

Minutes of the 56<sup>th</sup> Regular Convention of the  
Central Illinois District of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod  
July 5-7, 2009  
Springfield, Illinois

**Sunday, July 5**

The opening service was held at Trinity Lutheran Church in Springfield. The Rev. Gerald Kieschnick, LCMS President, gave the sermon.

**Monday, July 6, Morning Session**

The opening devotion was given by the convention chaplain, Pastor Donald Ehlers. The meditation, entitled "The Gift of Hope" was from 1 Peter 1:3, and reflected on the convention theme, "Born Again to a Living Hope." The hymn used was "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less" LSB 575.

Pastor Michael Koschmann, chairman of floor committee 7, Registration and credentials, reported that 116 clergy delegates and 120 lay delegates, for a total of 236 registered delegates were in attendance.

President Buelmann announced that a quorum was present and declared the 56<sup>th</sup> Regular Convention of the Central Illinois District of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod to be open, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

President Buelmann welcomed the delegates and guests, and introduced the parliamentarian, Mr. Harold Olsen; the District Secretary and his assistant, Pastor James Wright; the convention chaplain, Pastor Donald Ehlers; the convention organist, and the convention technicians.

It was moved and seconded to accept the convention agenda as presented, with minor changes as needed. **The motion passed.**

The proposed standing rules were reviewed by President Buelmann. A motion was made and seconded to accept the proposed standing rules. **The motion passed.**

Floor Committee 4, Finance and Administration, reported that the following constitutions have been approved by the Central Illinois District Congregational Constitutions and District Handbook Committee and the Central Illinois District Board of Directors since the 2006 District Convention:

Concordia, Decatur- July 24, 2007  
Immanuel, Springfield- August 28, 2007  
Bethel, Morton- May 6, 2008  
Lutheran Church of St. John, Quincy- June 26, 2008  
Immanuel, Rock Island- June 26, 2008  
St. Paul, Pana- October 2, 2008  
Trinity, Stewardson- October 2, 2008

St. John's, Onarga- February 12, 2009  
Trinity, Danville- February 12, 2009  
St. John's, Washburn- May 22, 2009  
St. John's, Chatham- May 22, 2009  
St. John's, New Berlin- May 22, 2009

The newly rostered ordained and commissioned ministers since the last convention were called forward and welcomed on behalf of the synod by President Kieschnick.

Floor Committee 5, Nominations, reported the nominees for District President as follows: the Rev. David Bueltmann, the Rev. Wayne Hoffman, the Rev. Mark Miller, the Rev. Daniel Olson, and the Rev. Donald Pritchard. There were no nominations from the floor.

Committee 6, Elections, presented instructions on the use of the electronic voting machines. Three trial votes were taken to acquaint the delegates with the use of the machines.

The election took place for the District President, and President Bueltmann was elected on the fourth ballot.

Committee 6, Elections, presented the lists of the eastern and western region pastors of the district. These were the slates for the election of the district vice-presidents. The Rev. Carl Janssen was added to the eastern region list.

The first vote was made for the vice-presidents by use of paper ballot. Delegates were to vote for one from the eastern region, and one from the western region.

Vice-President Pritchard was called forward to chair the convention. The convention applauded the newly re-elected President Bueltmann, who then addressed the convention under the theme, "Born Again to a Living Hope," from 1 Peter 1:3. He reminded us that we are pilgrims on a journey, and that the Central Illinois District is both a beacon of confessional Lutheranism and at the forefront in missions. He further noted his special interest in evangelism and a pamphlet he wrote to encourage others in this task.

In his presentation, President Bueltmann gave an overview of the district commissions along with the executives that serve these commissions. He also thanked the district office staff and the board of directors as well as vice-presidents for their help and support. He thanked the convention for re-electing him to his office and asked for everyone's continual prayers.

The Rev. Matthew Harrison was introduced as the convention essayist and proceeded with the first part of his essay. His theme was, "One Sure Hope," based on a text from 1 Peter. He noted that we live in extraordinary times, that those who preceded us also faced great difficulties, and that our sure hope is in Christ's sacrifice and resurrection.

President Bueltmann resumed chairing the convention and presented Mr. John Rodenberg with a plaque of thanksgiving for his past service as the district treasurer.

He also stated that the offering of \$1,618 from the opening service will go to our Lutheran mission project, the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Latvia.

President Gerald Kieschnick was introduced and gave the synodical president's address. He congratulated and thanked President Bueltmann. He stated that doctrinal unity remains a priority of the LCMS, and that we have more that unites us than divides us. He also gave a video presentation which noted that we live in a trouble filled world, that our public witness as Christians must be above reproach, and that above all else in the world, people need Jesus Christ as their Savior.

Floor Committee 6, Elections, reported that the Rev. Donald Pritchard was elected as the vice-president from the eastern region.

No one in the western region received a majority of votes, but the ballot was narrowed to the following: the Rev. Daniel Bishop, the Rev. Mark Eddy, the Rev. Mark Miller, and the Rev. Marlin Rempfer.

The convention voted, and the Rev. Mark Miller received a majority and was elected vice-president from the western region.

The convention voted to determine who would be the first and who would be the second vice-presidents. The results were as follows:

The Rev. Donald Pritchard, first vice-president.

The Rev. Mark Miller, second vice-president.

President Bueltmann congratulated these two men on being elected.

Floor Committee 5, Nominations, presented the nominees for the following offices:

District Secretary,	the Rev. Rick Milas the Rev. Michael Mohr
Assistant Secretary,	the Rev. Bryan Hopfensperger the Rev. Frank Zimmermann
District Treasurer,	David Oehmke John Myers, Jr.
Financial Secretary,	James Frazee Peggy Prather

There were no nominations from the floor.

The election took place for these offices, and the following were elected: the Rev. Rick Milas, District Secretary; the Rev. Bryan Hopfensperger, Assistant Secretary; John Myers, Jr., District Treasurer; James Frazee, Financial Secretary

Floor Committee 1, Missions, Evangelism, and Human Care, was called forward.

The Rev. Joel Cluver gave his report on the district's work in missions, evangelism and human care.

Mr. Kurt Justice from the Southern District came forward to thank our district for the volunteers who came to assist after the major hurricanes, and for the monetary assistance given to Holy Trinity and St. Matthew in Gulfport, Mississippi.

The Mission workers of the Central Illinois District were asked to stand.

Floor Committee 1 moved resolution R-09-01-05, "To Offer Thanks for Mission Workers in CID." **The motion was seconded, and it passed.** This was followed by the convention rising to sing the Common Doxology.

Floor Committee 1 moved resolution R-09-01-07, "To Continue Partnership with the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Latvia." **The motion was seconded, and it passed.**

Floor Committee 1 moved resolution R-09-01-09, "To Encourage Continued Support for Central Illinois District Missions." **The motion was seconded.**

An amendment was proposed to replace the final *resolved* with the following: *Resolved, that the Central Illinois District congregations be strongly encouraged to have regular prayer in behalf of these ministries, realizing that only God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, can convert and sanctify people.* **The convention accepted this amendment by consensus.**

**Resolution R-09-01-09 passed as amended.**

Floor Committee 1 moved resolution R-09-01-03, "To Encourage Attendance at the Central Illinois District Great Commission Convocation." **The motion was seconded, and it passed.**

Floor Committee 2, Theology and Education, was called forward.

Mr. Glenn Goeres gave his report on education in the district. In addition to his written report in the convention workbook, he noted the addition to our district of Christ Lutheran High School in Rock Island.

Floor Committee 2 moved resolution R-09-02-01, "To Memorialize the Synod in Convention to Require Uniformity of Practice with Regard to Word and Sacrament Ministry." **The motion was seconded.**

An amendment was proposed as follows:

**Proposed Amendment to R-09-02-01**

Add the following WHEREASes at the beginning:

WHEREAS, St. Paul distinguished between overseers or bishops (1 Tim. 3:1-7) and deacons (1 Tim. 3:8-13) and

WHEREAS, The overseers of the Bible have usually been called pastors in the Lutheran Church, based on Acts 20:28; and

WHEREAS, St. Paul also warned, “Do not be hasty in the laying on of hands, nor take part in the sins of others; keep yourself pure” (1 Tim. 5:22) and “an overseer must be ... not a novice” (1 Tim. 3:6); and

Omit the final published WHEREAS.

And add the following final Resolved:

*Resolved*, That the Central Illinois District in convention memorialize the Synod to make necessary changes in the SMP program in order to assure that the men enrolled in the SMP program be called “deacons” rather than pastors, and that they not be ordained or called as pastors until they complete the full SMP program.

**The proposed amendment was seconded and the amendment passed.**

**Resolution R-09-02-01 then passed as amended.**

Floor Committee 2 moved resolution R-09-02-02, “To Require Consideration of CCM-Related Business.” **The motion was seconded, and it passed.**

Floor Committee 2 moved resolution R-09-02-06, “To Reaffirm Commitment to the Scriptural Definition of Marriage.” **The motion was seconded.**

An amendment was proposed as follows:

**Proposed Amendment to R-09-02-06**

Replace the three WHEREASes with the following:

WHEREAS, On the basis of Scripture the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, in its 2004 synodical convention, affirmed a clear position against any practice of homosexuality; and

WHEREAS, The practice of this lifestyle continues to increase within our society and continues to plague our culture, even among some who claim to belong to the church; and

WHEREAS, The synodical president, Gerald B. Kieschnick, has appealed to members of LCMS congregations to give a public witness against homosexual practices; therefore be it

**The amendment was seconded and it passed.**

**Resolution R-09-02-06 then passed as amended.**

Floor Committee 6, Elections, presented the ballot for parish teachers, laymen, and pastors for the Central Illinois District Board of Directors.

The Rev. Mark Miller removed his name for consideration. The Rev. Daniel Bishop was nominated from the floor. **These changes were seconded and they passed.**

Elections took place for pastoral candidates for the board, and the following were elected:

The Rev. Mark Eddy	(first ballot)
The Rev. Daniel Bishop	(first ballot)
The Rev. James Stuenkel	(first ballot)
The Rev. Daniel A. Olson	(third ballot)

Elections took place for teacher candidates for the board, and the following were elected:

Craig Busseau  
Steven Schumacher

Elections took place for lay candidates for the board, and the following were elected:

Dan Bangert	(first ballot)
Wayne Dietrich	(first ballot)
Harold A. Olsen	(first ballot)
Robert Jahns	(third ballot)

Chaplain Ehlers gave the closing devotion for the morning session. The hymn used was “Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee” LSB 803.

**Monday, July 6, Afternoon Session**

Chaplain Ehlers gave the opening devotion. The hymn used was “God of Grace and God of Glory” LSB 850

Floor Committee 6, Elections, presented the ballot for the Nominations Committee for the 2012 District Convention. There were no nominations from the floor.

Elections took place and the following were elected:

Pastors,	the Rev. Mark Miller the Rev. Kent Tibben
Parish Teachers,	Ron Kroshe Martha Milas
Laymen,	Herb Krueger Ray Stuckemeyer

The ballot was presented for the Congregational Constitution, Bylaws and Handbook Committee. There were no nominations from the floor.

Elections took place and the following were elected:

The Rev. Alvin Schmidt	(first ballot)
The Rev. Barry Long	(second ballot)
Attorney, Ed Schoenbaum	(first ballot)

The ballot was presented for 2010 Synodical Nominations Committee. There were no nominations from the floor. Elections took place and Ernie E. Garbe was elected.

Floor Committee 3, Stewardship and Congregational Life, was called forward.

The Rev. Wesley Reimnitz gave his report on stewardship and congregational life in the district.

Floor Committee 3 moved resolution R-09-03-02, "To Commend the Commission on Worship for the Lutheran Service Book." **The motion was seconded, and it passed.** The convention rose to sing the Common Doxology.

Floor Committee 3 moved resolution R-09-03-01, "To Foster Greater Understanding of Worship Through Conferences." **The motion was seconded, and it passed.**

Vice-Presidents Daniel Bishop and Donald Pritchard were invited forward with President Gerald Kieschnick to facilitate a question and answer session with the Synodical President. The majority of the questions concerned the proposals for a new structure for the LCMS. President Kieschnick concluded this session with a brief presentation concerning the funding of the LCMS, and how the budget is divided up.

The convention ratified the Circuit Counselor slate as presented:

<u>Circuit</u>	<u>Counselor</u>
Altamont	the Rev. Clayton Vail
Bloomington North	the Rev. Bryan Hopfensperger
Bloomington South	the Rev. Philip Kaufmann
Danville	the Rev. Michael Poynter
Decatur	the Rev. John Laux
Effingham	the Rev. Stephen Gillet
Jacksonville	the Rev. Joseph Eckman
Lincoln	the Rev. Mark Peters
Peoria	the Rev. Barry Long
Quincy	the Rev. Marlin Rempfer
Rock Island	the Rev. Gary Wright
Shelby	the Rev. Steven Becker
Springfield East	the Rev. Gaylord Spilker
Springfield West	the Rev. Clarence Rogers
Tazewell	the Rev. Kurt Mews

The Champaign Circuit chose not to elect a circuit counselor to fill its vacancy due to an upcoming resolution on circuit realignment.

Since the Rev. Bryan Hopfensperger chose to serve as a Circuit Counselor instead of District Secretary, and since the Rev. Barry Long chose to serve as Circuit Counselor instead of the Constitution, Bylaws, and Handbook Committee, elections were held for these vacated positions.

The Rev Michael Mohr and the Rev. Bruce Scarbeary were nominated from the floor for Assistant Secretary, establishing the ballot as follows: the Rev. Michael Mohr, the Rev. Bruce Scarbeary, the Rev. Frank Zimmermann.

The Rev. Michael Mohr was elected on the second ballot.

The ballot for the Constitution, Bylaws, and Handbook Committee was as follows: the Rev. Keith Aschenbeck, the Rev. Darrell Debowey.

The Rev. Darrell Debowey was elected.

Floor Committee 4, Finance and Administration was called forward.

Floor Committee 4 moved resolution R-09-04-05, "To Clarify and Amend Current Bylaws." **The motion was seconded, and it passed.**

Floor Committee 4 moved resolution R-09-04-06, "To Realign Circuits." **The motion was seconded, and it passed.**

Floor Committee 4 moved resolution R-09-04-01, "To Address the Blue Ribbon Task Force." **The motion was seconded, and it passed.**

Floor Committee 4 moved resolution R-09-04-02, "To Elect Members to the Commission on Constitutional Matters (CCM)." **The motion was seconded, and it passed.**

Floor Committee 4 moved resolution R-09-04-03, "To Request that the Council of Presidents (COP) Retract Their Approval of the Two Day Extension of the 2010 Synodical Convention." **The motion was seconded.**

A motion was made to consider the following as a substitute motion. **The motion was seconded.**

#### **Substitute Resolution R-09-04-03A**

#### **To Exercise Appropriate Care in Considering Structure Changes**

WHEREAS, in 2005 Lutheran Church- Missouri Synod President Gerald Kieschnick appointed a Blue Ribbon Task Force on Synod Structure and Governance; and

WHEREAS, the Task Force's preliminary proposals of August, 2008 were far-reaching in scope and significant in import; and

WHEREAS, experience teaches that maximum attention must be given to detail and wording in making adjustments or changes that impinge on structure; and

WHEREAS, the Synod would do well to proceed with prayerful and appropriate care in considering any changes; therefore be it

*Resolved*, that the Central Illinois District urge the Task Force to submit the precise language it proposes for any and all Constitution and Bylaw changes, as well as the complete text of any enabling resolutions to the Synod in time for inclusion in the 2010 convention workbook; and be it finally

*Resolved*, that the Central Illinois District memorialize the Synod not to act on the Task Force' report until the 2013 national convention, thus allowing optimum time for congregations, boards, commissions, and other Synodical entities to study the report and consider it's full implications.

The convention voted that this should be considered as a substitute motion.

After discussion of the substitute motion, a motion was made and seconded to call the question. **The motion to call the question passed.**

The substitute motion was voted on as R-09-04-03A. **The motion passed.**

Rev. Matthew Harrison presented the second part of the Convention Essay. He noted that a living hope is born from what God did for us, and that for this true hope to live, all other hopes must die.

Floor Committee 2, Theology and Education, was called forward.

Dr. Kurt Krueger gave a presentation on an initiative called "What a Way." It concerns the recruiting of new church workers, as well as retaining and supporting current workers.

Bill Krueger gave a special presentation on the Parish Education Committee's "Volunteer Teacher of the Year" award. He presented this award to Sheila Matricer and Wanda Rahn who have team taught Sunday School at St. John, Geneseo, for 30 years.

Mrs. Ray Stuckemeyer gave a presentation on LWML.

Mr. Robert Kassel gave a presentation on LLL.

President Buelmann returned as chair of the convention.

The new director of Camp CILCA, the Rev. Chuck Johnson, was introduced, and addressed the convention concerning his mission for the camp.

Floor Committee 3, Stewardship and Congregational Life, was called forward.

Caroline Sasse was given an award for her and Derald's passion for Camp CILCA for over 30 years. They were instrumental in building the Retreat and Family Life Centers at the camp.

Floor Committee 3 moved resolution R-09-03-08, "To Thank God for the Life and Services of Derald and Caroline Sasse." **The motion was seconded, and it passed unanimously.**

President Gerald Kieschnick installed President Bueltmann and those newly elected to serve in the district.

Chaplain Ehlers gave the closing devotion. The meditation was "Because of Our Hope, Our Labor Is Not In Vain," based on 1 Corinthians 15:8. The hymn was "Take My Life and Let It Be" LSB 783.

### **Monday, July 6, Evening Session**

The session reconvened at 8:00 p.m., after the Endowment Fun and Church Extension Fund Conventions.

Vice-President Donald Pritchard introduced the Rev. Jon Braunersreuther of the LCMS Blue Ribbon Task Force. He gave a detailed presentation on the structure and governance of the LCMS and proposals for changes. He encouraged delegates to fill out the feedback form. This was followed by a Question and Answer session.

Chaplain Ehlers gave the closing devotion. Romans 5:1-5 was the text. The hymn was "If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee" LSB 750.

### **Tuesday, July 7, Final Session**

Chaplain Ehlers gave the opening devotion which was a memorial service to remember the servants of the cross in our district that were called to glory over the past triennium. The text was 1 Peter 1:3-5, and the hymn was "For All the Saints" LSB 677.

President Bueltmann announced that committee 1 and 4 would be switched with each other from the order they appeared on the agenda.

The Rev. Matthew Harrison presented the final part of the convention essay. He stated that our Lord is compassion incarnate. We have courage through His gift of justification, just as those before us had courage in being justified by grace through faith.

Bruce Kintz gave a presentation on Concordia Publishing House. He announced that CPH is giving a \$500 gift to start a church library in one mission congregation of each district. In our district this gift goes to the mission in St. Joseph.

The Rev. David Mahsman gave a presentation on LCMS missions. He noted that through our Church Extension Fund, a building has been purchased in Wittenberg, Germany. This will be

used to both reach out to visitors to the city, as well as reacquaint local people with their Christian roots.

President Buelmann thanked the District Communications Committee for “Today’s Business,” and timely updates to the district webpage.

President Buelmann asked all pastors serving as police and fire department chaplains to rise and be acknowledged for their important service.

The advisory delegates to the 2010 Synodical Convention which had been elected in caucuses after Monday night’s session were announced as follows:

Advisory Pastoral Delegate, Alternate,	the Rev. Melvin Weseloh the Rev. Vern Bettermann
Commission Delegates,  Alternates,	Ralph Mickley Martha Milas Daniel Yagow Kevin Buelmann Sandy Spitz

President Buelmann noted that Redeemer Lutheran Church in Peru, Illinois, has asked to transfer from the Northern Illinois District to the Central Illinois District. This action has been ratified by NID. President Buelmann therefore called a special meeting of the Central Illinois Board of Directors to act on this request in behalf of CID. The call for this special meeting was accepted by the convention. **The board of directors moved, seconded, and voted to recommend to the district convention the inclusion of this congregation into the CID.**

The Central Illinois Board of Directors special meeting adjourned.

It was then moved and seconded from the convention floor that Redeemer Lutheran Church in Peru, Illinois be welcomed into the Central Illinois District. **The motion passed.**

Floor Committee 4, Finance and Administration, was called forward.

A motion was made by a convention delegate, who had previously voted in the affirmative for resolution R-09-04-01, to rescind this resolution. The reason is because R-09-04-01 conflicts with the substitute motion R-09-04-03a which was passed on Monday.

**The motion to rescind R-09-04-01 was seconded, and it passed.**

Floor Committee 4 moved resolution R-09-04-04, “To Address Representation on the District Board of Directors.” **The resolution was seconded.**

An amendment was proposed from the floor that if passed, R-09-04-04 would take effect for the next triennium. **This was accepted as a friendly amendment.**

**An amendment was proposed** to replace the last resolve with the following: “*Resolved, That Bylaw 2.21 c. be amended to read: ‘c. Every member of the Board shall be a member of a voting congregation of the District. No two members of the same congregation may be members of the Board. When a member of the Board ceases to be a member of a voting congregation of the District or when the nature of his major duties is such that he no longer is a member of the group from which he was elected, he is automatically eliminated from membership on the Board.’*”

**This was accepted as a friendly amendment.**

**Resolution R-09-04-04 as amended was brought to a vote and passed.**

Floor Committee 4 moved resolution R-09-04-07, “To Repeal Term Limits.”

**An amendment was proposed** to replace the “resolved” with the following: “*Resolved, that all three points of Bylaw 2.04 ‘Successive Terms’ be replaced by the following: There shall be no limit to the number of terms for which a person may be elected or appointed to any office, board, commission, or committee.*” **This was accepted as a friendly amendment.**

A motion was made for a substitute motion that included limiting the number of terms for the district president. **The motion died due to lack of a second.**

A motion was then made that R-09-04-07 be returned to committee. **This motion was seconded, and it passed, returning R-09-04-07 to committee.**

Floor Committee 4 was dismissed, having concluded it’s work.

A motion was made from the floor to consider overture 09-04-05.

President Bueltmann asked if the convention wished to consider this overture, even though Floor Committee 4 had been dismissed.

**By show of hands the convention voted not to consider this overture.**

The delegate proposing the consideration of this overture called for division of the house.

The delegates were asked to vote again by show of hands. **The vote not to consider was affirmed.**

Floor Committee 3, Stewardship and Congregational Life, was called forward.

Floor Committee 3 moved resolution R-09-03-06, “To Encourage Development of Biblically Based Educational Stewardship in District and Synod.” **The motion was seconded, and it passed.**

Floor Committee 3 moved resolution R-09-03-03, “To Encourage Joyful First Fruit Giving.” **The motion was seconded, and it passed.**

Floor Committee 3 moved resolution R-09-03-05, “To Encourage Congregations to Establish a Called Worker Care Committee.” **The motion was seconded.**

A motion was made and seconded to amend this resolution as follows:

That every congregation in the Central Illinois District be encouraged to determine whether a Called Worker Care Committee would benefit it’s workers.

**The convention voted to amend R-09-03-05 accordingly.**

**Resolution R-09-03-05 then passed as amended.**

Floor Committee 2, Theology and Education was called forward and moved resolution R-09-02-03, “To Establish a Process by Which Commissioned Ministers May Be Elected Delegates for District Conventions.” **The motion was seconded.**

**A motion was made and seconded from the floor that R-09-02-03 be referred to the synod’s Blue Ribbon Task Force.**

**A vote was taken on the amendment and it was defeated.**

**A motion was made from the floor to postpone indefinitely R-09-02-03. This was ruled out of order.**

A motion was made from the floor to postpone this resolution until the next district convention. **This motion was seconded and it passed to postpone R-09-02-03 until the next district convention.**

Floor Committee 2 moved resolution R-09-02-05, “To Encourage Congregations of the Central Illinois District of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod to Support Lutheran Public Radio by becoming ‘Issues, Etc. 300’ Congregations.” **The motion was seconded.** After a time of discussion the floor was asked if it was ready to vote on the resolution. The convention voted “yes”. **Resolution R-09-02-05 was voted on, and defeated.**

Floor Committee 1, Missions, Evangelism, and Human Care, was called forward and moved resolution R-09-01-01, “To Promote Lutheran Identity in the Mission Field.”

A friendly amendment was proposed to word the First Resolve as follows: “That the Central Illinois District memorialize the next regular convention of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod to encourage the following...” The remaining four Resolves would then become points under this one overall Resolve.

**This friendly amendment was seconded and accepted by the convention. R-09-01-01 then passed as amended.**

Floor Committee 1 moved resolution R-09-01-02, “To Expand Word and Sacrament Mission Work.” **The motion was seconded as the resolution passed.**

Floor Committee 1 moved resolution R-09-01-08, “To Encourage Central Illinois Congregational Revitalization.” **The motion was seconded and the resolution passed.**

Floor Committee 1 moved resolution R-09-01-06, “To Establish Circuit Mission Councils.” **The motion was seconded and the resolution passed.**

Floor Committee 1 moved resolution R-09-01-04, “To Encourage Congregations to Use Evangelism Resources.” **The motion was seconded, and the resolution passed.**

Vice-President Pritchard was given the chair of the convention. He extended greetings to the convention from the Rev. Dr. Robert Kuhn, former CID president and former first vice-president of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.

Mrs. Charlotte Bueltmann was called forward and was presented with a gift of flowers and a show of appreciation from the convention as a true and faithful helpmate to President Bueltmann.

President Bueltmann returned to chair the convention.

It was announced that the Rev. Stephen Gillet, elected both as circuit counselor of the Effingham Circuit and to the CEF board, chose to serve on the CEF board. Thus President Bueltmann will appoint a circuit counselor for the Effingham Circuit.

President Bueltmann called for unfinished business. None was suggested.

The Rev. Michael Koschmann was called forward to give the final attendance count at the convention. The following was reported:

<b>Category</b>	<b># of Attendees</b>	<b>Registered, not attending</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Advisory Delegates</b>	50	2	52
<b>CID Treasurer</b>	1	0	1
<b>Exhibitor</b>	16	0	16
<b>Guest</b>	35	0	35
<b>Lay Delegates</b>	122	4	126
<b>Parliamentarian</b>	1	0	1
<b>Pastoral Delegates</b>	119	5	124
<b>St. Louis</b>	5	1	6
<b>CID Staff</b>	8	0	8
<b>Total</b>	357	12	369

President Bueltmann thanked the following for faithful help and service at the convention:

- the hearing impaired interpreter
- the Rev. Donald Ehlers, convention chaplain
- Harold Olsen, convention parliamentarian
- the district vice-presidents
- the Rev. Matthew Harrison, the convention essayist, and his assistant
- the outgoing officers and elected servants of the district
- Trinity Lutheran Church for hosting the opening services
- the Crown Plaza and its staff
- the convention delegates

The Rev. Donald Ehlers gave the closing devotion. The text was 1 Peter 1:13-16 and Hebrews 10:23-24. The hymn was “Son of God, Eternal Savior” LSB 842.

**A motion was made and seconded for adjournment. The motion passed.** President Bueltmann declared the 51<sup>st</sup> Regular Convention of the Central Illinois District of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod to be closed in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Respectfully Submitted,  
The Rev. Rick Milas  
Secretary, Central Illinois District

**Election Results**  
**2009 Central Illinois District Convention**

**Ballot for District President**

First Ballot

103 The Rev. David Bueltmann  
36 The Rev. Wayne Hoffman  
36 The Rev. Mark Miller  
15 The Rev. Daniel Olson  
46 The Rev. Donald Pritchard

Second Ballot

109 The Rev. David Bueltmann  
37 The Rev. Wayne Hoffman  
30 The Rev. Mark Miller  
57 The Rev. Donald Pritchard

Third Ballot

116 The Rev. David Bueltmann  
32 The Rev. Wayne Hoffman  
86 The Rev. Donald Pritchard

Fourth Ballot

131 The Rev. David Bueltmann, **elected**  
105 The Rev. Donald Pritchard

**Ballot for Vice-President**

**East-** Three highest vote numbers from first ballot

53 The Rev. Wayne Hoffman  
134 The Rev. Donald Pritchard, **elected**  
36 The Rev. Daniel Olson

**West-** Four highest vote numbers from first ballot

61 The Rev. Daniel Bishop  
30 The Rev. Mark Eddy  
93 The Rev. Mark Miller  
37 The Rev. Marlin Rempfer

**West-** next vote

72 The Rev. Daniel Bishop  
113 The Rev. Mark Miller, **elected**  
39 The Rev. Marlin Rempfer

**Ballot for First and Second Vice-President**

- 137 The Rev. Donald Pritchard, **elected first vice-president**  
91 The Rev. Mark Miller, **elected second vice-president**

**Ballot for District Secretary**

- 159 The Rev. Rick Milas, **elected**  
65 The Rev. Michael Mohr

**Ballot for Assistant Secretary**

- 114 The Rev. Bryan Hopfensperger, **elected**  
108 The Rev. Frank Zimmermann

**Ballot for District Treasurer**

- 129 John Myers, Jr., **elected**  
93 David Oehmke

**Ballot for Financial Secretary**

- 150 James Frazee, **elected**  
72 Peggy Prather

**Ballot for Board of Directors-Pastors (to elect four)**

**First Ballot**

- 76 The Rev. Robert Barth  
132 The Rev. Mark Eddy, **elected**  
76 The Rev. Theodore Gall  
97 The Rev. Rollie Meyer  
170 The Rev. Daniel Bishop, **elected**  
78 The Rev. Wray Offermann  
116 The Rev. Daniel Olson  
132 The Rev. James Stuenkel, **elected**

**Second Ballot**

- 79 The Rev. Rollie Meyer  
51 The Rev. Wray Offermann  
97 The Rev. Daniel Olson

**Third Ballot**

- 101 The Rev. Rollie Meyer  
125 The Rev. Daniel Olson, **elected**

**Ballot for Board of Directors- Parish Teacher (to elect two)**

- 131 Craig Busseau, **elected**
- 118 Lisa Dippel
- 181 Steven Schumacher, **elected**

**Ballot for Board of Directors- Layman (to elect four)**

First Ballot

- 140 Daniel Bangert, **elected**
- 87 David Bliese
- 144 Wayne Dietrich, **elected**
- 108 Robert Jahns
- 122 Harold Olsen, **elected**
- 86 Matt Putnam
- 100 Charles David Switzer

Second Ballot

- 55 David Bliese
- 92 Robert Jahns
- 65 Charles David Switzer

Third Ballot

- 139 Robert Jahns, **elected**
- 73 Charles David Switzer

**Ballot for Nomination Committee for the 2012 District Convention- Pastor (to elect two)**

- 104 The Rev. Daniel Bishop
- 93 The Rev. Ted Gall
- 115 The Rev. Mark Miller, **elected**
- 128 The Rev. Kent Tibbens, **elected**

**Ballot for Nomination Committee for the 2012 District Convention- Parish Teacher (to elect two)**

- 147 Ron Kroshe, **elected**
- 171 Martha Milas, **elected**
- 98 Lewis Rogers

**Ballot for Nomination Committee for the 2012 District Convention- Layman (to elect two)**

- 65 Loren Ehling
- 121 Herb Krueger, **elected**
- 85 Marlin Roos
- 157 Ray Stuckemeyer, **elected**

**Ballot for Congregational Constitutions and District Handbook Committee- Pastor (to elect two)**

- 90 The Rev. Keith Aschenbeck
- 92 The Rev. Darrell Debowey
- 101 The Rev. Barry Long, **elected**
- 141 The Rev. Alvin Schmidt, **elected**

**Ballot for Congregational Constitutions and District Handbook Committee- Attorney**

- 144 Ed Schoenbaum, **elected**
- 73 Chuck Young

**Ballot for 2010 Synodical Nominations Committee**

- 82 Robert Dalton
- 132 Ernie Garbe, **elected**

**Re-Ballot for Assistant Secretary (The Rev. Hopfensperger choosing circuit counselor position)**

- 95 The Rev. Michael Mohr, **elected**
- 44 The Rev. Bruce Scarbeary
- 69 The Rev. Frank Zimmermann

**Re-Ballot for Congregational Constitutions and District Handbook Committee- Pastor (The Rev. Barry Long choosing circuit counselor position)**

- 100 The Rev. Keith Aschenbeck
- 103 The Rev. Darrell Debowey, **elected**

## Appendix

### **R-09-01-01 (Amended, Passed) To Promote Lutheran Identity in the Mission Field**

Reference Overture 09-01-01

WHEREAS, The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod (LCMS) in Convention assembled established the *Ablaze!*® mission outreach movement to encourage, among other things the laudable goal of planting and establishing 2000 new congregations in the United States by 2017 (Resolution 1-05A, Convention Proceedings 2004, p. 121); and

WHEREAS, The people of God should at all times and in every way “be prepared to give an answer to anyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have” (1 Peter 3:15 NIV); and

WHEREAS, This hope is revealed to us in the gracious Truth of God’s Word (cf. Col. 1:3-6); and

WHEREAS, We accept “all the Symbolical Books of the Evangelical Lutheran Church as a true and unadulterated statement and exposition of the Word of God,” (Constitution of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, Article II, Section 2); and

WHEREAS, We are instructed by God’s Holy Word to declare His truth openly, without cunning or underhanded tactics: “But we have renounced disgraceful, underhanded ways. We refuse to practice cunning or to tamper with God's word, but by the open statement of the truth we would commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God.” (2 Corinthians 4:2b ESV); and

WHEREAS, The Commission on Constitutional Matters (CCM) opined on November 29, 1994 that “the Constitution of the Synod contains no specific article or bylaw that can be used to defend congregations or recognized service organizations that choose not to use LUTHERAN in their legal name. It could, in fact, be asked if the congregation does not confess, does it have a confession, cf. Article VI.” (CCM Opinion August, 1999, emphasis included); and

WHEREAS, The CCM also opined in August, 1999 that “the very intent of the Constitution and Bylaws of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, to which the congregation has voluntarily subscribed, make it implicitly clear that member congregations are expected to use the name LUTHERAN in designating their denominational identification” (emphasis included); and

WHEREAS, The LCMS in Convention concurred with the CCM, setting forth that “all congregations and mission stations in our Synod boldly profess in their official title and/or name that they are ‘Lutheran’” and “all congregations and mission stations of our Synod state in their materials (bulletins, newsletters, etc.) that they belong to The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod” (Resolution 3-13A, 1995 Convention Proceedings, p. 125); and

WHEREAS, The limited resources available requires the LCMS to make decisions and discernments regarding where best to utilize those resources; therefore be it

*Resolved*, That the Central Illinois District memorialize the next regular convention of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod to encourage the following...

1. That the goal of all member congregations of the LCMS should be to reach out to the lost and erring with the true and unadulterated, saving message of the Gospel; and be it further
2. That 1995 Resolution 3-13A be commended to the member congregations of the LCMS for their guidance on what constitutes moral and ethical outreach; and be it further
3. That all member congregations of the LCMS confess the name “Lutheran” and their membership in the LCMS in their working name and regular communications (*e.g.* “Grace Lutheran Church” rather than just “Grace Church,” *etc.*); and be it finally
4. That the Treasurer of Synod, and all Synodical entities and corporations be prohibited from making any payments (either cash or in-kind) to any congregation that fails to comport itself according to the ethical guidelines and confessional standard set forth by the Synod in convention through its resolutions, by-laws, and constitution. These payments include, but are not limited to, grants and subsidies.

#### **R-09-01-02 (Passed) To Expand Word and Sacrament Mission Work**

Reference Overture 09-01-02

WHEREAS, Our Lord commissioned His Church to disciple the nations through Word (“teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you...” (Mt. 28:20)) and Sacrament (“baptizing them in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit” (Mt. 28:19)) ministry; and

WHEREAS, The number of missionaries sent by the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod into the foreign mission field and who have been called and ordained by God through His Church for Word and Sacrament ministry has been declining (1967 - 167 called pastors, 1972 - 128 called pastors, 1982 - 65 called pastors, 2006 - 27 called pastors); and

WHEREAS, Several of the ordained missionaries recalled from the mission field were not financial liabilities to LCMS World Mission since they were quite successful at raising the \$120,000 of designated gifts and offerings which they were required to raise in order to be stationed at a foreign mission; and

WHEREAS, There is no shortage of the supply of pastors, as demonstrated by the number of seminary candidates each year who do not receive assignments on Call Day; therefore be it

*Resolved*, That we, the congregations of the Central Illinois District of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod assembled in convention, encourage LCMS World Mission to expand the Word and Sacrament ministry accomplished in the mission field by increasing the number of ordained missionaries placed in foreign assignments.

**R-09-01-03 (Passed) To Encourage Attendance at the Central Illinois District Great Commission Convocation**

Reference Overture 09-01-03

WHEREAS, Evidence indicates that America is in a non-Christian era, and its people are in desperate need to hear the truthful and relevant message of salvation and life in Jesus Christ; and

WHEREAS, Many men, women, and children are living and dying without saving faith in Jesus Christ; and

WHEREAS, Our church workers and members of our congregations can benefit from additional skills, training, knowledge, and resources for evangelism work; and

WHEREAS, The Great Commission Convocation can serve to strengthen the church in her mission to serve others and to seek the lost through the use of the means of grace; and

WHEREAS, The Central Illinois District Board of Directors and Central Illinois District Evangelism Commission have scheduled a Great Commission Convocation, Saturday, November 7, at Trinity Lutheran Church, Bloomington at 9:00 a.m. (featuring Dr. Wallace Schulz); therefore be it

*Resolved*, That the 56<sup>th</sup> Central Illinois District Convention Delegates encourage the members of the congregations of the Central Illinois District to attend this Great Commission Convocation.

**R-09-01-04 (Passed) To Encourage Congregations to Use Evangelism Resources**

Reference Overture 09-01-04

WHEREAS, God desires that all be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth (I Tim. 2:4); and

WHEREAS, Our Lord has given to all who are baptized the opportunity and responsibility to spread the Gospel, declaring the praises of Him who has called us out of darkness into His wonderful light (I Pet. 2:9); and

WHEREAS, Unchurched and unsaved people abound in the communities of the Central Illinois District (perhaps higher than 50% of all people); and

WHEREAS, The Central Illinois District Evangelism Executive has been called to encourage and assist the pastors and congregations of the Central Illinois District – LCMS in evangelism and in outreach; and

WHEREAS, It is always important and God-pleasing that we walk together with one heart (Romans 15:5-6); therefore be it

*Resolved*, That the congregations of the Central Illinois District be encouraged to make use of a visit from the Evangelism Executive and his resources for their church to:

1. Invite unchurched people to attend worship to hear God's holy Word,
2. Encourage those coming to worship to continue faithfully in the hearing of God's Word,
3. Encourage those who are neglecting God's Word to return to the Lord's house and His Word.

#### **R-09-01-05 (Passed) To Offer Thanks for Mission Workers in CID**

Reference Overture 09-01-05

WHEREAS, The Central Illinois District has been blessed with numerous missions and mission workers; and

WHEREAS, These district mission workers labor for the Lord in many fields, such as new churches, campuses, prisons, and work among the deaf and developmentally disabled; therefore be it

*Resolved*, That the Central Illinois District in convention encourage congregations to remember these workers in their prayers; and be it finally

*Resolved*, That the Central Illinois District in convention give thanks to God for these workers and for our CID Mission and Evangelism Executive, the Rev. Joel Cluver, completing his sixteenth year of service to CID, by recognizing them at this time and rising to sing the common doxology.

#### **R-09-01-06 (Passed) To Establish Circuit Mission Councils**

Reference Overture 09-01-06

WHEREAS, Over 50% of the 2.2 million people in Central Illinois are unchurched and may not believe that Jesus Christ died for their sins; and

WHEREAS, God's desire remains unchanged: to save all people and to lead them to the knowledge of the Savior (2 Timothy 2:4); and

WHEREAS, The establishment of a Mission Council in the Rock Island Circuit has been a great support to the Hispanic Mission and its pastor, the Rev . Pablo Dominguez, and also the Mission Council in the Bloomington circuits will be supporting the new campus worker at Wittenberg Lutheran Center at Illinois State University; therefore be it,

*Resolved*, That the Central Illinois District in convention encourage all circuits to investigate and establish Mission Councils for the purpose of supporting Central Illinois District established missions in their midst, and to explore and encourage additional new mission outreach; and be it finally

*Resolved*, That these Circuit Mission Councils function in cooperation with the Central Illinois District's Mission Commission through the District's Mission executive.

**R-09-01-07 (Passed) To Continue Partnership with the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Latvia**

Reference Overture 09-01-07

WHEREAS, The Lord commands His redeemed people to go into all the world and preach the Gospel to all creation (Mark 16:15); and

WHEREAS, The Central Illinois District has been enjoying partnership with the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Latvia (ELCL) since 2004; and

WHEREAS, The people of the Central Illinois District and the people of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Latvia have been blessed by this partnership, and many new friendships have arisen between us; and

WHEREAS, The people and congregations of the Central Illinois District continue to keep the people of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Latvia in their prayers; and

WHEREAS; The people and congregations of the Central Illinois District continue financially to support mission projects for the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Latvia and her churches (built Children's Center, purchased cars for pastors, supported seminary and seminary students, gave gifts for individual churches and their ministry, provided their first Sunday school materials, provided meals for soup kitchen, etc.); and

WHEREAS, The opportunities and needs of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Latvia continue to be great; and

WHEREAS, God has blessed the Central Illinois District with an abundant overflow of His gifts of resources; therefore be it

*Resolved*, That the Central Illinois District give thanks to God for our mission partnership with the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Latvia; and be it finally

*Resolved*, That the 56<sup>th</sup> Regular Convention of the Central Illinois District continue our partnership with the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Latvia, and encourage our congregations to continue to support this mission partnership with their prayers, regular communication, friendship, and resources.

### **R-09-01-08 (Passed) To Encourage Central Illinois Congregational Revitalization**

Reference Overture 09-01-08

WHEREAS, Our Lord's mission is to extend the Kingdom of Jesus, "the Christ, the Son of the living God" (Mt. 16:16) through the proclaiming of "repentance and the forgiveness of sins" (Lk. 24:47); and

WHEREAS, Pastors and laity are called to live the baptismal life of repentance and forgiveness of sins; and

WHEREAS, Many temptations exist to seek solutions apart from the Word of God, "which will stand forever" (Is. 40:8); and

WHEREAS, This remains an ongoing challenge within the Central Illinois District; therefore be it

*Resolved*, That the Central Illinois District offer its Revitalization Process to assist our churches in a biblical and Lutheran-based approach to re-examine the mission field around their congregations (through the District Mission Executive); and be it finally

*Resolved*, That interested congregations of the Central Illinois District be encouraged prayerfully to consider this voluntary Revitalization Process.

**R-09-01-09 (Amended, Passed) To Encourage Continued Support For Central Illinois District Missions**

WHEREAS, The Bible states “But you are a chosen people a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light” (I Peter 2:9); and

WHEREAS, The Central Illinois District has sought to be faithful to telling others about Jesus Christ; and

WHEREAS, The Central Illinois District supports 18 missions:

**Mission Congregations**

Christ the King Lutheran Church, East Moline (Hispanic)  
Risen Savior Lutheran Church, Buffalo  
Grace Lutheran Church, Canton  
Christ’s Family Lutheran Church, Mahomet  
Our Savior Lutheran Church, St. Joseph

**Special Missions**

Christ Lutheran Church of the Deaf, Jacksonville  
Joy of Jesus Lutheran Church of the Deaf, Peoria  
Ministry among the Developmentally Disabled  
Lincoln Correctional Center, Lincoln  
Logan Correctional Center, Lincoln  
Pittsfield Work Camp, Pittsfield  
Western Correctional Center, Mt. Sterling  
Greene County Work Camp, Roodhouse

**Campus Ministry at**

University of Illinois, Champaign  
Eastern Illinois University, Charleston  
Illinois State University, Normal  
Western Illinois University, Macomb

**Foreign Mission**

Evangelical Lutheran Church of Latvia; and

WHEREAS, This requires the financial support of all Central Illinois District congregations; therefore be it

*Resolved*, That congregations be encouraged to continue to support these Central Illinois District Missions with their regular mission offerings to the Central Illinois District; and be it finally

*Resolved*, that the Central Illinois District congregations be strongly encouraged to have regular prayer in behalf of these ministries, realizing that only God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, can convert and sanctify people.

**R-09-02-01 (Amended, Passed) To Memorialize the Synod in Convention to Require Uniformity of Practice With Regard to Word and Sacrament Ministry**

Reference O-09-02-01

WHEREAS, St. Paul distinguished between overseers or bishops (1 Tim. 3:1-7) and deacons (1 Tim. 3:8-13) and

WHEREAS, The overseers of the Bible have usually been called pastors in the Lutheran Church, based on Acts 20:28; and

WHEREAS, St. Paul also warned, “Do not be hasty in the laying on of hands, nor take part in the sins of others; keep yourself pure” (1 Tim. 5:22) and “an overseer must be . . . not a novice” (1 Tim. 3:6); and

WHEREAS, In certain situations today, the Synod approves of preaching and administration of the sacraments by men who have not been publicly called to, and placed in, the office of the ministry (this position is expressed, e.g., in 1989 Resolution 3-05B, “. . . when no pastor is available, and in the absence of any specific Scriptural directives to the contrary, congregations may arrange for the performance of these distinctive functions [preaching and administering the sacraments] by qualified individuals”); and

WHEREAS, The Augsburg Confession's fourteenth article reads, “Concerning church government it is taught that no one should publicly teach, preach, or administer the sacraments without a proper [public] call” (Kolb-Wengert, p. 46); and

WHEREAS, The systematic theology faculties of both seminaries, acting jointly, have published a detailed statement on “The Office of the Holy Ministry” (*Concordia Journal* 33.3 [July 2007]: 242-255), which states in part,

“The Confessions never use the truth that the whole church possesses the power of the keys to make the office of the holy ministry unnecessary or merely useful. On the contrary, this truth serves as the basis for the church's right to call, choose, and ordain ministers. . . . [T]he Treatise [on the Power and Primacy of the Pope] does not imagine churches without ordained ministers of some kind, even in emergency situations or when no one else will call and ordain men for the office. As confessors of the same doctrine, neither should we. . .

“[C]all and ordination' are essential for conduct of the ministry. . . . What is the sign of authority for ministers today? It is their call and ordination, which assure that they act by divine right and on the authority of Christ. This truth makes such ideas as “lay ministers” invitations for difficulties and troubles to ministers whose authority is doubtful and to laypersons whose assurance of God's grace may be questioned.” (pp. 253-254, 255); and

WHEREAS, The Board for Pastoral Education and the two seminaries are now implementing the Specific Ministry Pastor (SMP) Program mandated by the 2007 Synodical Convention; and

WHEREAS, The Board for Pastoral Education and the Council of Presidents are due to report to the 2010 Synodical Convention concerning “situations currently served by licensed lay deacons” (2007 Res. 5-02); and

*Resolved*, That the Central Illinois District in convention express its regret at the current situation in the Synod at large concerning men who are conducting Word and Sacrament ministry without being publicly called to, and placed in, the office of the ministry; and be it finally

*Resolved*, That the Central Illinois District in convention memorialize the Synod in convention to direct the Board for Pastoral Education and the Council of Presidents to develop a plan and lay out procedures:

- A) So that all men who are currently engaged in Word and Sacrament ministry without being publicly called to, and placed in, the office of the ministry may either be enrolled in the SMP program or cease from all forms of Word and Sacrament ministry by the end of 2016, and
- B) So that all current Synod and District tracks, programs, licensing procedures etc. which train men for Word and Sacrament ministry without benefit of being publicly called to, and placed in, the office of the ministry can be phased out in favor of SMP by the end of 2016; and
- C) So that the Board for Pastoral Education can report on this plan to the 2013 Synod in Convention for approval, emendation, and adoption.

*Resolved*, That the Central Illinois District in convention memorialize the Synod to make necessary changes in the SMP program in order to assure that the men enrolled in the SMP program be called “deacons” rather than pastors, and that they not be ordained or called as pastors until they complete the full SMP program.

#### **R-09-02-02 (Passed) To Require Consideration of CCM-Related Business**

Reference O-09-02-03

WHEREAS, The Commission on Constitutional Matters (CCM) reviews the Constitution Bylaws and resolutions of the Synod to insure that the governing instruments of the Synod and its agencies are in accord with the Constitution and Bylaws of the Synod (2007 Handbook 3.9.2); and

WHEREAS, “An opinion rendered by the commission shall be binding on the question decided unless and until it is overruled by a convention of the Synod” (3.9.2.2 c); and

WHEREAS, A CCM opinion remains binding if a convention does not address it; and

WHEREAS, There is currently no requirement that overtures or resolutions submitted regarding CCM opinions be given time for consideration by a convention of Synod, thus allowing an opinion to remain binding without any consideration by a convention of Synod; and

WHEREAS, Amendments to the bylaws are the responsibility of ONLY the conventions of the Synod (7.1.1 and 7.1.2); therefore be it

*Resolved*, That we, the congregations of the Central Illinois District of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod memorialize the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod assembled in convention that any overtures or resolutions submitted to a convention of Synod regarding opinions rendered by the Commission on Constitutional Matters must be given time for consideration by the Synod in convention, and may not be removed from the docket or included in any omnibus resolutions to decline overtures, when such overtures are submitted by a circuit forum, an official district conference of ordained and/or commissioned ministers, the Board of Directors of the Synod, a district board of directors, or a district convention; and be it finally

*Resolved*, That failure to vote on any overture or resolution regarding a CCM opinion submitted by a circuit forum, an official district conference of ordained and/or commissioned ministers, the Board of Directors of the Synod, a district board of directors, or a district convention shall declare that CCM opinion null and void upon the adjournment of that convention of Synod.

**R-09-02-03 (Postponed until the next District Convention) To Establish a Process by Which Commissioned Ministers May Be Elected Delegates for District Conventions**

Reference O-09-02-05 Education Commission

WHEREAS, Commissioned ministers are the only members of Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod congregations who may not serve as voting delegates to its district conventions. While many have recognized that this is basically unfair, no one has offered a proposal that has been found acceptable to correct it. As a compromise, commissioned ministers have been given advisory status with no voting rights; and

WHEREAS, In many of our congregations today we face the situation of non-rostered individuals filling roles traditionally filled by commissioned ministers. A school with ten teachers may have six rostered commissioned ministers and four lay teachers. The four lay teachers can be elected as a congregation's lay voting delegate while the six commissioned ministers can never be elected as a voting delegate; and

WHEREAS, The issue of voting by commissioned ministers has been one that the Synod has attempted to address many times over the years without success. The difficulty has arisen over our Synod's practice of maintaining a balance between clergy and lay voters.

Commissioned ministers do not fit comfortably in either category. This resolution is crafted in such a way as to respect that balance and impact it as little as possible; and

WHEREAS, A secondary related issue is the consideration that all congregations should be represented equally. How would congregations that have no commissioned ministers be fairly represented? This resolution maintains that as much as possible all congregations should have an equal voice in selecting delegates, whether or not their particular congregation is served by commissioned ministers; therefore be it

*Resolved*, That the Central Illinois District in convention memorialize the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod convention in 2010 to create the position of Circuit Commissioned Minister Voting Delegate; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the Central Illinois District memorialize the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod in convention in 2010 to adopt the following process for selecting commissioned ministers to serve as voting delegates to district conventions.

1. Each circuit shall meet at the call of the counselor to elect its commissioned minister not later than six months prior to the opening day of the district convention.
2. In the announcement for the meeting the circuit counselor shall call for nominations of commissioned ministers to be elected as the circuit voting delegate from that circuit. Any member of Synod who is also a member of the circuit may make a nomination.
3. Elections shall be by written ballot.
4. The privilege of voting shall be exercised by one pastor and one layperson from each member congregation of the circuit, both of whom shall have been selected in the manner prescribed by the congregation.
5. Multiple parishes shall be entitled to a lay vote from each member congregation.
6. Each voter may write in the name of two commissioned minister nominees on the initial ballot. The three commissioned ministers (or more, in case of a tie vote for third place) who received the highest number of votes in this preliminary ballot shall be placed on the next ballot.
7. On the next ballot each voter shall vote for only one candidate. Balloting shall continue with the candidate receiving the least votes being removed from each succeeding ballot until one commissioned minister shall have received a simple majority of all votes cast, whereupon he or she shall be declared the commissioned minister delegate.
8. The congregation from which the commissioned minister delegate has been elected shall then be removed from consideration for supplying an alternate commissioned minister delegate to that particular convention unless there are no other commissioned ministers available from other congregations.
9. All other commissioned ministers who received at least one vote on the initial ballot shall be eligible for election as the alternate.
10. Each voter shall now vote for only one candidate.
11. Balloting shall continue with the candidate receiving the least votes being removed from each succeeding ballot until one commissioned minister shall have received a simple majority of all votes cast, whereupon he or she shall be declared the alternate commissioned minister delegate.

12. The counselor shall report the results of the election to the secretary of the district in writing immediately after said election.
13. If neither the delegate nor the alternate can serve, the vacancy may be filled by the district president in consultation with the respective circuit counselor.
14. Circuits that have no commissioned ministers who hold membership in circuit congregations will have no commissioned minister delegate for the district convention.
15. All direct costs for the commissioned minister in participating in the district convention shall be born by the district.
16. The voting delegates shall replace the previous advisory delegates of commissioned ministers; and be it finally.

*Resolved*, That the Commission on Constitutional Matters be directed to make such changes to the Bylaws of the Synod as are necessary in order to implement this resolution.

**R-09-02-05 (Defeated) To Encourage Congregations of the Central Illinois District of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod To Support Lutheran Public Radio by becoming “Issues, Etc. 300” Congregations.**

Reference O-09-02-02

WHEREAS, The mission of Christ’s holy people is to make disciples through the proclamation of the Gospel by baptizing and teaching (Matthew 28:19-20); and

WHEREAS, *Issues Etc.* continues to fulfill this mission by being a “Christ-centered and Cross-focused” program that is true to Scripture and the Lutheran Confessions; and

WHEREAS, The program *Issues, Etc.* has been hailed for it’s evangelical substance and sharing of the Gospel; and

WHEREAS, The Holy Spirit is bringing many people to Christ through the faithful teaching heard on *Issues, Etc.* as the many comments from those who signed the *Issues, Etc.* Online petition ([www.petitiononline.com/Issues/petition.html](http://www.petitiononline.com/Issues/petition.html)) testify; and

WHEREAS, The total annual 2008 budget of *Issues, Etc.* is approximately \$300,000; and

WHEREAS, *Issues, Etc.* is seeking 300 congregations of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod to pledge \$1,000 to help support the worldwide outreach of *Issues, Etc.* as a part of their congregation’s mission budget; therefore be it

*Resolved*, That the congregations of the Central Illinois District be encouraged to become *Issues, Etc.* “300” congregations (IE 300); and be in finally

*Resolved*, That those congregations which cannot support *Issues, Etc.* with the full \$1,000 annual gift be encouraged to support *Issues, Etc.* as they are able.

**R-09-02-06 (Amended, Passed) To Reaffirm Commitment to the Scriptural Definition of Marriage**

Reference O-09-02-04

WHEREAS, On the basis of Scripture the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, in its 2004 synodical convention, affirmed a clear position against any practice of homosexuality; and

WHEREAS, The practice of this lifestyle continues to increase within our society and continues to plague our culture, even among some who claim to belong to the church; and

WHEREAS, The synodical president, Gerald B. Kieschnick, has appealed to members of LCMS congregations to give a public witness against homosexual practices; therefore be it

*Resolved*, That the Central Illinois District in convention reaffirm its agreement with the Resolution (3-05A) adopted in 2004 by the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod convention, which affirmed “on the basis of Scripture, marriage as a life long union of one man and one woman”; and be it finally

*Resolved*, That as member congregations of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, we confess publicly that Holy Scripture denounces and condemns the practice of homosexual lifestyles and same sex unions. We do so without apology, with humility and respect, calling for repentance, and offering the forgiveness of Jesus Christ when and where repentance occurs.

**R-09-03-01 (Passed) To Foster Greater Understanding of Worship through Conferences**

Reference Overture 09-03-01

WHEREAS, We recognize that worship is an integral part of the Christian life, as St. Paul writes: “Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God” (Col. 3:16); and

WHEREAS, St. Paul prayed for the Christians in Rome that God would “give you a spirit of unity among yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus, so that with one heart and mouth you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ” (Rom. 15:5–6); and

WHEREAS, We have been blessed with the new *Lutheran Service Book*, with hymns, liturgies, and other worship resources; and

WHEREAS, Worship attendance nationally has dropped significantly in the last several decades; and

WHEREAS, Worship attendance of congregational membership has dropped from the 40% to the 30% range in the last 30 years in the LCMS; and

WHEREAS, The LCMS lists as one of its objectives to “encourage congregations to strive for uniformity in church practice, but also to develop an appreciation of a variety of responsible practices and customs which are in harmony with our common profession of faith” (Constitution Art. III 7); therefore be it

*Resolved*, That we encourage our congregations to make worship attendance a priority at the local level; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the Congregational Life Commission develop and distribute resources to address the decline in worship attendance and to encourage higher worship attendance in our congregations; and be it finally

*Resolved*, That the Congregational Life Commission conduct worship conferences or seminars, involving pastors and worship leaders, including input from our universities and seminaries, to build greater understanding of our theology of worship and to foster further discussion of worship practices that are consistent with that theology.

**R-09-03-02 (Passed) To Commend the Commission on Worship for *Lutheran Service Book***

WHEREAS, The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod’s Commission on Worship has carefully gathered, tested, and developed a new hymnal, *Lutheran Service Book*; and

WHEREAS, The Commission on Worship has also developed and made available companion resources to the hymnal, including the *Agenda*, the *Altar Book*, the *Hymnal Accompaniment*, the *Liturgy Accompaniment*, the various *Lectionaries*, the *Pastor’s Companion*, and other resources for use in the church; and

WHEREAS, The Commission on Worship and Concordia Publishing House have developed a new electronic resource, *Lutheran Service Builder*, which expands the use of the hymnal; therefore be it

*Resolved*, That the Central Illinois District in convention give thanks and praise to God for the work of the Commission on Worship, Concordia Publishing House, and all others who were involved in preparing *Lutheran Service Book* and the accompanying resources; and be it further

*Resolved*, That congregations, schools, and families be encouraged to purchase and use *Lutheran Service Book*; and be it further

*Resolved*, That congregations be encouraged to make use of *Lutheran Service Builder* as a worship planning tool, and that they be encouraged to use future commentaries on *Lutheran Service Book* as they become available; and be it finally

*Resolved*, That the District in convention stand and give all thanks and praise to God by singing “Voices Raised to You We Offer” (*LSB* #795).

### **R-09-03-03 (Passed) To Encourage Joyful First Fruit Giving**

WHEREAS, First Fruit giving is the most frequently mentioned means of giving to support the work of the Lord in Scripture; and

WHEREAS, True First Fruit giving tends to allow the Lord to determine the final amount given to the Lord; and

WHEREAS, First Fruit giving involves the best of our time, talents, and witness; and

WHEREAS, First Fruit giving lends itself readily to motivation by the Gospel instead of the Law; and

WHEREAS, There has been a trend of some congregations to designate where their mission dollars should be spent outside of district and synod, and such designated giving has adversely impacted district and synodical ministry and mission efforts; therefore be it

*Resolved*, That First Fruit giving in our churches be done freely, joyfully, and generously in response to the love of Christ Jesus; and be it further

*Resolved*, That our District provide stewardship materials to promote First Fruit giving to our congregations, schools, and pastors; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the District in convention encourage congregations to pledge congregational support to the Synod and District on a percentage basis; and be it finally

*Resolved*, That each congregation be encouraged to consider a minimal goal of 10% of first fruit gifts for the Lord’s work through the district and synod.

### **R-09-03-05 (Amended, Passed) To Encourage Congregations to Establish a Called Worker Care Committee**

Reference Overture 09-03-03

WHEREAS, God's Word commands and commends care for the care-giver (called workers) I Corinthians 9:13-14: "Don't you know that those who work in the temple get their food from the temple, and those who serve at the altar share in what is offered on the altar? In the same way, the Lord has commanded that those who preach the gospel should receive their living from the gospel." (Also Luke 10:7c; Galatians 6:6; I Timothy 5:17-18; Hebrews 13:7, 17); and

WHEREAS, The increasing excessive stress of ministry often disturbs called workers with illness, depression, or burnout, which causes some to leave the ministry; and

WHEREAS, A single board such as the Elders/Deacons or Board of Lay Ministry may miss the human focus of caring for the called worker on a continuing basis; and

WHEREAS, The Christian congregation has the responsibility to care for its called workers in a meaningful way; therefore be it

*Resolved*, That every congregation in the Central Illinois District be encouraged to determine whether a Called Worker Care Committee would benefit it's workers; and be it finally

*Resolved*, That The Ministerial Health Commission and Congregational Life Commission produce guidelines, resources, and link existing resources for use in every congregation.

### **R-09-03-06 (Passed) To Encourage Development of Biblically Based Educational Stewardship in District and Synod**

WHEREAS, Martin Luther has written that offerings come as a result of hearing God's Word (*Luther Works*, vol. 1 Genesis Lectures, Cain and Abel); and

WHEREAS, Through the death and resurrection of Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ we as God's people are freed to serve by time, talents, witness, and money (Rom. 5, 6; Ephes. 2:1-10); and

WHEREAS, There are many stewardship programs in the Christian community which stress "social gospel" giving, "need" giving, "guilt" giving, or "crisis" giving; and

WHEREAS, Such programs do not address the heart of giving joyously and freely at the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ; therefore be it

*Resolved*, That the congregations of the Central Illinois District be encouraged to search the Scriptures for all stewardship examples; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the congregations of CID study biblically based stewardship principles; and be it finally

*Resolved*, That LCMS be memorialized to continue to develop and use the Lutheran understanding of biblically based stewardship principles in all resources.

**R-09-03-08 (Passed) To Thank God for the Life and Services of Derald & Caroline Sasse**

Reference Overture 09-03-04

WHEREAS, Camp CILCA is an organization supported and sponsored by the Central Illinois District; and

WHEREAS, The Camp has been blessed by having many volunteers come and assist with a variety of tasks over the years; and

WHEREAS, As early as 1979 Derald and Caroline Sasse of Immanuel, Augsburg, were offering their services to the camp and became the contractors for the winterized buildings at Camp CILCA, utilizing volunteer labor, when possible; and

WHEREAS, The Sasses worked in semi-retirement at Camp CILCA for a number of years; and

WHEREAS, Derald Sasse has now gone to be with Jesus in heaven; therefore be it

*Resolved*, That we thank God for the services rendered by the Sasses to assist Camp CILCA; and be it finally

*Resolved*, That in memory of the Sasses we ask the Camp CILCA board to name a building or a street at Camp CILCA in their honor.

**R-09-04-01 (Passed, Later Rescinded in Convention) To Address the Blue Ribbon Task Force**

Reference Overtures 09-04-02, 09-04-03, 09-04-06, 09-04-10

WHEREAS, In 2005 President Gerald Kieschnick appointed a Blue Ribbon Task Force on Synod Structure and Governance; and

WHEREAS, The Task Force's preliminary proposals of August, 2008 were far-reaching in scope and significant in import; and

WHEREAS, Experience teaches that maximum attention must be given to detail and wording in making adjustments or changes that impinge on structure; and

WHEREAS, The Synod would do well to proceed with prayerful and appropriate care in considering any changes; therefore be it

*Resolved*, That we encourage the BRTFSSG to make sure that any proposals they make should retain regard for the congregation as the basic unit of Synodical membership irrespective of size; and be it further

*Resolved*, That we encourage the BRTFSSG to retain the existing structure of circuits as they stand; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the Central Illinois District respectfully requests in writing to the Task Force that their final report be posted on the Synod's website no later than three months prior to the 2010 Convention, so that the final form of this important report can be available for maximum study throughout the Synod prior to the convention; and be it finally

*Resolved*, That, should the Task Force be unable to complete its work within this timeframe, we request that the report not be submitted for approval at the 2010 Synodical Convention.

#### **R-09-04-02 (Passed) To Elect Members to the Commission on Constitutional Matters (CCM)**

Reference Overture 09-04-11

WHEREAS, The final appointment of members to the Commission on Constitutional Matters (CCM) is made by the praesidium of the Synod; and

WHEREAS, The Synodical president who appoints all CCM members also appoints all members of the convention committees, and also organizes and chairs the only mechanism provided by the Synod for overruling CCM decisions; and

WHEREAS, This process allows for possible conflict of interest; therefore be it

*Resolved*, That the Central Illinois District memorialize the 2010 Synodical Convention to have members of the CCM elected by the convention; and be it finally

*Resolved*, That Bylaw 3.9.2.1.1 be eliminated and that Bylaw 3.2.1 include the Commission on Constitutional Matters be inserted.

**R-09-04-03A (Substitute Resolution, Passed) To Exercise Appropriate Care in Considering Structure Changes**

WHEREAS, in 2005 Lutheran Church- Missouri Synod President Gerald Kieschnick appointed a Blue Ribbon Task Force on Synod Structure and Governance; and

WHEREAS, the Task Force's preliminary proposals of August, 2008 were far-reaching in scope and significant in import; and

WHEREAS, experience teaches that maximum attention must be given to detail and wording in making adjustments or changes that impinge on structure; and

WHEREAS, the Synod would do well to proceed with prayerful and appropriate care in considering any changes; therefore be it

*Resolved*, that the Central Illinois District urge the Task Force to submit the precise language it proposes for any and all Constitution and Bylaw changes, as well as the complete text of any enabling resolutions to the Synod in time for inclusion in the 2010 convention workbook; and be it finally

*Resolved*, that the Central Illinois District memorialize the Synod not to act on the Task Force' report until the 2013 national convention, thus allowing optimum time for congregations, boards, commissions, and other Synodical entities to study the report and consider it's full implications.

**R-09-04-04 (Amended, Passed ) To Address Representation on the District Board of Directors**

WHEREAS, Historic Synodical practice has sought to provide as broad a representation as possible; and

WHEREAS, Current CID Bylaws allow for more than one member to be elected to the Board of Directors from a single congregation, thereby limiting the representation within our District; therefore be it

*Resolved*, That no two members from the same congregation may be a member of the Board of Directors at the same time; and be it further

*Resolved*, That Bylaw 2.21 c. be amended to read: "c. Every member of the Board shall be a member of a voting congregation of the District. No two members of the same congregation may be members of the Board. When a member of the Board ceases to be a member of a voting congregation of the District or when the nature of his major duties is such that he no longer is a member of the group from which he was elected, he is automatically eliminated from membership on the Board."

*Resolved*, That this go into effect in the next triennium.

**R-09-04-05 (Passed) To Clarify and Amend Current Bylaws**

Reference Overture 09-04-09 (submitted by CID BOD)

WHEREAS, The current practice of the District and its Bylaws are not in agreement; and

WHEREAS, The Synodical Handbook has been revised since our District Bylaws, thus changing numeration of many references; therefore be it

*Resolved*, That the following changes be made in regard to Business Manager, and that the Congregational Constitutions and District Handbook Committee corrects any numerical discrepancies in references to Synodical By-Laws in our existing By-Laws.

***Existing Language***

**2.18 Duties**

- a. The Treasurer shall be responsible for the receipt, safeguarding, and proper disbursement of District funds through the establishment of appropriate procedures, systems, records, and internal controls, utilizing the services of the Business Manager, whose assistance in such functions shall be under the supervision of the Treasurer.

**Proposed Language**

**2.18 Duties**

- a. The Treasurer shall be responsible for the receipt, safeguarding, and proper disbursement of District funds through the establishment of appropriate procedures, systems, records, and internal controls, utilizing the services of the Business Manager (if appointed), whose assistance in such functions would be under the supervision of the Treasurer.

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**Existing Language**

**2.20 Duties**

- e. He may be assisted in the fulfillment of these responsibilities through such service and assistance as may be arranged with the Business Manager

**Proposed Language**

**2.20 Duties**

- e. He may be assisted in the fulfillment of these responsibilities through such service and assistance as may be arranged with a Business Manager (if appointed).
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**Existing Language**

**2.21 Membership**

- b. The administrative Assistant(s) to the President and/or the Executive Secretaries, the Business Manager, and the Assistant Secretary shall be advisory members of the Board.

**Proposed Language**

**2.21 Membership**

- b. The administrative Assistant(s) to the President and/or the Executive Secretaries, the Assistant Secretary and the Business Manager (if appointed), shall be advisory members of the Board.

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**Existing Language**

**2.26 Administrative Assistant(s) to the President, and the Business Manager.**

The Board shall appoint the Administrative Assistant(s) to the President and the Business Manager.

**Proposed Language**

**2.26 Administrative Assistant(s) to the President, and the Business Manager (if appointed)**

The Board shall appoint the Administrative Assistant(s) to the President and may appoint a Business Manager.

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**Existing Language**

**2.27 Financial Duties**

- a. The Board shall bond or insure the fiduciary officers and such employees of the District as it deems advisable, such bond or insurance policy to be in the custody of the Business Manager.
- b. The Board shall designate the signatories, in addition to the President, the Business Manager, and the Treasurer, who are to be duly certified for the financial transactions of the District.
- c. The Board shall determine the remuneration of the President, the Administrative Assistant(s) to the President, and the Business Manager.

**Proposed Language**

**2.27 Financial Duties**

- a. The Board shall bond or insure the fiduciary officers and such employees of the District as it deems advisable, such bond or insurance policy to be in the custody of the President.
  - b. The Board shall designate the signatories, in addition to the President and the Treasurer, who are to be duly certified for the financial transactions of the District.
  - c. The Board shall determine the remuneration of the President, the Administrative Assistant(s) to the President, and the Business Manager (if appointed).
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**Existing Language**

**2.31 Business Manager**

- 1. The Board of Directors shall appoint a Business Manager, who is to be generally responsible to the Board of Directors and specifically responsible to certain commissions or officers, as indicated herein.
- 2. Duties

**Proposed Language**

**2.31 Business Manager (if appointed)**

- 1. The Board of Directors **may** appoint a Business Manager, who is to be generally responsible to the Board of Directors and specifically responsible to certain commissions or officers, as indicated herein.
- 2. Duties **(if a Business Manager is appointed)**

**Existing Language**

**2.35 The Auditing Committee**

- b. Duties: The Auditing Committee shall meet in mid-year with the Treasurer and Business Manager to review records, vouchers, instruments, cash and bank balances, notes receivable and payable, insurance papers, etc., and shall submit its report to the Board of Directors.
- d. Bonding: The Auditing Committee shall recommend to the Board of Directors the amount and form of bonding or insurance which the District shall maintain in force on the Treasurer, Business Manager, employees, and such other persons as may be deemed appropriate for such bonding coverage.

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**Proposed Language**

**2.35 The Auditing Committee**

- b. Duties: The Auditing Committee shall meet in mid-year with the Treasurer and Business Manager **(if appointed)** to review records, vouchers, instruments, cash and bank balances, notes receivable and payable, insurance papers, etc., and shall submit its report to the Board of Directors.
- d. Bonding: The Auditing Committee shall recommend to the Board of Directors the amount and form of bonding or insurance which the District shall maintain in force on the Treasurer, Business Manager **(if appointed)**, employees, and such other persons as may be deemed appropriate for such bonding coverage.

**R-09-04-06 (Passed) To Realign Circuits**

Reference Overture 09-04-07

WHEREAS, The existing Danville Circuit is gaining more congregations and has congregations that are separated by great distances; and

WHEREAS, The naming of circuits has been either by larger city or county; and

WHEREAS, The congregations in the Champaign/Danville Circuits have supported the idea of dividing into 3 circuits; therefore be it

*Resolved*, That effective August 1, 2009, the Champaign/Danville Circuits shall be divided into three circuits, and that they be named Iroquois, Champaign, and Mattoon Circuits, and that the congregations be divided in the following manner:

**Iroquois** – St. John, Buckley; Immanuel, Cissna Park; Trinity, Cissna Park; Good Shepherd, Hoopeston; Immanuel, Loda; Our Savior, Milford; St. Paul, Milford (Woodworth); St. John, Onarga; Trinity, Onarga; St. Peter, Thawville; and Calvary, Watseka. (11 congregations)

**Champaign** – Friendship, Champaign; St. John, Champaign; University, Champaign; Immanuel, Danville; Trinity, Danville; Immanuel, Fisher (Osman); Peace, Thomasboro; and Trinity, Urbana (8 congregations) plus two preaching stations: Christ Family, Mahomet and Our Savior, St. Joseph.

**Mattoon** – Immanuel, Broadlands; Immanuel, Charleston; St. John, Mattoon; St. Paul, Mattoon; Grace, Paris; St. Paul, Sadorus; and Immanuel, Tuscola (7 congregations); and be it finally

*Resolved*, That the District President appoint a circuit counselor where a vacancy exists within these circuits.

#### **R-09-04-07 (To Be Returned To Committee) To Repeal Term Limits**

Reference Overture 09-04-04

WHEREAS, The Central Illinois District of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod (CID) did not originally establish term limits for its elected officers; therefore be it

*Resolved*, That the CID amends its Constitution and Bylaws and to eliminate term limits for all elected offices in the District (see Bylaw 2.04 “Successive Terms”).