

The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod
California - Nevada - Hawaii
72nd District Convention
Second Session
Saturday, May 7th, 2022

1. OPENING DEVOTION

President Lange opened the second session of the 72nd convention of the CNH District of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod at 8:00 am. The President introduced Rev. David Jung, Senior Pastor of Grace Lutheran Church in Visalia, California.

Pastor Jung opened with prayer. His devotion was based on 1 Peter 2:4-5.

Wi-Fi is our access to the World-Wide-Web. Our congregations are the world's access to God. The temple served as access to God's people, it was where God's business was conducted. Jesus is the temple -- the access point. Praying in Jesus' name was radical to those who had been accessing God through the tabernacle. The glory of God came and dwelt among us. If Christ is the access point, we are the router. The church is where God in Christ conducts his business.

The devotion was closed with prayer.

2. CONVENTION BUSINESS

Ratify Regional Caucus Elections (VP and Lay Directors)

Mike called Election Chair Rob Weller to the podium. The names of those elected during last night's regional caucuses were read and projected on the screens.

Nevada

Regional Vice President – Reverend Phil Beyer
Regional Lay Director – Stephen Streufert

Hawaii

Regional Vice President – Reverend Mark Zier
Regional Lay Director – Lana Wold

Pacific

Regional Vice President – Reverend Dr. Shiu Lau
Regional Lay Director – Joan Hilse

Southern

Regional Vice President – Reverend Daniel Deuel
Regional Lay Director – Don Young

Northern

Regional Vice President – Reverend Jason Bredeson
Regional Lay Director – Elizabeth Hovland

The slate for Regional Vice Presidents and Regional Lay Directors as received from the Regional Caucuses was approved by hand and voice vote.

Commissioned Minister -- Board of Directors.

The Chair opened the nominations for Commissioned Minister -- Board of Directors. Hearing no nominations from the floor the nominations were closed.

The following names were submitted by the Nominations Committee:

- Jennifer Lee
- Christy Wood

Vote Results

Jennifer Lee – 41

Christy Wood – 68

Christy Wood has been elected to the CNH Board of Directors as Commissioned Minister.

CNH District Secretary

The Chair opened the nominations for CNH District Secretary. Hearing no nominations from the floor the nominations were closed.

The following name was submitted by the Nominations Committee:

- Rev. John M. Standley

Vote Results

Rev. Standley was elected by hand and voice vote to his 5th term as CNH District Secretary.

CNH District Treasurer

The Chair opened the nominations for CNH District Treasurer. Hearing no nominations from the floor the nominations were closed.

The following names were submitted by the Nominations Committee:

- Donald Busse
- W. Lee Kucker

Vote Results

Donald Busse – 88

W. Lee Kucker – 23

Donald Busse was elected as the CNH District Treasurer.

CNH District Nominations Committee – Clergy (1)

The Chair opened the nominations for CNH District Nominations Committee for one Ordained Clergy position.

Rev. Isaac Schuller was nominated from the Floor. Hearing no further nominations, the nominations were closed.

The following names were submitted by the Nominations Committee:

- Rev. Clarence Eisberg
- Rev. Morris Stephens

Vote Results

Rev. Clarence Eisberg -- 66

Rev. Isaac Schuller -- 42

Rev. Morris Stephens – 9

Rev. Eisberg was Elected to the CNH District Nominations Committee – Clergy

CNH District Nominations Committee – Commissioned (1)

The Chair opened the nominations for CNH District Nominations Committee for one Commissioned Minister position.

Sara Agee was nominated from the Floor. Hearing no further nominations, the nominations were closed.

There were no nominations from the nominations committee.

Vote Results

Sara Agee -- 88

Sara Agee was Elected to the CNH District Nominations Committee – Commissioned Minister.

CNH District Nominations Committee – Lay Members (2)

The Chair opened the nominations for CNH District Nominations Committee for two Lay member positions. Hearing no nominations from the floor the nominations were closed.

The following names were submitted by the Nominations Committee:

- Richard P. Fielitz
- Dan Hahn

Vote Results

Richard P. Fielitz -- 71

Dan Hahn – 84

Richard P. Fielitz and Dan Hahn have been elected to the CNH District Nominations Committee – Lay Members.

Synod Nominating Committee

The Chair opened the nominations for Synod Nominating Committee for 1 Ordained Clergy position. Hearing no nominations from the floor the nominations were closed.

The following names were submitted by the Nominations Committee:

- Rev. Dr. Robert Newton
- Rev. Martin R. Noland

Vote Results

Note -- Due to issues with the voting system the vote was taken by paper ballot. As a result, the Chair decided to continue with the next item of business and the following results were announced after Rev. Dr. Newman's presentation.

Rev. Dr. Robert Newton -- 88

Rev. Martin R. Noland – 35

Rev. Dr. Robert Newton was elected as the CNH District member of the Synod Nominating Committee.

3. RATIFY RESULTS OF CIRCUIT VISITOR ELECTIONS

President Lange presented the slate of Circuit Visitors elected by their respective Circuit Forums

#1 Vacant	#11 Rev. Mark Zier
#2 Rev. Mark Oatman	#12 Rev. Brian Cummins
#3 Rev. Calvin Waetzig	#13 Rev. Tyrel Bramwell
#4 Rev. David Hardin	#14 Rev. James Beyer
#5 Rev. Daniel Schlensker	#15 Rev. Clarence Eisberg
#7 Rev. Andrew Jones	#16 Rev. Richard Rice
#8 Rev. Paul Schult	#18 Rev. Robert Weller
#9 Rev. Mark Whittaker	#19 Rev. Duane Bamsch
#10 Rev. Joshua Brown	#20 Rev. William Abbott

Mike moved that the slate be approved. The motion received a second. With no discussion, the motion was adopted by a hand and voice vote.

4. CONVENTION ESSAYIST: REV. DR. MICHAEL NEWMAN

Rev. Dr. Michael Newman serves as the President of the Texas District of the LCMS. Rev. Newman began with prayer.

In good Lutheran fashion, the speaker asked, "What does this mean"? And "How is it done"? He noted that had been reading the book, "The Romance of Lutheranism in California" which chronicles the path of the LCMS coming to California. It seems that the journey may have begun with a letter from a woman named Elizabeth Schriever that was written to C.F. W. Walther pleading with him to send missionaries to California to support members of the Synod that had moved West. Others made similar requests and

soon the Gospel DNA welled up in the Synod and in 1852 the LCMS voted to send missionaries to California. We are called by love! In the first 70 years, the LCMS grew to over 4000 churches.

Dr. Newman has written a number of books including, “*Gospel DNA: Five Markers of a Flourishing Church*”. He used the “Five Markers of Gospel DNA” described in that book as an outline for his essay.

1. People
2. Multiplication
3. Truth
4. Adaptability
5. Self-Sacrifice

President Newman closed by asking, “Do you know the LCMS? – Will you be the LCMS?” He then offered a series of questions for the attendees to discuss at their tables. This was followed by a period of Q & A.

5. CONVENTION BUSINESS

Resolution #1-02 -- Rev. Jim Beyer, Chair for Floor Committee #1 came forward to present Resolution #1-02 -- CHURCH WORKER HOUSING -- TO SEEK SOLUTIONS FOR THE CHURCH WORKER HOUSING CHALLENGE

After reading the resolves of the resolution, the committee moved for the adoption of Resolution #1-02. The motion was seconded. In discussion, it was recommended that the committee consider the requirement for congregations to issue an IRS1099 form to pastors for the value of a parsonage. The suggestion was taken under advisement.

At the end of discussion, the Chair called for the vote by hand and voice. **Resolution #1-02 was adopted.**

Resolution #3-02 – Floor Committee #3 introduced Resolution #3-02 -- TO DELAY CONSIDERATION OF CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY SYSTEM RESTRUCTURING.

The committee moved for the adoption of the Resolution. The motion was seconded. After a period of discussion which was both Pro and Con, the Chair called for an electronic vote. The result was – Yes=72 – No=21 – Abstained=13 **Resolution #3-02 was adopted**

Resolution #3-04 – Floor Committee #3-member Rev. Brian Cummins presented Resolution #3-04 -- TO ADDRESS THE LUTHERAN TEACHER SHORTAGE AND LOW TEACHER SALARIES BY INITIATING A STUDENT DEBT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR LCMS COMMISSIONED MINISTER-TEACHER

The committee moved for the adoption of Resolution #3-04. The motion was seconded. After a call for discussion, the Chair called for a hand and voice vote. **Resolution #3-04 was adopted**

Resolution #3-05 – Rev. Cummins remained at the podium to put before the convention Resolution #3-05 -- TO RECONSIDER THE USE OF LICENSED LAY DEACONS IN WORD AND SACRAMENT MINISTRY

The committee moved for the adoption of Resolution #3-05. The motion received a second. The Chair called for discussion which was both Pro and Con. The question was called from the floor. The motion to end discussion was approved by a hand and voice vote. The result by electronic ballot was -- Yes=69 – No=34 -- Resolution **#3-05 was adopted.**

After the vote was announced, President Harrison spoke to the convention to offer some of the actions that Synod has taken regarding the LLD Program.

6. THE GREAT SENDING – AN INTRODUCTION

A video was shown regarding the Strategic Ministry Plan.

Following the video, President Lange introduced the book *The Great Sending – God’s Heart for the World beating Through You* by Will Sohns. The book was made available to all lay delegates at the convention, pastors received the book at the last Pastors Conference. Mike highly recommended the book for all congregations. The district has provided over 300 copies of the book.

7. CONVENTION BUSINESS – FINAL

Resolution #1-04 – The resolves were read from Resolution #1-04 -- REGARDING THE MISSION TRAINING CENTER

The committee moved for the adoption of Resolution #1-04. The motion was seconded. In discussion, it was requested that the word “primary” be taken out of the first resolve. The request was handled as a friendly amendment. The chair called for a hand and voice vote on the motion as amended. **Resolution #1-04 was adopted.**

Resolution # 2-05 -- TO STUDY THE VALUE OF THE CURRENT MINISTRY CENTER – President Lange advised that this Resolution would be studied by the District Board of Directors.

8. CONVENTION CLOSE

President Lange closed the 72nd District Convention of the CNH District of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod at 11:00 am

9. INSTALLATIONS OF DISTRICT OFFICERS

Synod President Matthew Harrison installed newly re-elected CNH District President Rev. Michael Lange.

Following his installation as President, Michael installed the Circuit Visitors, the District Board of Directors, and the remaining elected District officers.

10. CLOSING WORSHIP

The Closing Worship Service was led by outgoing 1st Vice President, Rev. Dr. Thomas Zelt.

Submitted By

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