robert	Grace	San Mateo CA
Cwirla	Steve	Trinity	Palo Alto CA
Damro	Terry	Faith	Fair Oaks
Darnauer	Jim	Christ Our King	Morgan Hill CA
Davis	Rufus	Christ for All Nations	San Francisco CA
de Reus	Peg	First/St. Paul	Willows/Artois CA
Dickerson	Robert	Our Savior	Sparks NV
Doyel	Ed	Zion	Terra Bella CA
Duncan	Dianna L.	Bethany	Lompoc CA
Durbin	Marian	Trinity	Fairfield CA
Edwards	Gloria	Bethany	Menlo Park CA
Engelken	Robert	Redeemer	Chico CA
English	Rick	Calvary	San Lorenzo CA
Erwin	Jay	Calvary	Oroville CA
Euken	Scott	Good Shepherd	Honolulu HI
Fisher	Neal	Trinity	Exeter CA
Gilbert	Susan	Hope	San Leandro CA
Guerra	Daniel	Faith	Pleasant Hill CA
Gustafson	Stephen J.	Resurrection	Santa Clara CA
Hack	Carol	Shepherd o/t Valley	San Jose CA
Hagen	Paul	St. Paul/Mt. Olive	Red Bluff/Corning CA
Hajik	Steve	St. John	Willits CA
Hall	Susan	Grace/Bethlehem	Gridley/Colusa CA
Hamer	Linda	Trinity	Gardnerville NV
Hanson	Rev. Gary	Grace	Santa Maria CA
Hazel	Heidi	Trinity	Wahiawa HI
Hemker	Dave	Prince of Peace	Fremont CA
Hilliard	Don	Peace	Arroyo Grande CA
Hillmann	Jim	St. Mark	Sunnyvale CA
Hohenstein	Hank	Trinity	Paso Robles CA
Hornbostel	Phil	St. Paul's	Woodland CA
Howerton	Kathy	Grace	Visalia CA
Hughes	Darren	Holy Cross	Atwater CA
Junkin	Alice	St. James	Newman CA
Klein	Mark	St. Paul	Auburn CA
Kramer	James	St. Paul	Mountain View CA

Kramer	Tim	St. John's	Napa CA
Kroeger	Pat	Holy Cross	Concord CA
Ladely	Larry	St. John	Petaluma CA
Lee	Scot	Christ	Mount Shasta CA
Lim	Yal	Saint Mark	Kaneohe HI
Long	Ernie	Grace	Cloverdale CA
Lutz	Bonnie	Good Shepherd	Healdsburg CA
Mancini	Lisa	Redeemer	Redwood City CA
Mattson	Paul W.	Luth Ch of Our Savior	Santa Maria CA
Maxner	Marilyn	Bethlehem	Monterey CA
McBride	Wayne	Faith	Ukiah CA
McCall	Alan	Grace	Pittsburg CA
Meloche	Abigail	Mt. Calvary/Trinity	Soquel/Watsonville CA
Mertes	Sheryl	St. Paul	Selma CA
Miller	Jerry	Bethany	Vacaville CA
Morrison	Jim	Zion	North Highlands CA
Murray	Alan	St. Mark	Santa Rosa CA
Nunley	David	First	Concord CA
O'Hare	Cindie	Messiah	Santa Cruz CA
O'Sullivan	Alice	Bethlehem	Berkeley CA
Olson	Carol	Grace	El Cerrito CA
Orteiza	Michael J.	St. Matthew	Sonora CA
Oswalt	Rod	Town & Country	Sacramento CA
Padgett	Roger	Peace	Fresno CA
Pennell	David R.	St. Mark	Elko NV
Petersen	Craig	L C o/ t Resurrection	San Rafael CA
Pierce	Myrtle	Shepherd of the Hills	Lake Isabella CA
Pope	Paul	Trinity/First	Burlingame/S SF CA
Popielarz	John	Light of the Hills	Cameron Park CA
Probasco	Jay	Immanue/Foothill	Jackson/Valley Springs CA
Puscheck	John	Clear Promise	Lompoc CA
Quinn	Bill	Our Saviour's	Caruthers CA
Reiley	Dr. Michael	Emmanuel	Kahului HI
Reindl	Mark	St. Peter	Lodi CA
Richardson	Doug	Emmanuel	Clovis CA
Rickey	Louise	Good Shepherd	Turlock CA
Riske	Gary	Trinity	Walnut Creek CA
Ristow	Larry	L C of Our Savior	Cupertino CA
Roache	Vincent	Good Shepherd	Hayward CA
Rogers	Taggart	St. John/First	Clearlake/Lucerne CA
Root	Ronald	Our Savior's	Pacifica CA
Ross	Jim	Hope	Fortuna CA
Ruecker	Norm	St. Matthew	Rocklin CA
Ruhoff	Tom	Bethlehem	Carson City NV
Ryland	Patti	Resurrection	Brentwood CA
Sanders	Paul	Grace	Crescent City CA
Schatz	Lois	Luth Ch of Arcata	Arcata CA



Scheuermann	Jack	St. John's	Fallon NV
Schleuter	Paula	Redeemer	Fresno CA
Schmidt	Overton	Lut Ch o/t Redeemer	Atascadero CA
Schmoll	Tony	St. Luke	Santa Rosa CA
Sherman	Doug	St. Andrews	Stockton CA
Shockley	Debbie	St. Paul's	Susanville CA
Shotts	Ken	Greenhaven	Sacramento CA
Silberstein	Ted	Trinity	Redding CA
Spenhoff	Kathy	Holy Cross	Los Gatos CA
Spleiss	Elise	Messiah	Citrus Heights CA
Standley	Lois	Cordova	Rancho Cordova CA
Swift	Bill	First	Placerville CA
Thompson	Rod	St. Paul's	Tracy CA
Tietz	Dale	Trinity	San Rafael CA
Tinetti	Anne	Faith	Seaside CA
Vasilev	Dmitriy	Trinity	San Jose CA
Vattuone	Armand	Trinity	Sacramento CA
Weisshahn	Larry	Our Savior	Salinas CA
Westburg	Eva	Faith	Sonoma CA
Wildes	Nancy	Our Savior	Aiea HI
Wisnar	Walt	Holy Cross	Rocklin CA
Wold	Pedar	Christ	Hilo HI
Ziesenhenn	John	Mt. Zion	Richmond CA

**Alternate Lay Delegates**

Carver	Norman	Mt. Zion	Richmond CA
Keller	Jerry	Our Savior's	Pacifica CA
Lucking	Tom	Mt. Calvary/Trinity	Santa Cruz/Watsonville CA
Mootz	Daniel	St. Paul	Mountain View CA
Schmidt	Aron	Holy Cross	Atwater CA
Yamabe	Brian	Shepherd o/t Valley	San Jose CA

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Schlensker	Rev. Dan
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Schroeder	Rev. Robert
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Schultz	Rev. William K.
Schulz	Rev. M. L.
Seying	Rev. Kou
Sharpe	Rev. Tom
Slater	Rev. Tom

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Whittaker	Rev. Mark
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Buhr	Grover
Bultena	David
Capps	Justin
Carlee	Bart
Crews	Robert
Cwirla	Steve
Damro	Terry
Darnauer	Jim
Davis	Rufus
de Reus	Peg
Dickerson	Robert
Doyel	Ed
Duncan	Dianna L.
Durbin	Marian
Edwards	Gloria
Engelken	Robert
English	Rick
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Euken	Scott
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Gilbert	Susan
Guerra	Daniel

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Hagen	Paul
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Hall	Susan
Hamer	Linda
Hanson	Rev. Gary
Hazel	Heidi
Hemker	Dave
Hilliard	Don
Hillmann	Jim
Hohenstein	Hank
Hornbostel	Phil
Howerton	Kathy
Hughes	Darren
Junkin	Alice
Klein	Mark
Kramer	James
Kramer	Tim
Kroeger	Pat
Ladely	Larry
Lee	Scot
Lim	Yal
Long	Ernie
Lutz	Bonnie
Mancini	Lisa
Mattson	Paul W.
Maxner	Marilyn
McBride	Wayne
McCall	Alan
Meloche	Abigail
Mertes	Sheryl
Miller	Jerry
Morrison	Jim
Murray	Alan
Nunley	David
O'Hare	Cindie
O'Sullivan	Alice
Olson	Carol
Orteiza	Michael J.
Oswalt	Rod
Padgett	Roger
Pennell	David R.
Petersen	Craig
Pierce	Myrtle
Pope	Paul
Popielarz	John

Probasco	Jay
Puscheck	John
Quinn	Bill
Reiley	Dr. Michael
Reindl	Mark
Richardson	Doug
Rickey	Louise
Riske	Gary
Ristow	Larry
Roache	Vincent
Rogers	Taggart
Root	Ronald
Ross	Jim
Ruecker	Norm
Ruhoff	Tom
Ryland	Patti
Sanders	Paul
Schatz	Lois
Scheuermann	Jack
Schleuter	Paula
Schmidt	Overton
Schmoll	Tony
Sherman	Doug
Shockley	Debbie
Shotts	Ken
Silberstein	Ted
Spenhoff	Kathy
Spleiss	Elise
Standley	Lois
Swift	Bill
Thompson	Rod
Tietz	Dale
Tinetti	Anne
Vasilev	Dmitriy
Vattuone	Armand
Weissahn	Larry
Westburg	Eva
Wildes	Nancy
Wismar	Walt
Wold	Pedar
Ziesenhenne	John

Alternat Lay Delegates

Carver	Norman
Keller	Jerry
Lucking	Tom
Mootz	Daniel

Schmidt Aron  
Yamabe Brian

Advisory Clergy

Doolittle Rev. John  
Harrison Rev Dr Matthew  
Maier Rev. Dr. Paul  
Newton Dr. Robert  
Norris Rev. Tom  
Prill Rev. David  
Robinson Rev. Eric  
Seltz Rev. Gregory  
Vieker Rev. Jon  
Zelt Rev. Dr. Tom

Clergy Emeriti

Arnold Rev. Ron  
Betker Rev. Bruce  
Cassidy Rev. John  
Fickenscher Rev. Robert  
Herrmann Rev. John  
Hoffmann Rev. Paul  
Junkin Rev. Robert  
Kabel Rev. Jim  
Kringel Rev. Ray  
Meyer Rev. Dr. Paul  
Meyer Rev. John-Paul  
Mohr Rev. Gary  
Plath Rev. Bill  
Schedler Rev. Walt  
Sohn Rev. Ed  
Sorenson Rev. James H.  
Tietjen Rev. Dr. Walter  
Wyneken Rev. Karl  
Zimmerman Rev. Ted  
Zimmermann Rev. James

Commissioned Ministers

Eltiste Emily (DCE intern)  
Karges Lonnie  
Kopecky Jonathan  
Mancini Mike  
McCormick Jamie  
Mueller Michael

Commissioned Ministers Emeriti

Campbell Deaconess Irene

Lutzinger	Norma
Mertes	John
Sandau	William
Schliebe	Charles
Willweber	Sharon (Brandt)

Deacons

Karlen	Fred
Shockley	Bob

Vicars

Heath	Vicar Timm
Hues	Vicar Dan
Lee	Vicar Cheng
Lee	Vicar Khai
Morey	Vicar Jeff
Schuller	Vicar Isaac

Board of Directors

Herzog	Donn
Kuefner	Marla
Wentzlaff	Henry

Guests

Betker	Teri
Bliese	Nancy
Bonnett	Don
Busse	Karen
Carney	Donna
Deuel	Miriam
Eaton	Jim
Fisher	Judy
Floyd	Laura
Francisco	Anne
Geach	Darlene
Hall	Stephanie
Hamer	John
Hernandez	Maureen
Herrmann	Sandy
Hilliard	Marie
Hoffman	Jean
Hoffmann	Jane
Hohenstein	Susan
Howerton	Ron
Jow	Diana
Kabel	Janice
Kliewer	Debbie



Kramer	Arlene
Kringel	Norma
Krueger	Nancy
Lau	Janice
Lee	Eesai
Lee	Kaying
Lung	Terence
Maxner	David
Murray	Dorothy
Newton	Priscilla
Newton	Rosella
Oatman	Debbie
Pennell	Julie
Petersen	Marietta
Popielarz	Maureen
Quinn	Jenny
Schedler	Carolyn
Schlensker	Carol
Schmidt	Judy
Seltz	Yvette
Seying	MayKou
Sherman	Donna
Slater	Donna
Sohn	Jan
Tietjen	Ione
Tietz	Velda
Wentzlaff	Sharon
Whaley	Deborah
Wikstrom	Helen
Williams	Mary
Young	Debbie
Youngdale	Pamela
Zelt	Sue

Exhibitors

Becker	Rev. Wallace
Burgdorf	David
Busse	Don
Dirasse	Rev. Geta
Eisenbacher	Kewpee
Fairow	Teresa
Faszholz Gregali	Polly
Hartman	Marty
Hawkins	John
Hernandez	Rev. Carlos
Houseworth	Marcia
Hurley	Tom

Hyde	Brian
Jasa	Rev. Mark C.
Kramer	Rev. Dr. Loren
Lipscomb	Dcs. Beverly
Marshall	Dan
Morey	Mary
Nielsen	Nancy
Olstad	Jerry W.
Peterson	Brad
Shonholz	Rev. Robert
Simon	Ralph
Tesema	Rev. Dr. Tesfai
Wagenbach	John

Staff

Alba	Shelly
Bonnett	Joyce
Hartman	<u>Rev. Ted</u>
Koerschen	Joel
Konda	Rita
Lo	Denise C.
Whaley	Rev. John

## ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES

### Advisory Clergy

Doolittle	Rev. John
Harrison	Rev Dr Matthew
Maier	Rev. Dr. Paul
Newton	Dr. Robert
Norris	Rev. Tom
Prill	Rev. David
Robinson	Rev. Eric
Seltz	Rev. Gregory
Vieker	Rev. Jon
Zelt	Rev. Dr. Tom

### Clergy Emeriti

Arnold	Rev. Ron
Betker	Rev. Bruce
Cassidy	Rev. John
Fickenscher	Rev. Robert
Herrmann	Rev. John
Hoffmann	Rev. Paul
Junkin	Rev. Robert
Kabel	Rev. Jim
Kringel	Rev. Ray
Meyer	Rev. Dr. Paul
Meyer	Rev. John-Paul
Mohr	Rev. Gary
Plath	Rev. Bill
Schedler	Rev. Walt
Sohn	Rev. Ed
Sorenson	Rev. James H.
Tietjen	Rev. Dr. Walter
Wyneken	Rev. Karl
Zimmerman	Rev. Ted
Zimmermann	Rev. James

### Commissioned Ministers

Eltiste	Emily (DCE intern)
Karges	Lonnie
Kopecky	Jonathan
Mancini	Mike
McCormick	Jamie
Mueller	Michael

### Commissioned Ministers - Emeriti

Campbell	Deaconess Irene
Lutzinger	Norma
Mertes	John
Sandau	William
Schliebe	Charles
Willweber	Sharon (Brandt)

### Deacons

Karlen	Fred
Shockley	Bob

### Vicars

Heath	Vicar Timm
Hues	Vicar Dan
Lee	Vicar Cheng
Lee	Vicar Khai
Morey	Vicar Jeff
Schuller	Vicar Isaac

### Board of Directors

Herzog	Donn
Kuefner	Marla
Wentzlaff	Henry

### Guests

Betker	Teri
Bliese	Nancy
Bonnett	Don
Busse	Karen
Carney	Donna
Deuel	Miriam
Eaton	Jim
Fisher	Judy
Floyd	Laura
Francisco	Anne
Geach	Darlene
Hall	Stephanie
Hamer	John
Hernandez	Maureen

Herrmann	Sandy
Hilliard	Marie
Hoffman	Jean
Hoffmann	Jane
Hohenstein	Susan
Howerton	Ron
Jow	Diana
Kabel	Janice
Kliewer	Debbie
Kramer	Arlene
Kringel	Norma
Krueger	Nancy
Lau	Janice
Lee	Eesai
Lee	Kaying
Lung	Terence
Maxner	David
Murray	Dorothy
Newton	Priscilla
Newton	Rosella
Oatman	Debbie
Pennell	Julie
Petersen	Marietta
Popielarz	Maureen
Quinn	Jenny
Schedler	Carolyn
Schlensker	Carol
Schmidt	Judy
Seltz	Yvette
Seying	MayKou
Sherman	Donna
Slater	Donna
Sohn	Jan
Tietjen	Ione
Tietz	Velda
Wentzlaff	Sharon
Whaley	Deborah
Wikstrom	Helen
Williams	Mary
Young	Debbie
Youngdale	Pamela
Zelt	Sue

**Exhibitors**

Becker	Rev. Wallace
Burgdorf	David
Busse	Don
Dirasse	Rev. Geta
Eisenbacher	Kewpee
Fairow	Teresa
Faszholz Gregali	Polly
Hartman	Marty
Hawkins	John
Hernandez	Rev. Carlos
Houseworth	Marcia
Hurley	Tom
Hyde	Brian
Jasa	Rev. Mark C.
Kramer	Rev. Dr. Loren
Lipscomb	Dcs. Beverly
Marshall	Dan
Morey	Mary
Nielsen	Nancy
Olstad	Jerry W.
Peterson	Brad
Shonholz	Rev. Robert
Simon	Ralph
Tesema	Rev. Dr. Tesfai
Wagenbach	John

**Staff**

Alba	Shelly
Bonnett	Joyce
Hartman	Rev. Ted
Koerschen	Joel
Konda	Rita
Lo	Denise C.
Whaley	Rev. John

# CNH District Convention

## April 27th, 2012

### Session 1

The 69th Convention of the California-Nevada-Hawaii District of the LC-MS was called to order at 3:02 PM by Pres. Robert Newton.

#### **Introduction**

President Newton offered opening remarks in keeping with the theme of the convention, "Following the Heart of our Shepherd". He reminded the attendees of how Jesus turned the lives of his disciples upside down and commented that Jesus continues to do the same to us. President Newton thanked Synod President Harrison for being with us today and tomorrow morning. President Newton introduced Jon Vieker, Senior Assistant to President Harrison and noted that Synod VP Paul Maier is also present and will be offering a period of Q & A tomorrow. Also introduced were Walt Tietjen, Past President of the CNH District and Loren Kramer, Past President of the PSW District.

The president noted that Rev. Greg Seltz, speaker of the Lutheran Hour will be the featured speaker for tomorrow. Tom Norris, director of communications for the District, will offer a presentation tomorrow. President Newton noted the passing of Kathy Lindquist, who served as regional lay director on the Board of Directors for the past triennium, and of Art Kroger who served as District Treasurer from 1994 until his death.

#### **Opening Devotion**

First VP Rev. Dr. Tom Zelt offered the opening devotion. Rev. Zelt spoke on John Chapter 10, the Good Shepherd, noting especially verse 16- "*I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen*". The message centered around the thought that Jesus is the shepherd of all and "*of necessity I must bring them in.*" Rev. Zelt stated that we are good at understanding the necessity of dying and rising, but the telling of Jesus is just as necessary as the cross, the crucifixion and the resurrection. The devotion closed with the singing of "Christ the Eternal Lord".

#### **Convention Business**

President Newton commented that, "what is necessary" to the heart of the shepherd will be accomplished. He went on to offer thanks to the many people who have worked to make the convention possible.

The district's newest congregation, Immanuel-Jackson was welcomed into the District by President Newton. It was noted that Pastor Davidenas was not able to be present due to the passing of his daughter, Binky.

Rev. Terrence Chan and Rufus Davis signed the Constitution of the District marking official acceptance of Christ for All Nations.

President Newton read the names of the pastors that have entered into the district in the past triennium. The pastors were asked to stand as their names were called and were welcomed by the assembly. This list can be found beginning on page 31 of the convention manual.

President Newton introduced registration Committee Chairman Rev. Bruce Betker. Rev. Betker offered the following report. In attendance: voting lay delegates-106, voting pastors-102. There

are 52 advisers, 42 guests for a total attendance of 302. A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept his report.

Standing rules for the convention were presented by Parliamentarian Rev. Richard Rice. A motion was made to adopt the standing rules as presented. The motion was seconded and approved. Executive Director John Whaley presented the agenda for the convention. He noted that the Regional caucuses scheduled to be held at 10:30 AM on Saturday have been moved to 10:50 AM. A motion to accept the agenda as corrected was moved, seconded and approved.

## **Presidents Address-Part One**

First VP Tom Zelt assumed the chair to introduce our "Mission President" Robert Newton for the first half of his report. President Newton began by noting that changes have caught us off guard. The church once mattered. For many now, the feeling is that the battle is being lost. Synod recognized the challenge and instituted the Revitalization program in 1994. The plan was to revitalize 2000 churches.

President Newton noted three factors of the process:

#1 - The heart of the Good Shepherd. We need to understand what the heart of God is about in the world.

#2 - That we recognize and share the heart of a Good Shepherd. God wills that we play a part in his cosmic plan. Scripture goes beyond heaven to include the world as well. We are a kingdom of Priests ruling with him on Earth.

#3 - That we rely on His resurrected power. The Good Shepherd affects the church, working through us by the power of the Holy Spirit. The call to repent belongs to God.

Repentance = Recalculate = Change direction. In using the analogy of the GPS, Newton stated that we have covenanted to go from point A to point B. God recalculates to accommodate when we go off course. Finally He says it in his Son. It is His voice that gets us back on course.

President Newton moved to the book of Revelation, recalling the message to the angel of the church of Ephesus, relating Christ's admonition to the church that they had forgotten their first love. "God so loved the world"- the emphasis of the church must be the same-thus Revitalization was born of this love.

President Newton reminded the assembly that we need his loving touch. He noted that in the church, we have many problems facing us. He focused on two of those problems:

#1 - Fear - the evil one wanted to stop the Lord. He failed. Jesus did not want His church to fear.

#2 - Apathy - the churches at Sardis and Laodicea suffered from apathy. Sardis lived in the shadow of their once vibrant faith. Laodicea was living for itself. It ignored the word that could bring them back to life. Newton noted that we suffer similar effects. As He did for the churches of Revelation, Jesus promises that those who remain faithful would remain in His care.

## **Election of the District President**

The chair of the election committee, Rev. Clarence Eisberg, was called forward. Rev. Eisberg noted that two names had been nominated for the office of District President, Rev. Dr. Robert Newton and Rev. Dr. Thomas Zelt. Sec. Standley was asked to read a letter from Rev. Dr. Zelt in which he thanked the assembly for the nomination but respectfully declined due to his desire to pursue other avenues of service thru the congregation at Prince of Peace, and the District. Rev. Zelt then took the chair and noted that there were a couple of ways to proceed, one being, a motion to elect president Newton by acclamation. A motion was made, seconded and approved

to elect President Robert Newton to his fourth term as president of the CNH district. The election was celebrated with the singing of the doxology.

### **Election of the First VP**

Election committee chair Clarence Eisberg gave instructions for the process of electing the First VP. President Newton then asked for nominations from the floor. Rev. Dr. Thomas Zelt received a nomination from the floor. A motion was made and seconded to close the nominations. Rev. Zelt stated that he felt that at this time he must decline the nomination. The motion and second was rescinded. Nominations continued from the floor with Rev. Paul Hoffmann and Rev. John Standley receiving nominations. There was a motion to close the nominations which was seconded and approved. President Newton asked that the voting be held over until tomorrow when electronic voting means will be available.

### **Report from CEF**

Don Busse, President of District CEF, greeted the convention on behalf of the District CEF Board. He noted that the operation has been streamlined. CEF is confident for the future. While some loans have been restructured, the number of delinquent loans is low and the outlook is good. Busse noted that loan activity is approximately one third of the previous triennium. Major projects that have recently been completed include Sierra Lutheran High School, Zion North Highlands, Light of the Hills in Cameron Park, and Redeemer Fresno. It was noted that these projects were made possible by those who participate in investments with CEF. President Busse noted that the investment base of those under 50 years old is not growing. Financial goals for CEF include achieving positive income with lower interest rates. The district CEF Board of Directors has approved \$25,000 in grant awards to fund congregation mission projects. These grants will be given on a first-come first serve basis. It was noted that in the area of planned giving, half of the investments come from those 60 and above. At present there are 100 representatives in 180 congregations. Representatives will have the opportunity to attend a planned giving conference to enable them to reach out to others. President Busse urged congregations that don't currently have a representative to appoint one. Only those congregations who have a representative have a vote at the CEF Regional Meeting. The theme of the Regional Meeting will be "Time for Change".

### **LWML Report**

President Newton introduced Marcia Houseworth, President of the CNH District LWML. President Houseworth noted that their convention theme for this year was "Extreme Service". She stated that Lutheran women are in service in many areas of our District. Money from mites goes to assist in funding projects in the district and the world. She invited attendees to visit the LWML display.

### **Report from Concordia University Irvine**

President Newton introduced Loren Kramer, Past President of the Pacific Southwest District. Pres. Kramer brought greetings from the PSW District President. Pres. Kramer spoke of the mission of Concordia University Irvine, focusing on faithfulness and excellence. He noted a record enrollment for this year of 3250 students. He stated that 1200 students will receive diplomas at the end of this academic year. Pres. Kramer spoke of the core academic coursework at Concordia Irvine, noting that the nursing department will graduate the sixth group of 40

students and advising that each passed the State certification on the first try. While the numbers of those pursuing professional church work are down, the number of those working in programs leading to ordination is up. There are six students nearing completion of the requirements for ordination from the CNH district.

Pres. Kramer spoke of the university's program for teachers pursuing a Masters degree. He stated that there are approximately 1000 students enrolled. It was noted that a similar program would be offered soon in the Bay Area.

### **Synod President Matthew Harrison**

President Harrison began by congratulating President Newton on his election. He noted that the Missouri Synod celebrated its 165th anniversary yesterday. A video presentation was offered dealing with the work of the Synod over the past two years. President Harrison stressed that caring for hurting people is part of the emphasis of the "Mercy-Witness-Life Together" theme. He went on to state that there were 34 new missionaries commissioned last year. Missions in places like Russia and the Dominican Republic can serve as seminary training facilities and are part of the Synod's Global Theology Initiative. The international aspect of Synod's mission program was illustrated with clips of the devastation from the tsunami in Japan and the Malaria Initiative, as well as many others. Examples of National Ministry included Campus Ministry, Church Planting, Reformation of Preaching and Women in the Church. President Harrison concluded by saying the Church of Jesus Christ has a future because Jesus has a future.

### **President's Address-Part Two**

President Newton spoke of the three mission contexts: Pre-Church, Post-Church, Church. President Newton stated that he was allowed to attend "Mission School" while most pastors don't. He listed what he feels are three priorities for the District concerning mission: #1 - Mission School. #2 - Plant - We don't plant churches, the Holy Spirit plants churches-we plant the Word. #3 - Raise a Mission Minded people - We must identify, equip and release these people.

### **Report on TFM**

VP Zelt noted that during the conference we would hear from several congregations that have experienced the Transforming for Ministry program. He introduced Rev. Jim Beyer who spoke about the success of the program at St. Mark - Santa Rosa. Rev. Beyer offered a short video showing the projects that were undertaken at St. Mark. These projects included letters to servicemen, food collection and others. There are six new events planned for the coming year.

### **Closing**

The first session of the 69th convention of the CNH District was closed with prayer by VP Zelt.

The evening worship service was hosted by Redeemer Lutheran Ministries-Redwood City. The message was offered by Rev. Dr. Matthew C. Harrison, President, The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.



# CNH District Convention

## April 28th, 2012

### Sessions 2 & 3

#### **Opening**

Session Two was called to order at 8:05 AM in the name of the Father Son and Holy Spirit by President Robert Newton. President Newton recognized Walt Tietjen's birthday with the singing of Happy Birthday.

President Newton welcomed Rev. Michael Lange for the opening devotion. Rev. Lange referred to John 3:1 (Jesus' evening conversation with Nicodemus). Nicodemus was a teacher and yet he did not understand "these things". It is important to the heart of the Shepherd that we know "these things" as God speaks his word to us. The assembly sang the hymn, "Come Thou Almighty King".

President Newton assumed the chair to introduce Rev. Ted Hartman director of the TFM program. Rev. Hartman introduced Mark Airey, Pastor of the Lutheran Church of Prayer in Bakersfield. Pastor Airey spoke of his congregation's work with the TFM process. He related the outward focus that he has witnessed in this small congregation, spurred on and energized by the revitalization program. Rev. Hartman led the assembly in prayer for Pastor Airey and the Lutheran Church of Prayer.

President Newton asked Rev. Bruce Betker to give an update on registration.

Voting lay delegates = 115 -- Voting pastoral delegates = 109 -- for a total of 224 Voting Delegates. There are 60 advisers and 50 guests for a total convention attendance of 334. A motion was made and seconded to approve the report. The motion was approved.

Rev. Lange directed the delegates to "A Taste of the CNH" trifold handout located on the tables. The folder contains events concerning mission opportunities in the CNH District.

#### **President Harrison's Bible study**

President Newton welcomed Synod President Matthew Harrison to the podium. President Harrison spoke on the challenges of Synod reorganization. He went on to explain the thinking behind the theme Witness, Mercy, Life Together.

**Witness**-there are no islands for Christians. When you are in Christ you are in Him together. When you have 2-3 Christians together you have mercy. President Harrison encouraged Christians to "Stick your nose in the Bible". He referred to Galatians 2:8-9 and worked with the Greek word for Fellowship. Fellowship = common agreement in teaching and life together = witness. We need to make a conscious decision to get out in the midst of the people. He stated that Witness, Mercy, and Living Together are all found in this text.

Referring to John chapter 1, president Harrison noted that the Greek word for martyr means to bear witness. Witnesses are people who have seen with their eyes and witnessed with their mouths.

In John 1:8, the president noted that John was not the light but he came as a witness to the light. Our task is to bear witness to what we see in holy Scripture. We need to speak in a way that people can understand what we are saying.

The assembly was directed to 1 John 5:10. President Harrison noted that the church without witness is dead. "Stick your nose in the Bible", step back and look at your congregation. Look at

your preaching. Synod is looking toward more continuing education for pastors to assist pastors in their task.

**Mercy-** in Mark 1:39, we see that Jesus was moved with pity. This is a deep set compassion, visceral. President Harrison went on to relate several passages using the Greek word for compassion. In first John 3:16 we read "By this we know love, that he lay down his life for us". Harrison noted that Jesus never fails to act. He puts his compassion in us.

### **Lutheran Malaria Initiative**

President Harrison introduced Martha Mitkos who spoke on behalf of the Synod's Malaria Initiative. She noted that 170,000 children were saved in Africa in the last year. \$4.7 million has been raised so far. Martha related the story of Rev. Walter Obare, Bishop of the Lutheran Church of Kenya who is one survivor of five from a family of 10 children, the rest taken by malaria. She noted that the CNH District is looking for a champion for this program.

Rev. Jim Beyer introduced Gloria Edwards who addressed the convention concerning the Malaria Initiative. The delegates received a copy of resolution 1-1 - TO COMBAT MALARIA.

*A motion was made and seconded to adopt the resolution. With no discussion the question was called and the resolution passed with the vote of 203 yes votes, to 5 no votes.*

### **Worship Service Offering**

Rev. Hal Draeger was recognized by the chair. Pastor Draeger moved that the offering taken at the Friday evening worship service be dedicated to the Lutheran Malaria Initiative. The motion was seconded and approved with no discussion.

### **Lutheran Hour Ministries**

John Hawkins from Lutheran Hour Ministries spoke to the assembly concerning the work of the LHM. John invited all attendees to visit the Lutheran Hour display.

### **Greg Seltz - Lutheran Hour Ministries**

President Newton welcomed Rev. Greg Seltz, Lutheran Hour speaker. The title of his presentation was "Can I Get a Witness". In the Technology Generation, how can we seize the opportunity to share the Christian faith in love with the "i" generation.

Seltz asked the question "What price do we want to pay to get this done?". ref. 1 Corinthians 1:27-31. In reference to Romans 10:8-15 Rev. Seltz raised the question "What is so unique about the Lutheran message?" His answer was: Jesus loves us so much that he comes to us-we talk about a Jesus that comes near.

Is it harder to become a Christian today? Why did Christ come at such a technologically backward time? Television promised to bring the truth-the fact is, television sells product. In fact all technology sells products. How do you share the Gospel with someone with an iPod in their ear? Some say the Bible as a book is finished. However in the midst of it all, people are still looking for love. The Bible is a "public love story". It is love in the lives of real people.

Is today a problem or an opportunity? Lutherans don't have a way to "satellite". We can use Twitter, Facebook and all types of social media to bring people in. Lutheran Hour ministries can help in this.

**Receive and Believe** - His love is for you. Christmas comes every year-some things are so good you want to hear them over and over.

**Know and Grow**- in His love for you in the middle of real life. Come to the place where you're willing to pay the price.

**Show**-show his love in our lives. ref. John 13:35. People want to "Know what you know, when they know you care..."

**Be Ready to Share**-seize the opportunity. Be a 150% person. Be prepared to lose some of yourself, and pick things up from those around you. Jesus is the only 200% person. Use tech to keep the conversation going-but in the end God needs people who are willing to meet people face-to-face.

## **Convention Business**

Rev. Clarence Eisberg announced the room assignments for the regional caucuses.

Pastor Eisberg conducted the election for First Vice President. Rev. Paul Hoffmann received 117 votes. Rev. John Standley received 84 votes. Rev. Hoffmann was elected as the district's First VP.

## **Hispanic Task Force**

President Newton introduced Enrique Vallejo. Rev. Vallejo spoke of the work being accomplished in the CNH District among the Hispanic community. He then introduced Rev. Zabdi Lopez. Pastor Lopez presented a video and covered many of the aspects of reaching out to the Hispanic community.

## **TFM Snapshot**

Rev. Ted Hartman introduced Pastor Jonathan Oetting, who offered insight into the TFM process as experienced at Our Savior-Sparks Nevada. He spoke of the importance of coaches in the TFM program.

Rev. Hartman prayed for Pastor Oetting and the people of Our Savior, Sparks.

President Newton adjourned the second session. Attendees met in Regional Caucuses. Lunch followed the Caucuses.

## **Session 3**

President Newton called the third session of the convention to order at 1:35 PM. He called on Secretary Standley for approval of the minutes. It was noted that the date was incorrect. It was moved and seconded to approve the corrected minutes. With no further discussion the minutes were approved as corrected.

## **Address-Rev. Tom Norris**

President Newton introduced Rev. Tom Norris who serves as the district's Director of Communications. He opened with the singing of "This Joyful Eastertide".

Rev. Norris started by telling of the devastation caused by hurricane Mitch. The hurricane was so powerful that it changed the course of the river. The bridge was unharmed but the river no longer went underneath. The bridge was perfectly fine, it just didn't serve a purpose anymore. How often in the church have we seen the water move from under the bridge. In the same way, advertising in newspapers and the yellow pages used to work. These days people go to the web for information.

Rev. Norris presented a PowerPoint presentation illustrating what goes on over the Internet in just 1 minute. Hours of video can be downloaded in less than a minute.

He noted how sermons on YouTube can attract many more viewers than are in church on any given Sunday. People meet on the web - that's where we need to be. Over 50% of the world's population is under 30. Norris showed a video outlining the explosion of web based activities. We are living in the time of the Social Media Revolution. Blogging continues to grow in popularity.

What has changed? #1- How they find you. #2 - What they expect to find. (Your competition is everything that populates the web.) Sites are designed to welcome people - "Click Here".

Rev. Norris spoke about Leonard Sweet's book-Viral.

He talked about:

<b>Gutenbergers</b>	versus	<b>Googlers.</b>
<i>Need to be right</i>		<i>Need to be in relationship</i>
<i>God is in charge</i>		<i>God is among us</i>
<i>Need good light</i>		<i>Need to recharge the reader</i>
<i>Theology explains God</i>		<i>Jesus explains life</i>
<i>Statement of faith</i>		<i>life of faith</i>

*Rev. Norris went on to offer some help from the web:*

Project Burning Bush  
Cutting-edge website  
Global Internet radio  
Online studies and forums

*Other help from the District:*

Communication plan  
Website help  
Social media  
Mission leadership  
G + Hang Out

He closed by saying that we need to speak the Gospel in the language of the people. There is always a place to start. We don't need to feel incapacitated in regards to technology. The web was made for the church. God made all things for the church. We have the privilege of taking the gospel to people who won't hear it unless we speak it.

Rev. Norris noted that he is available to assist individual congregations with websites.

## **Convention Business**

President Newton called Rev. Bruce Betker to advise the convention of the final Registration Report. Voting lay delegates = 117. Voting Pastoral delegates = 109. Guests = 53. Advisory = 61. Total attendance 340. A motion to accept the report was moved and seconded. Hearing no discussion, the question was called and the report approved.

Rev. Betker advised the delegation that there were several delegates that need to revise their yellow President Voting Certification.

## **Lutheran Social Services Report**

Nancy Nielsen representing Lutheran Social Services reported on the work that LSS is doing for foster care children who are no longer in the system. LSS will offer two additional years of housing. They also offer help with getting a GED. They offer assistance to adults with permanent housing, helping them to stay off the streets by giving resources to help them assimilate into society.

### **Board Representatives**

Pastors elected by their regional caucus to serve as Regional Vice President are:

Rev. Bruce Betker - Hawaii  
Rev. Mark Kliewer - Nevada  
Rev. Mark Haas - Northern Region  
Rev. Hal Draeger - Pacific Region  
Rev. Richard Rice - Southern Region

Members elected to serve as Lay Directors:

Pedar Wold - Hawaii  
Henry Wentzlaff - Nevada  
Ken Shotts - Northern Region  
Tim Kramer - Pacific Region  
Dave Bultena - Southern Region

Both slates were ratified by acclamation (Applause)

There were five nominees for Commissioned Minister to the Board of Directors

Stephen Dinger  
Lonnie Karges  
Fred Karlen  
Mike Mancini  
Marla Kuefner

After three rounds of voting, Mike Mancini and Marla Kuefner remained. In the fourth round of voting Marla Kuefner had 103 votes. Mike Mancini had 72 votes. Marla Kuefner was elected as the commissioned Minister to the Board of Directors.

### **Voting for District Secretary**

President Newton opened nominations from the floor for the office of District Secretary. Hearing none, a motion was made to close the nominations which was seconded and approved.

Candidates for the office of District Secretary:

Rev. John Standley - 156 votes  
Rev. David Rose - 35 votes  
Rev. Standley will continue to serve as District Secretary.

### **Voting for District Treasurer**

President Newton opened nominations from the floor for the office of District Treasurer. Hearing none, the nominations were closed. Donna Herzog received 184 votes and is elected as District Treasurer.

### **Disability Ministry Task Force**

President Newton introduced Rev. Geta Dirasse representing the Disability Ministry task force. After a short video Rev. Dirasse spoke concerning the activities of the Synod's Disability Task Force. People with disabilities are found around the world. The love of Christ tells us to reach out to people with disabilities. President Newton prayed for the continued success of this ministry.

### **Conference Business**

President Newton called on Rev. Norm Milz, Chairman of Committee # 3- Parish Services. There was a motion from the floor requesting the reading of only the resolution "Resolves" unless otherwise deemed necessary. It was moved, seconded and approved without discussion.

### **Resolution 3-2 - TO ESTABLISH A TASK FORCE FOR MINISTRY TO AND WITH PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES**

A motion to approve resolution 3-2 was moved and seconded. A motion to amend the resolution by adding the words "and ministry opportunities" after the word "needs" in-line 36 was moved, seconded and approved. A motion was made to close the discussion which was seconded and approved. The question was called to accept the resolution as amended. Yes = 178, No = 11. The motion carried.

### **TFM Snapshot**

President Newton welcomed Rev. Ted Hartman to the podium who introduced Rev. Shawn Hazel. Pastor Hazel spoke on the positive change in governance in the context of TFM. Rev. Hartman prayed for Shawn and the ministry of the congregation at Wahiawa, HI.

### **Dr. Paul Maier - Q&A**

President Newton introduced Synod VP Paul Maier. Dr. Maier offered reaction to what he has heard so far at this convention. He mentioned some of the archaeological discoveries that point to the reality of the Old and New Testament. He stated that Christianity is the single most successful phenomenon in the history of the world. Dr. Maier opened the floor to a period of Q & A. Discussion included Continuing Education for pastors, the theology of Tom Wright, closing of campus ministries, government involvement in contraception, Hosanna-Tabor case, Jesus/John relationship, Synodical restructuring, the Manhattan Declaration and finally, Paul Maier the author.

### **Convention Business - Nominating Committee**

President Newton called Rev. Clarence Eisberg to the podium to select a pastor for the Nominating Committee. The floor was opened for nominations. Hearing none a motion to close nominations was moved, seconded and approved. The names of the nominated pastors are:

Rev. Jason Bredeson

Rev. David Floyd

Rev. Hank Scherer

Rev. Floyd was eliminated after the first round. In the second round Rev. Jason Bredeson received 112 votes. Rev. Scherer received 66 votes. Rev. Jason Bredeson will serve on the Nominating Committee.

President Newton asked for nominations from the floor for the Commissioned Minister for the nominations committee. Hearing none, a motion to close the nominations was moved, seconded and approved. Jamie McCormick was the lone nominee and was elected by acclamation.

Nominations from the floor were opened for the two layperson positions on the nominating committee. Hearing none, a motion was made and seconded and approved to close the nominations. Instructions were given to vote for the number one choice on the first round. On the second round instructions were given to vote for the number two choice, not to include the first pick. After the second round, the total of the two rounds were as follows:

Marcia Houseworth = 141

Terence Lung = 131

Ron Root = 88

Marcia Houseworth and Terence Lung were declared elected to the Nomination Committee.

### **Ratification of Circuit Counselors**

The list of Circuit Counselors as elected by their Circuit Forums is as follows:

Circuit # 1	Rev. Terrence Chan
Circuit #2	Rev. David Sauer
Circuit #3	Rev. Timothy L. Huber
Circuit #4	Rev. Henry Adam Scherer
Circuit #5	Rev. Daniel Conrad
Circuit #6	Rev. Lon R. Haack
Circuit #7	Rev. David Moore
Circuit #8	Rev. Stewart Crown
Circuit #9	Rev. Herbert W. Burch Jr.
Circuit #10	Rev. Norm Milz
Circuit #11	Rev. Mitchell Gowen
Circuit #12	Rev. James Cavener
Circuit #13	Rev. Donald Schatz
Circuit #14	Rev. James Beyer
Circuit #15	Rev. Clarence Eisberg
Circuit #16	Rev. Stanley R. Abraham
Circuit #17	Rev. Robert O'Sullivan
Circuit #18	Rev. John Bestul
Circuit #19	Vacant
Circuit #20	Rev. Alan R. Hilton

Rev. Mark Haas - Circuit #19 was elected by the Northern Region caucus to serve as Regional Vice President. Rev. Haas elected to accept the Regional Vice President position making him

ineligible to serve as Circuit Counselor. A replacement will be selected by President Newton. The remaining slate of Circuit Counselors was ratified by acclamation.

### **District Church Extension Fund Board of Directors**

President Newton opened nominations from the floor for the three available positions for the District Church Extension Fund Board of Directors. Hearing none the nominations were closed. The names of the nominees are as follows:

Rev. Robert Fickenscher - Fair Oaks, CA  
Janice Killingsworth - Auburn, CA  
Richard Schultz - Rocklin, CA

The vote count was: Yes = 179 -- No = 8 The slate was duly elected.

### **Convention Survey**

The Elections Committee conducted an electronic survey of various aspects of the convention to be used in future planning.

### **HMong Ministry Update**

President Newton welcomed Rev. Kou Seying for an update on HMong ministry. A video was shown illustrating HMong worship as well as the work that is being done in HMong ministry in the District through the Joy of Harvest Ministry. Joy of Harvest Ministry is an extension of the seminary for HMong ministry. Pastor Seying reported there are 91,000 HMong in California according to the latest census.

### **Convention Business**

President Newton called Rev. Mitch Gowen, Chairman for Committee # 4 - Administration to the podium.

**Resolution 4-01- TO BRING THE CNH BYLAWS INTO LINE WITH CURRENT PRACTICE**  
Mr. Rufus Davis read the resolved statements. A motion to adopt the resolution was made and seconded. The floor was opened for discussion. A motion was made to amend section VI.J.4 of the bylaws to change the word committee to task force. The motion was seconded and approved. A motion to call the question was moved, seconded and approved. The resolution was approved with the above bylaw change duly noted.

President Newton called Rev. Mark Kliewer for Committee #2 - Theology to the podium.

**Resolution 2-01 - RE: TO AFFIRM THE EUCHARISTIC PRACTICE OF THE SYNOD**  
A motion to adopt the resolution was moved and seconded. President Newton called for discussion. At the end of discussion the motion to adopt resolution 2-01 was approved

**Resolution 2-02 - TO ENCOURAGE FAITHFUL SPIRITUAL OVERSIGHT IN THE CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

A motion to adopt Resolution 2-02 was moved and seconded. As there was no discussion, the question was called and the motion was approved.



**Resolution 2-03 - TO APPLY CHRISTIAN FREEDOM INFORMED BY LOVE IN PREPARING DIVINE SERVICES FOR DISTRICT AND SYNODICAL GATHERINGS**

it was noted that the last two "WHEREAS" in lines 34 and 38 should be changed to "RESOLVED"

A motion was made and seconded to adopt Resolution 2-03 as corrected. As there was no discussion, the question was called and the motion was approved as corrected.

President Newton called Rev. Beyer, chairman of Committee #1 Missions to the podium.

**Resolution1-02 - EMPHASIS ON HEIGHTENED MISSION FOCUS FOR SYNOD**

A motion to adopt resolution 1-02 was moved and seconded. The floor was opened for discussion. There was a motion to amend the resolution by adding the word schools between the words churches and communities in line 30. The motion to amend was moved seconded and approved. The question was called, the resolution was adopted as amended.

**Resolution 1-03 - EMPHASIS ON EQUIPPING THE LAITY FOR MISSION**

A motion was made and seconded to approve resolution 1-03. At the end of discussion the question was called and the motion was approved.

**Resolution 1-06 - TO AFFIRM THE WORK OF TRANSFORMING CHURCHES NETWORK**

A motion was moved and seconded to adopt Resolution 1-06. At the end of discussion the question was called and the motion was approved.

**TFM Snapshot**

President Newton called Rev. Hartman to the podium who in turn invited Rev. David Moore from Trinity, Walnut Creek to come forward. Pastor Moore related his congregation's experience with TFM. Rev. Hartman prayed for Rev. Moore and the people and ministry of Trinity, Walnut Creek.

**Closing**

The assembly sang "Lamb of God" as the closing hymn / prayer.

**CNH District Convention**  
**April 29th, 2012**  
**Session 4**

**Opening**

The 4th session of the 69th convention of the CNH District, Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod was called to order by President Robert Newton at 8:40 AM in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

President Newton requested a change in the agenda to remove the scheduled Bible Study, shortening the agenda by one hour to allow delegates more time to travel. President Newton noted that while he hesitated to bypass the time for study, he also recognized that during the course of the convention we have been fully immersed in the Word. A motion was made and seconded to remove the Bible study from the agenda. Hearing no requests for discussion the question was called and the motion was approved.

The congregation joined in singing the hymn "This Joyful Easter Tide". President Newton offered an opening prayer.

**Convention Business**

President Newton called Rev. Norm Milz to the podium to continue the work of Committee #3 - Parish Services.

**Resolution 3-05 - TO PROVIDE STAFF AND MATERIAL RESOURCES AND SUPPORT OF RURAL MINISTRY** - A motion was made and seconded to approve resolution 3-05. There was some discussion concerning the definition of rural ministry and the cost of the program. As the discussion ended the question was called by the chair. The resolution was approved.

**Resolution 3-03 - TO ENCOURAGE DISASTER PREPAREDNESS IN CONGREGATIONS AND MINISTRIES**

A motion was made and seconded to approve the resolution. The chair called for discussion. Rev. Phil Zabell, Chairman of the District Human Care Committee offered some insight into the programs mentioned in the resolution. As discussion concluded, the chair called the question. The motion was approved.

**Resolution 3-04 - TO AFFIRM OUR COLLABORATION WITH AND PARTICIPATION IN TRI-LERT**

A motion was made and seconded to approve the resolution. The floor was opened for discussion. A motion was moved and seconded to add an additional Resolved clause, *"to include in this endeavor, those new church bodies that have spun off from other synods"*. Following a considerable period of discussion and multiple suggestions on the wording, a motion was made and seconded to consider a substitute motion adding a resolve before the final resolve *"that other Lutheran church bodies within the CNH District will be invited to participate in Tri-Lert with us"*. After discussion the substitute motion was approved. Seeing no more discussion, the

Chair called for the question to approve the original motion as amended. The motion as amended was approved.

At this time President Newton invited first VP, Rev. Thomas Zelt to the podium. The president commended Rev. Zelt on his work in the district and thanked him for his faithful service. The president also expressed his appreciation to all of the staff and volunteers who worked to make this convention possible.

President Newton called Rev. James Beyer, chairman of Committee #1 - Missions, to the podium.

**Resolution 1-04 - TO AFFIRM AND SUPPORT THE SPECIALIZED MINISTRY PASTOR PROGRAM (SMP)**

A motion was made and seconded to adopt resolution 1-04. The floor was opened for discussion. President Newton noted that he serves on a committee tasked to evaluate the work of the SMP program. He mentioned that the reports coming from the seminaries are very favorable. There was considerable discussion on this resolution. The majority of the discussion was informational in nature. There were concerns raised about the program. As the discussion came to a close the question was called from the floor. The motion to end debate was approved. The motion was approved.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the previous day. After a brief period of discussion, the motion was approved. President Newton noted that the minutes of the Convention would soon be posted on the District Website. He also stated that the minutes of the final session would be approved by the District Board of Directors.

At 9:54 AM President Newton closed the 69th Convention of the CNH District of the LC -MS, in the name of the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit.

A worship service followed led by Rev. Dr. Harold Drager. Rev. Dr. Thomas Zelt provided accompaniment for the hymns. President Robert Newton offered the message for Good Shepherd Sunday. After the message, Rev. Dr. Robert Newton was installed as president of the CNH district by Synod 3rd VP, Paul Maier. Following his installation President Newton installed the remaining District officers.

Submitted by Rev. John M. Standley  
CNH District Secretary

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3 Committee # 4

4 Resolution (4-01)

5 Ref: CM Supplement p.114-129

6 Overture 7

7 Explanation of Proposed Bylaw Changes

8 Bylaws

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10 **RE: TO BRING THE CNH BY LAWS INTO LINE WITH CURRENT PRACTICE**

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12 WHEREAS, the CNH District Bylaws have undergone considerable restructuring since 1994,  
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15 WHEREAS, the structure of governance that was adopted was intended to give the district  
16 president freedom to organize in ways that served efficiently and effectively in  
17 challenging and assisting the congregations of the CNH District, yet maintained  
18 mandated committees that may or may not help in that mission in a changing  
19 culture, and

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21 WHEREAS, the work of the Parochial School committee has been passed on to the District  
22 Staff, THEREFORE BE IT

23  
24 RESOLVED, that the CNH District in convention approve the following list of mandated  
25 committees: Stewardship (required by Synod), Missions, Constitutional Matters,  
26 Human Care, Historical, Nominating, and Hispanic Council, AND BE IT  
27 FURTHER

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29 RESOLVED, that the following committees be stricken from the Bylaws: Youth, Recruitment  
30 and Student Aid, Evangelism, Communications, and Parish Education, AND BE  
31 IT FURTHER

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33 RESOLVED, that Committee 1, Executive Mission Action Council, be renamed Missions, AND  
34 BE IT FURTHER

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36 RESOLVED, that IV.C. 1 b iii be stricken, AND BE IT FINALLY

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38 RESOLVED, that the CNH District direct the Secretary of the District to so note these changes,  
39 renumber the mandated committees and publish an updated version of the CNH  
40 District Bylaws.

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42 ACTION: X Adopted \_\_\_ Defeated \_\_\_\_\_ Recommitted \_\_\_ Amended

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Committee 3  
Resolution (3-01)  
Convention Manual pg. 99-100  
Overture 6

9 RE: TO ENHANCE THE FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF THE LC-MS SYNODICAL  
10 SEMINARIES FOR THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH NEAR AND FAR.

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12 WHEREAS, The Lord Jesus has instructed His Church to pray that laborers be sent into His  
13 harvest (Mt. 9:38); AND

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15 WHEREAS, The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod has long held as one of its fundamental  
16 objectives the recruitment and training of pastors (LS-MS Constitution, Art. III);  
17 AND

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19 WHEREAS, Residential seminaries are most valuable for equipping of men to serve in the  
20 Church as pastors; AND

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22 WHEREAS, Only 2% of the combined operating budget for the fiscal year ending June 30,  
23 2010 of the two synodical seminaries was provided in subsidy directly from LC-  
24 MS operating budget (*The Lutheran Witness*, May 2011, page 16); THEREFORE  
25 BE IT

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27 RESOLVED, that the California-Nevada-Hawaii District encourage the 2013 LCMS Convention  
28 to adopt enhanced financial support of the LCMS Seminaries as a synod-wide  
29 mission and ministry emphasis for the 2013-2016 triennium, for the mission of the  
30 Church near and far.

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32 ACTION:  Adopted  Defeated  X Recommitted  Amended

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Committee 3  
Resolution (3-02)  
Convention Manual p. 101-102  
Overture 8

40 RE: TO ESTABLISH A TASK FORCE FOR MINISTRY TO AND WITH PEOPLE WITH  
41 DISABILITIES

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43 WHEREAS, Our Lord ministered to the needs of all people and asks His followers to emulate  
44 His example; AND,

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46 WHEREAS, “All people” includes individuals with disabilities (currently about 16 percent of  
47 the total population) which significantly limit major life activities; AND,  
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WHEREAS, People with disabilities are often faced with physical barriers to full participation in worship, education, fellowship and service activities, with many church members having difficulty in accepting people with disabilities, identifying their needs, and providing ways to welcome them into their congregations; AND,

WHEREAS, Removing such barriers significantly enhances the spiritual, emotional and psychological life of people with disabilities, and is a sign of Christian hospitality to all; AND,

WHEREAS, Many people without disabilities will experience the reality of disabilities, particularly in a church body that is aging such as the LCMS, as a result of illness, accident or aging; AND,

WHEREAS, People with disabilities are able to make positive contributions to the life of a parish; THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the President of the California-Nevada-Hawaii District establish a Disability Ministry Task Force (DMTF) modeled after the LCMS Disability Ministry Task Force, under his supervision; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the California-Nevada-Hawaii District Disability Ministry Task Force (DMTF) of five members be established for 3-year terms, AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the President of the California-Nevada-Hawaii District appoint members to the DMTF from members of the California-Nevada-Hawaii District with representation by people with disabilities, and including professionals in the areas of spiritual life supports, medical care, education, building design, law, and others as needed, to give pertinent information to congregations and church workers that they may provide excellent services to people with disabilities; AND BE IT FINALLY

RESOLVED, that the DMTF address the following (including but not limited to):  
1. a mission statement for this ministry;  
2. a congregational self –assessment tool to assess the needs *and ministries opportunities* of people with disabilities;

ACTION:  X  Adopted   Defeated   Recommitted  X  Amended

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RE: TO ENCOURAGE DISASTER PREPAREDNESS IN CONGREGATIONS AND  
MINISTRIES

WHEREAS, a disaster can be anything which causes human suffering or creates human needs wherein victims are unable to alleviate through their own power, AND

WHEREAS, the video Preparedness Now (<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8Z5ckzem7uA>) provides visualization of the impact a disaster can have on a community, AND

WHEREAS, a disaster cycle includes four phases (occurring in differing orders depending on the disaster or its severity):

1. preparation – development of plans, training personnel, testing plans
2. mitigation – effects of potential disaster are reduced
3. response – immediate assistance to save lives, reduce suffering and assess damage
4. long term recovery – response moves into recovery as some normalcy returns,

AND

WHEREAS, our Lord, Jesus Christ in Matthew 25 calls us to be instruments through which God brings His mercy to bear in the world today, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the CNH in convention encourage its congregations and ministries to each establish a disaster response team which might include the pastor(s), the elders and the ushers; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that each congregation and ministry be encouraged to provide training for their disaster response team; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that Tri-LERT provide training and resources to all participating congregations; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that said team be encouraged to build linkages with the CNH District Disaster Response Coordinator to learn of the resources which are available; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that said team be encouraged to build linkages with local law enforcement, amateur radio emergency service (ARES) groups, and other mercy ministry entities within their community; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the disaster team be encouraged to hold congregation or ministry training events where members or other staff can be educated with respect to the details of the disaster plan and what to do in times of disaster, AND BE IT FINALLY

RESOLVED, that each congregation and ministry be encouraged to hold disaster preparedness exercise events to test their plan for the purposes of uncovering any deficiencies as well as to reinforce the procedures to be followed at the time of a disaster. Congregations and ministries are also encouraged to make the third Thursday of October (in 2012 this is 10/18) one of these events drawing on the resources available through <http://www.shakeout.org/>.

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Committee 3  
 Resolution (3-04)  
 Convention Manual pgs. 103-104  
 Overture 10

**RE: TO AFFIRM OUR COLLABORATION WITH AND PARTICIPATION IN TRI-LERT**

WHEREAS, a disaster causes human suffering, often times creating human needs which are beyond the power of its victims to control or alleviate, AND

WHEREAS, disasters not only affect individuals but often impact entire communities, AND

WHEREAS, the needs created by disasters can quickly exceed the resources of any individual ministry or agency which exists to help mitigate the impact of a disaster, AND

WHEREAS, our Lord, Jesus Christ in Matthew 25 calls us to be instruments through which God brings His mercy to bear in the world today, AND

WHEREAS, the Tri-Lutheran Emergency Response Team (Tri-LERT) was organized to facilitate the collaboration of the Disaster Response Coordinators of the CNH District and the Sierra Pacific Synod and Lutheran Social Services of Northern California, AND

WHEREAS, Tri-LERT has also built linkages with I-LERT (serving the Pacific Southwest District) which serves the part of California south of our District, Arizona, and New Mexico and the Northwest District (Oregon, Washington, Idaho, and Alaska) through its Northwest Hearts Active in Mercy, AND

WHEREAS, said linkages expand the network of resources available to address disaster needs up and down the entire West Coast and in Nevada, THEREFORE BE IT

*RESOLVED, that other Lutheran church bodies within the CNH District will be invited to participate in TRI-LERT with us, and BE IT FURTHER*

RESOLVED, that the CNH in convention affirm the ministry being accomplished through Tri-LERT, AND BE IT FINALLY



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3 RESOLVED, that the District Disaster Response Coordinator be encouraged to continue to work  
4 with the other participants of Tri-LERT and further promote the linkages with I-  
5 LERT and Northwest Hearts Active in Mercy.

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Resolution (3-05)  
Convention Manual pgs. 104-105  
Overture 11

RE: TO PROVIDE STAFF AND MATERIAL RESOURCES IN SUPPORT OF RURAL  
MINISTRY

WHEREAS, many of the Districts congregations are located in rural rather than metropolitan  
areas, AND

WHEREAS, rural ministry is distinctively different from suburban and metropolitan ministry,  
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WHEREAS, recent ministry trends have been to focus on life in metropolitan areas and  
resources for the rural environment have not been as extensive, AND

WHEREAS, rural congregations often face financial and staffing challenges not faced by  
metropolitan congregations, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the CNH in convention affirm the ministry being accomplished by our rural  
congregations, AND BE IT FINALLY

RESOLVED, that the District staff be directed to identify and promote resources for rural  
ministry including helping clusters of rural congregations explore ways of  
engaging in collaborative ministry for their area, and the establishment of a list of  
retired pastors, Synod-wide, who would like to be included as those available to  
take a call to a semi-retired position to these rural areas, thus making it possible to  
match up willing earthly shepherds with those congregations less able to support a  
full-time pastor.

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3 Committee 1 – Missions  
4 Resolution (1-01)  
5 Convention Manual p.130  
6 Overture 16  
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8 RE: TO COMBAT MALARIA  
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10 WHEREAS, Nearly one-half of the world’s population is at risk to contract malaria resulting in  
11 200 million cases each year and of those infected, nearly three-quarter million  
12 people die; and  
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14 WHEREAS, this death rate means that someone dies every 60 seconds, almost always a child  
15 under the age of five or a pregnant woman; and  
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17 WHEREAS, this disease disproportionately strikes people living in poverty stricken areas of  
18 sub-Saharan Africa preventing parents from working and children from attending  
19 school and costing \$12 billion a year in lost productivity; and  
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21 WHEREAS, the Lutheran Malaria Initiative is an unprecedented and historic partnership of The  
22 Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod and Lutheran World Relief to join in the global  
23 focus to help end malaria deaths in Africa by 2015; and  
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25 WHEREAS, since this disease is both preventable and treatable, LMI’s goal is to combat  
26 malaria through intensified and comprehensive efforts in education, prevention,  
27 advocacy and mobilization of resources; and  
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29 WHEREAS, the Synod and LWR have developed a partnership, unanimously endorsed by the  
30 LCMS Board of Directors, to raise \$45 million dollars to combat malaria with the  
31 support of the United Nations Foundation to fund all development costs; and  
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33 WHEREAS, LMI affords the LCMS a unique opportunity to increase the capacity of partner  
34 churches to save lives and share the Gospel; and  
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36 WHEREAS, Christ’s example of unconditional mercy forms our Lutheran response to malaria  
37 calling us to serve the vulnerable and to respond with love, care and help to those  
38 suffering; and  
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40 WHEREAS, the LCMS convention in 2010 resolved that its agencies, congregations, schools,  
41 universities and seminaries support LMI and since that time many congregations,  
42 schools, individuals have joined the movement with generosity, enthusiasm and  
43 creativity; and  
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45 WHEREAS, the positive effects of this initiative are already observable, one example is seen in  
46 the malaria-caused death rate among children in Africa cut in half since the  
47 initiative’s beginning; THEREFORE BE IT,  
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3 RESOLVED, that the CNH District in Convention voice support for the life-saving effort of the  
4 Lutheran Malaria Initiative to combat malaria worldwide and end malaria deaths in  
5 Africa by 2015, and BE IT FURTHER.

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7 RESOLVED, that the CNH District Convention urge the congregations, schools and agencies of  
8 the District to join in the effort of the Lutheran Malaria Initiative by their prayers  
9 and financial support, AND BE IT FINALLY,

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11 RESOLVED, that the President of the California, Nevada and Hawaii District be charged with  
12 encouraging the congregations, schools and agencies of the CNH District to  
13 support the Lutheran Malaria Initiative.

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15 ACTION: X Adopted \_\_\_\_\_ Defeated \_\_\_\_\_ Recommitted \_\_\_\_\_ Amended

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3 Committee 1 – Missions  
4 Resolution 1-02  
5 Ref: Convention Manual p. 96  
6 Overture 1  
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8 **RE: EMPHASIS ON HIGHTENED MISSION FOCUS FOR SYNOD**

9  
10 WHEREAS, the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, in grateful response to God’s grace and  
11 empowered by the Holy Spirit through Word and Sacraments strives to vigorously  
12 make known the love of Christ by word and deed within our churches,  
13 communities, and the world, AND  
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15 WHEREAS, the LCMS global mission focus has been on Gospel proclamation for the purposes  
16 of outreach, church planting, leadership training, strategic mission development  
17 and global multiplication – multiplying the number of believers sharing their faith;  
18 AND  
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20 WHEREAS, the LCMS has encouraged all LCMS congregations to become “mission outposts”  
21 where the unchurched are lovingly connected to Jesus; AND  
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23 WHEREAS, the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod recognizes North America as the third largest  
24 mission field on the globe, THEREFORE BE IT  
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26 RESOLVED, that the CNH District in Convention (2012) memorialize the 2013 LCMS National  
27 Convention to continue to encourage and challenge all LCMS congregations to  
28 increasingly, intentionally, vigorously and prayerfully go about the work of  
29 proclaiming the Gospel, making disciples of all the nations and being witnesses of  
30 Christ in our churches, *schools*, communities and the world through Synod’s  
31 mission endeavors, and do so equally vigorously in both the national and  
32 international realms, BE IT FURTHER  
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34 RESOLVED, that that the CNH District in Convention (2012) urge the President of the Lutheran  
35 Church Missouri Synod to advocate a new and heightened focus on church  
36 planting, AND BE IT FINALLY  
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38 RESOLVED, that the President of the Lutherans Church Missouri Synod work vigorously to see  
39 to it that pastors, church workers, laymen and laywomen of the synod be provided  
40 opportunities to be educated, trained, equipped and encouraged for rural, urban,  
41 intercultural and all types of mission work, in the United States, North America,  
42 and to the nations of the world.  
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44 ACTION:  X  Adopted   Defeated   Recommitted  X  Amended  
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3 Committee 1 – Missions  
4 Resolution 1-04  
5 Ref: Convention Manual p.105  
6 Overture 12  
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8 RE: TO AFFIRM AND SUPPORT THE SPECIALIZED MINISTRY PASTOR PROGRAM  
9 (SMP)

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11 WHEREAS, the needs for providing pastoral ministry in specific and specialized situations  
12 where a traditionally prepared seminary candidate or pastor is not available  
13 continue to multiply; AND  
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15 WHEREAS, Our Synod needs to find a way to provide for an increase in pastoral ministry to  
16 meet such needs of the church, especially in light of the mission challenges of  
17 today’s world; AND  
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19 WHEREAS, Our Synod has resolved to plant 2,000 new congregations by 2017, for which  
20 pastors will be needed; AND  
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22 WHEREAS, All those who regularly and publicly perform the functions of the Office of the  
23 Holy Ministry should do so as those called to and placed into that office because  
24 “[i]t is taught among us that nobody should publicly teach or preach or administer  
25 the sacraments in the church without a regular call” (AC XIV); AND  
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27 WHEREAS, Any way of providing for pastoral ministry must be faithful to our Lutheran  
28 Confessions, faithful to our historic commitment to a well-educated and well-  
29 formed ministerium, faithful to our historic commitment to provide pastors in both  
30 academic and practical tracks, and faithful to our historic commitment to provide  
31 pastoral ministry and leadership at the cutting edges of the mission fields,  
32 wherever they might be; AND  
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35 WHEREAS, The SMP Program and its development faithfully bring together and address  
36 several issues that have concerned our Synod for many years as it seeks to  
37 a. find a way to meet the existing and expanding needs for pastoral ministry,  
38 especially in the variety of contexts of mission and ministry in today’s church;  
39 b. respect our commitment to the doctrine of church and ministry, especially in  
40 light of AC XIV;  
41 c. honor our commitment to responsible theological education that provides the  
42 church with well-educated pastors, who as missional leaders are faithful to  
43 Lutheran theology and practice;  
44 d. retain our commitment to the importance, need, and great strengths of residential  
45 pastoral education at both the certificate and M.Div. level, along with a  
46 commitment to the continuing education of all clergy;  
47 e. restore our past creativity in recognizing the importance, need, and great  
48 strengths of alternative models of pastoral education leading to ordination,  
49 including a commitment to continuing education;  
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- f. utilize the advances in educational technology that allow for responsible pastoral education and formation through distance-education models; and
- g. develop a more coherent and comprehensive model for pastoral education by which various routes leading to certification, call, and ordination are coordinated; and
- h. potentially interrelated, so that, for example, a student in a nonresidential certificate route might be able to engage also in a residential degree program; AND

WHEREAS, the SMP program has provided an opportunity for our Synod to build on its rich experience in providing faithful theological education and to coordinate and consolidate programs and curriculum into a more cohesive and comprehensive curriculum design that engages the best practices of educational design and pedagogy, including much of the current course materials already proven and in use; AND

WHEREAS, The process of conversation and collaboration over the past 20 years of work in developing alternate models of pastoral education (including such programs as SOTEX, DELTO, CCM-Irvine) has brought together representatives of the needs of the field with the entities of the Synod to whom leadership for pastoral education and certification is entrusted, and in so doing provided a helpful model for continuing such collaborative work; AND

WHEREAS, The SMP Program is supported by the Office for Pastoral Education, the faculties of both seminaries, and the Council of Presidents; AND

WHEREAS, The SMP Program, in its four years of operation, has established a proven track record of excellence in preparing pastors for the Specialized Ministry category; AND

WHEREAS SMP vicars and pastors have proven to be faithful servant shepherds, well received and appreciated by those they serve; AND

WHEREAS, The SMP Program is faithfully meeting the ministry needs for which it was designed; THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the CNH District affirm the SMP Program as a great blessing to the LCMS in its endeavor to raise up faithful laborers for Christ’s Harvest and pledge its ongoing support of the SMP; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the CNH District thank and commend the extraordinary service of the faculties and staffs of both Concordia Seminary, St. Louis and Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne and the Office for Pastoral Education for developing, administrating, and monitoring the progress of the SMP Program; AND BE IT FINALLY

RESOLVED, that the CNH District memorialize the 2013 Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod Convention to commend and affirm the SMP Program and pledge its ongoing support.

ACTION:  Adopted  Defeated  Recommitted  Amended

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3 Committee 1 – Missions  
4 Resolution 1-05  
5 Ref: Convention Manual p.107  
6 Overture 13  
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8 RE: TO ENCOURAGE AND AFFIRM THE MINISTRY OF LICENSED LAY DEACONS

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10 WHEREAS, The need for proclaiming the Gospel in our communities is vital to the salvation of  
11 all people and remains the most urgent and necessary ministry of the congregations  
12 of the CNH; AND  
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14 WHEREAS, The 1989 Convention of the LCMS authorized District Presidents to license certain  
15 laymen to preach, lead public worship, and administer the Sacraments under the  
16 supervision of an ordained pastor and in circumstances where no local pastor is  
17 available; AND  
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19 WHEREAS, The CNH District presently has eighteen Licensed Lay Deacons who faithfully  
20 proclaim the Gospel to people in mission stations and small congregations unable  
21 to support a regularly called pastor, and who serve under the direct supervision of  
22 ordained pastors; THEREFORE BE IT  
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24 RESOLVED, that the CNH District encourage and affirm the ministry of Licensed Lay Deacons;  
25 and BE IT FURTHER  
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27 RESOLVED, that the CNH District rejoice and give thanks to God for the proclamation of the  
28 saving Gospel that is being faithfully carried out by our licensed deacons for the  
29 sake of building up our Lord’s Church and seeking the lost; AND BE IT  
30 FINALLY  
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32 RESOLVED, that the CNH District encourage the District President to support ongoing training  
33 of Licensed Lay Deacons through making available needed courses and providing  
34 financial assistance where appropriate.  
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36 ACTION: \_\_\_Adopted \_\_\_Defeated \_\_\_X\_\_\_Recommitted \_\_\_Amended  
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39 Committee 1 – Missions  
40 Resolution 1-06  
41 Ref: Convention Manual p.107  
42 Overture 14  
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44 RE: TO AFFIRM THE WORK OF TRANSFORMING CHURCHES NETWORK

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46 WHEREAS, Transforming Churches Network (TCN) is currently under the auspices of our  
47 LCMS Board for National Mission and  
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WHEREAS, TCN is a Recognized Service Organization of the LCMS and partners with 32 of our LCMS Districts; AND

WHEREAS, TCN’s statement of faith is consistent with and supportive of the doctrine and confession of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod as found on their public web-site; AND

WHEREAS, TCN hosts and resources important training events in and around our church body for those who are involved in church revitalization efforts; AND

WHEREAS, TCN is an important coordinating arm for Districts and churches around the LCMS who are trying to work together in mission to enliven and revitalize churches through the sound teaching of the Scripture, the use of the sacraments, and the Lutheran Confessions while utilizing faithful and encouraging practices to focus congregations and their leaders upon making disciples of all nations, beginning in their own communities; THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the CNH District of the LCMS affirm its support for the Transforming Churches Network in its 2012 Convention; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that TCN be given opportunity in our CNH District publications to give updates and communication in regards to its work so that clear communication regarding its work might be available to our district and by extension to the church body at large; AND BE IT FURTHER,

RESOLVED, that the CNH District encourage our Board of Directors to send ongoing funding from our District budget be sent annually to TCN; AND BE IT FINALLY

RESOLVED, that the CNH District memorialize the LCMS in convention encouraging the entire church body to reaffirm its support of the Transforming Churches Network in our 2013 convention.

ACTION:  Adopted  Defeated  Recommitted  Amended

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Committee 1 – Missions  
Resolution 1-07  
Ref: Convention Manual p.108  
Overture 15

RE: TO AFFIRM TRANSFORMING FOR MISSIONS

WHEREAS, Transforming for Mission, (revitalization), was established for the purpose of working to revitalize congregations for mission in the CNH District of the LCMS. Whereas to date 35 congregations in the CNH have participated in a TFM prescriptive weekend and 34 have accepted and worked to fulfill those prescriptions, and



WHEREAS, over 100 of our congregation’s members, (pastors and laity), have been involved on diagnostic weekend teams, which has given them a special sensitivity and awareness of the Transformation for Mission process; AND

WHEREAS, TFM, (as it is known in our District), is resourced by TCN, (an “RSO” (Recognized Service Organization) of our international LCMS; AND

WHEREAS, those congregations participating have reported new ministries and expanded ministries which have reached out into their communities as a result of TFM; AND

WHEREAS, two congregations are presently working together to form a new Anglo mission start as a result of the Transforming for Mission and Envisioning process; AND

WHEREAS, a recent survey shows overall positive changes in worship, small groups and morale in our TFM congregations; THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the CNH District in convention affirm the work of Transforming for Mission and encourage its continued efforts in our congregations; BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the District Board of Directors encourage an overall evaluation of the TFM process to increase its effectiveness in transforming our congregations for mission in a manner faithful with the tenets and purposes of our CNH district and our Lutheran faith; BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that regular evaluations and reporting of the TFM process be shared in our District communications for the encouragement and edification of our greater District; AND BE IT FINALLY

RESOLVED, that the CNH District praise God for the work of Transforming for Mission in promoting congregational health and in encouraging congregations, leaders and individuals to share and live their faith in a manner that reaches souls with the saving Gospel of Jesus Christ.

ACTION: \_\_\_Adopted \_\_\_\_\_Defeated \_\_\_X\_\_\_Recommitted \_\_\_\_\_Amended

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Committee #2  
Resolution (2-01)  
Ref: Convention Manual p. 96-97  
Overture 3

**RE: TO AFFIRM THE EUCHARISTIC PRACTICE OF THE SYNOD**

WHEREAS, it is the calling of the Synod, as pastors and congregations, above all to witness in truth and purity to the Gospel of forgiveness and salvation through Jesus Christ; AND

WHEREAS, the proper administration of the Eucharist is a means of grace integral to the witness of the Gospel in our world; AND

WHEREAS, the Synod in convention throughout the years has defined its position on admission to the Eucharist in unusual circumstances; i.e.,
- Military Chaplaincy
- Campus Ministries ( Anaheim '75 )
- Pre - Confirmation ( New Orleans '73)
- Responsible Pastoral Care ( Indianapolis '86); AND

WHEREAS, the Synod has clearly defined bylaws relative to ecclesiastical supervision, dissent, and dealing with errant Members of Synod; THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the CNH District, in convention, respectfully decline the Overture 3; AND BE IT FINALLY

RESOLVED, that the CNH District, in convention, once again affirm the Eucharistic practice of the Synod.

ACTION:  X  Adopted \_\_\_\_\_ Defeated \_\_\_\_\_ Recommitted \_\_\_\_\_ Amended

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Committee #2
Resolution (2-02)
Ref: Convention Manual p. 97-98
Overture 4

RE: TO ENCOURAGE FAITHFUL SPIRITUAL OVERSIGHT IN THE CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY SYSTEM.

WHEREAS, the forum of Circuit 12 of the C-N-H District has expressed concern with oversight of instruction regarding morality and doctrine in the Concordia University System; AND

WHEREAS, the mission of the colleges and universities of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod is to be Christ-Centered in their character as listed in the LCMS Bylaw 3.6.6.6 (printed on page 134 of the 2010 Handbook of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod); AND

WHEREAS, the schools in the Concordia University System were established to impact their students with the Gospel of Jesus Christ taught and witnessed by the instructors and administrators in the teaching and practice of the school; AND

WHEREAS, the schools in the Concordia University System were created in order to prepare young people to be witnesses of the Gospel of Jesus Christ in the world; AND

WHEREAS, there is concern that the mission of the Concordia Universities to be Christ-centered may not have been carried out in some classrooms and subjects in favor of a world-centered teaching; AND

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Concordia University System (BOD-CUS) has authority with respect to the synod's colleges and universities to provide for the education of pre-seminary students, ministers of religion-commissioned, other professional church workers of the synod, and others desiring a Christian liberal arts education; AND

WHEREAS, the district presidents have ecclesiastical supervision over the called ministers in their districts; THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the C-N-H District meeting in Convention direct the C-N-H District President to communicate these and other concerns as they may arise, to the Presidents of the Districts in which the universities reside; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Concordia University System be encouraged to be faithful overseers of the Universities of the Concordia University System; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the administrations and faculties of all educational institutions of the Synod be attentive to their purpose to be witnesses of the Gospel of Jesus Christ in everything they teach and oversee; AND BE IT FINALLY

RESOLVED, that this overture be proposed to the 2013 Convention of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.

ACTION:  Adopted  Defeated  Recommitted  Amended

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Committee #2  
Resolution (2-03)  
Ref: Convention Manual p. 98-99  
Overture 5

**RE: TO APPLY CHRISTIAN FREEDOM INFORMED BY LOVE IN PREPARING DIVINE SERVICES FOR DISTRICT AND SYNODICAL GATHERINGS**

WHEREAS, the Holy Scriptures and the Lutheran Confessions do not prescribe the structure, form, style, or music of Christian worship; AND

WHEREAS, the basic structure of our current divine services evolved over time beginning with the early church; AND

WHEREAS, the Lutheran Confessions state that it is not necessary that human traditions or rites and ceremonies, instituted by men, should be alike everywhere (AC VII, Apology VII & VIII); AND

WHEREAS, Martin Luther in his preface to the German Mass and Order of Service stated that, "As far as possible we should observe the same rites and ceremonies" without proposing that all of Germany should uniformly follow the Wittenberg Order, and that all those who desire to follow it "not make it a rigid law to bind or entangle anyone's conscience, but use it in Christian Liberty as long, when, where, and how you find it to be practical and useful" (LW 53, pp. 61-62); AND

WHEREAS, Henry Melchior Muhlenberg submitted a communion liturgy to the Ministerium of Pennsylvania in 1748 which became the basic structure of the divine service in the Common Service Book (1918), The Lutheran Hymnal (1941), the Service Book and Hymnal (1958), the Lutheran Book of Worship (1978), Lutheran Worship (1982), Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006), and the Lutheran Service Book (2006); AND

WHEREAS, the 2004 Synodical Convention approved the Lutheran Service Book for use in the worship services of our congregations and recognized the hard work and effort given by the Commission on Worship in developing the worship resource; AND

WHEREAS, a local congregation hosts the divine services at our district and synodical gatherings; AND

WHEREAS, St. Paul recognizes that Christian liberty is informed by love; THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that those planning the communion services for district and national synodical gatherings be mindful of and appreciate the basic structure of the Lutheran Mass; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that those planning such services do so in the spirit of Christian liberty informed by love recognizing the widespread use of the Lutheran Service Book in our churches; AND BE IT FINALLY

RESOLVED, that all those attending and participating in our district and national synodical gatherings be encouraged to attend divine services at those gatherings.

ACTION:  Adopted  Defeated  Recommitted  Amended

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**RE: EMPHASIS ON EQUIPPING THE LAITY FOR MISSION**

WHEREAS the CNH District, through its constituency and its Board of Directors, has given the charge and responsibility to the District President to vigorously go about leading and challenging the District’s congregations, schools, agencies, Pastors, Church Workers, and laymen and laywomen to result in the following outcomes: That the CNH District

1. Will be a vocal advocate for reaching people for Christ in a post-church world within the district, across the synod, and beyond.
2. Will promote ministry renewal within its congregations for accomplishing the mission of Christ through the revitalization process, Transforming for Mission.
3. Will support the ministry of Lutheran schools and their congregations, challenging and assisting them to be disciple-making ministries and quality educational institutions in a post-church world.
4. Will provide the training and resources needed for church workers and laity to accomplish the mission of Christ in a multi-cultural and post-church era.
5. Will support congregations and other ministries to identify, resource, and plant new mission endeavors in partnership with each other.
6. Will promote a unity of the body in a post-church world exemplified by confessional faithfulness, mutual trust and cooperation; AND

WHEREAS, the District President has passionately, intentionally, and vigorously invested himself and his staff to achieve these outcomes; AND

WHEREAS, the Pastors, Church Workers and lay members of the District’s congregation continue to identify the great need and desire for the training and equipping of the church for the purpose of engaging and empowering the local congregations to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ within the community; AND

WHEREAS, there is a fervent call from the members of the CNH District to have increased opportunities for Continuing Education, training and equipping for that proclamation, especially with regard to training and equipping the laity of the District for mission work done individually in their daily life and by working together with fellow members of their local and Circuit’s congregations;  
THEREFORE BE IT

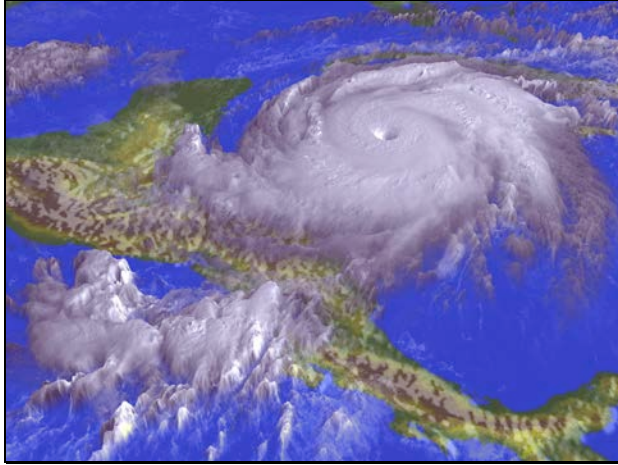
RESOLVED, that the CNH District in Convention encourage and affirm the efforts of District President, urging him to zealously continue his work of leading the District to be fully engaged in the mission of the church; promising to support him with our prayers and willingness to serve; AND BE IT FINALLY

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RESOLVED, to charge the CNH District President to bring a heightened effort to educate, train and equip the members of the District, especially the laity, in missional outreach to the community and the world.

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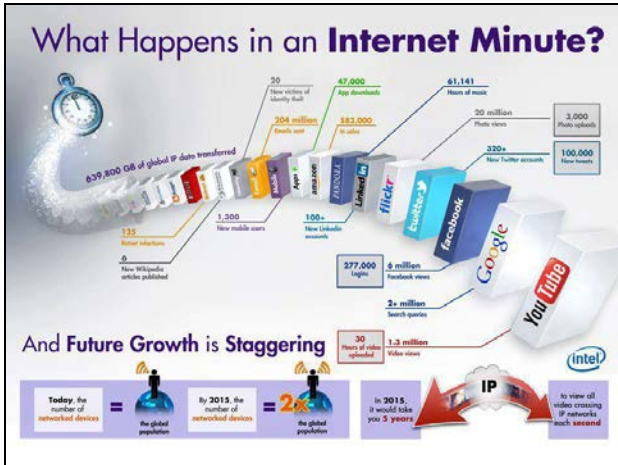
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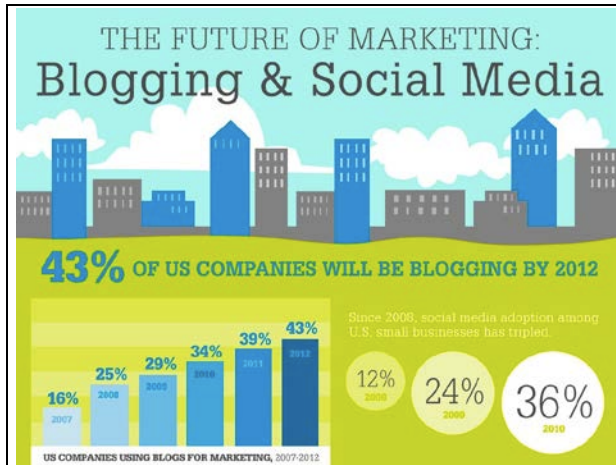
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What they expect to find



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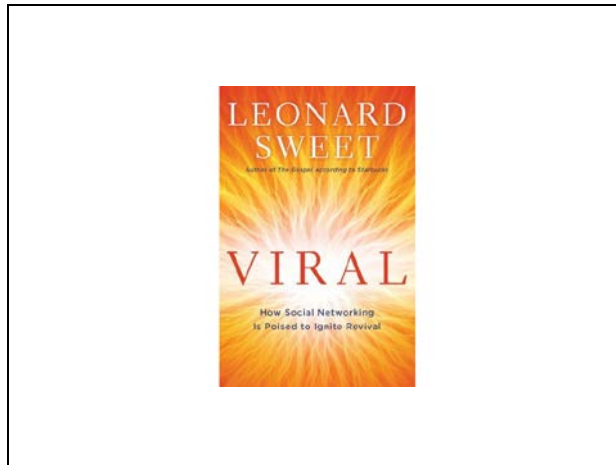
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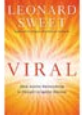
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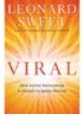
- Need to be right
- God is in charge
- Need a good light
- Theology explains God
- Capital Campaign
- Statement of faith
- Need to be in relationship
- God among us
- Need to recharge reader
- Jesus explains life
- Homeless Campaign
- Life of faith



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## Gutenbergers v. Googlers

- Build something
- Water-tight arguments
- Fit in
- Church history informs belief
- Meet someone
- Fluid apps
- Fit together
- Everyday life requires faith




The book cover for 'VIRAL' by Leonard Sweet features a bright, sunburst-like design with the title 'VIRAL' in large, bold, orange letters. The author's name 'LEONARD SWEET' is at the top in a smaller font.

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## Gutenbergers v. Googlers

- Top temptation: Make Individual our god
- Top challenge: A culture of words and individualism that has lost its ability to propogate
- Top temptation: Make Community our god
- Top opportunity: A culture of images and relationships that breed virality, the petri dish of revival




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## Some Help


- Project Burning Bush
- Cutting Edge Website
- Global Internet Radio
- Online Studies & Forums



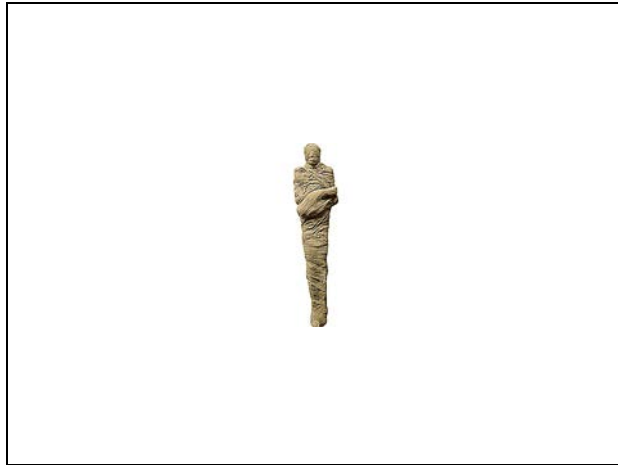
A lit candle in a holder, symbolizing help or guidance. The candle is lit, with a bright flame and a pool of melted wax at the base. The background is dark and slightly blurred.

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## Some Help

- Communications Plan
- Website
- Social Media
- MISSIONALLEADERSHIP
-  HANGOUT

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