

2009 CID CONVENTION INFORMATION

The 56th Convention of the Central Illinois District of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod and the 5th Convention of the Church Extension Fund, Inc. will be held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Springfield, Illinois, on July 5-7, 2009. **Registration** for the convention and business sessions will be held at the Crowne Plaza from **3:00 pm to 6:00 pm on Sunday, July 5th**, and beginning at 7:00 am on Monday, July 6th. **Rooms** will be available at the **Crowne Plaza** and the **Holiday Inn Express** (next door). The Holiday Inn provides a continental breakfast, but the Crowne Plaza does not.

The By-Laws of Synod (4.2) state that **delegates of a voting congregation** shall be accredited. This involves pre-convention registration by both the pastoral delegate and lay delegate with properly signed documentation by a congregational officer and the pastor. **At the convention** they are to identify themselves to the credentials committee, presenting a card with their name and congregation. All **nonvoting ordained and commissioned ministers** who are members of the Synod within the district shall serve as **advisory delegates**. They are entitled to voice and vote on a floor committee, if appointed, and to voice in the convention. All advisory members are expected to attend all sessions of the convention.

Guests, exhibitors, and others are welcome to attend, but are also to present themselves to the credentials committee at the registration desk to identify themselves.

Prior to the convention, each ordained minister, each voting lay delegate preregistered, each school principal will receive a **CD with convention materials** included. Other advisory delegates desiring this information may request it from the District Office. **Each individual is responsible for printing up any material they need for the convention off the CD.** There will be very limited printed convention material at the registration desk. There will be no outlets available for computers.

For the first time, we plan to use **voting machines**. This should hasten the election process and eliminate much paper work. Each voting delegate will be assigned a wireless voting machine. There is a charge of \$395 for any damaged, lost or stolen keypads.

Registration Fees: Each voting delegate will be assessed a fee of \$90 to cover convention costs and 2 meals on Monday. **Voting delegate registration not received by June 1, 2009 will be subject to a \$10 late fee.** Nonvoting ordained and commissioned ministers who are actively serving will be assessed a fee of \$5 which does not include meals. If meals are desired add \$50 (\$20 for lunch and \$30 for dinner). For emeritus ordained and commissioned ministers, guests, and exhibitors there is no charge for registration, but the \$50 meal charge applies if so desired and at least one week notice given before convention. Exhibitor space

is available for \$25 per table desired. If an electrical connection is desired, an additional \$25 is required. Exhibitors will be assigned tables and a layout will be available so conventioners will know where each exhibitor is located.

Hotel Information: Everyone is to make their own reservations with the hotels. Room rates which include 1 or 2 persons at the Crowne Plaza is \$82 (does not include breakfast) and at the Holiday Inn Express \$81 (which includes a continental breakfast). When you contact the hotels, use the code listed for each one to receive our special rates. If you have any difficulties contact the District Office.

Crowne Plaza ("CID")	Holiday Inn Express ("LCM")
3000 S. Dirksen Parkway	3050 S. Dirksen Parkway
Springfield, IL 62703	Springfield, IL 62703
217.529.7777	217.529.7771

Directions: From Interstate 55 take Exit #84 (Stevenson Drive) and travel west to Dirksen Parkway. Turn right (north) and travel a short distance to the hotels will be located on your right (East).

Schedule: The convention will start with an opening communion service on Sunday, July 5, at 6:30 pm. Monday morning, July 6, the sessions begin at 8:00 am and will continue until 9:30 pm. The only scheduled breaks are for lunch and dinner. Bathroom and coffee breaks are on your own. It is not good stewardship to have everyone heading to those areas at the same time. Our meals will be next door to our convention meeting area. Tuesday, July 7, the sessions again begin at 8:00 am and continue until 12 noon. You will be on your own for Tuesday lunch.

Seating: There will be sufficient seating for all delegates in the delegate section, however, not all seats will be at the doorway. You may have to move to the other side of the convention hall.

CID 2009 Convention Payment & Pre-registration

Name _____

Home Congregation _____

___ **Lay Delegate (\$90) or Pastoral Delegate (\$90)** _____

(This includes lunch & dinner on Monday. (Registration fee after June 1 is \$100)

___ **Advisory Delegate (\$5)** _____

(If meals are desired, add \$50) _____

___ **Emeritus (ordained or commissioned)** _____ **0**

(If meals are desired, add \$50) _____

___ **Guests** _____ **0**

(If meals are desired, add \$50) _____

___ **Exhibitors - \$25 per table** _____

___ **Electricity (if desired) for exhibitor - \$25** _____

(If meals are desired, add \$50) _____

Total amount submitted _____

Make checks payable to: Central Illinois District

Please note: Meals need to be requested at least one week prior to convention. Actual cost of meals (including 21% gratuity) is \$20 for lunch, \$30 for dinner.

If submitting for more than one person, please list names below: