

1 **PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS – Committee #4**
2 **Finance & Administration**

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5 **To Address the Blue Ribbon Task Force**

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7 **R-09-04-01**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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41 **To Elect Members to the Commission on Constitutional Matters (CCM)**

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43 **R-09-04-02**

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45 Reference Overture 09-04-11

1 of District funds through the establishment of appropriate
2 procedures, systems, records, and internal controls, utilizing
3 the services of the Business Manager (if appointed), whose
4 assistance in such functions would be under the supervision of
5 the Treasurer.
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8 ***Existing Language***

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10 **2.20 Duties**

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12 e. He may be assisted in the fulfillment of these responsibilities
13 through such service and
14 assistance as may be arranged with the Business Manager
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16 ***Proposed Language***

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18 **2.20 Duties**

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

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28 **2.21 Membership**

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30 b. The administrative Assistant(s) to the President and/or the
31 Executive Secretaries, the
32 Business Manager, and the Assistant Secretary shall be
33 advisory members of the Board.
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35 ***Proposed Language***

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37 **2.21 Membership**

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39 b. The administrative Assistant(s) to the President and/or the
40 Executive Secretaries, the

1 Assistant Secretary and the Business Manager (if appointed),
2 shall be advisory members of the Board.
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5 *Existing Language*

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7 **2.26 Administrative Assistant(s) to the President, and the Business
8 Manager.**

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10 The Board shall appoint the Administrative Assistant(s) to the
11 President and the Business Manager.
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14 *Proposed Language*

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16 **2.26 Administrative Assistant(s) to the President, and the Business
17 Manager (if appointed)**

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19 The Board shall appoint the Administrative Assistant(s) to the
20 President and may appoint a Business Manager.
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23 *Existing Language*

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25 **2.27 Financial Duties**

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

1 *Proposed Language*

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3 **2.27 Financial Duties**

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- 6 employees of the District as it deems advisable, such bond or
- 7 insurance policy to be in the custody of the **President**.
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- 10 President and the Treasurer, who are to be duly certified for
- 11 the financial transactions of the District.
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- 13 c. The Board shall determine the remuneration of the President,
- 14 the Administrative Assistant(s) to the President, and the
- 15 Business Manager **(if appointed)**.
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18 *Existing Language*

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20 **2.31 Business Manager**

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- 22 1. The Board of Directors shall appoint a Business Manager,
- 23 who is to be generally
- 24 responsible to the Board of Directors and specifically
- 25 responsible to certain
- 26 commissions or officers, as indicated herein.
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- 28 2. Duties
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31 *Proposed Language*

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33 **2.31 Business Manager (if appointed)**

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

1 *Existing Language*

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3 **2.35 The Auditing Committee**

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5 b. Duties: The Auditing Committee shall meet in mid-year with
6 the Treasurer and Business Manager to review records,
7 vouchers, instruments, cash and bank balances, notes
8 receivable and payable, insurance papers, etc., and shall
9 submit its report to the Board of Directors.

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11 d. Bonding: The Auditing Committee shall recommend to the
12 Board of Directors the amount
13 and form of bonding or insurance which the District shall
14 maintain in force on the Treasurer, Business Manager,
15 employees, and such other persons as may be deemed
16 appropriate for such bonding coverage.

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19 *Proposed Language*

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21 **2.35 The Auditing Committee**

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34 appointed), employees, and such other persons as may be
35 deemed appropriate for such bonding coverage.

1 **To Realign Circuits**

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3 **R-09-04-06**

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5 Reference Overture 09-04-07

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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36 **To Repeal Term Limits**

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38 **R-09-04-07**

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40 Reference Overture 09-04-04

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

44
45 *Resolved*, That the CID amends its Constitution and Bylaws and to eliminate term
46 limits for all elected offices in the District (see Bylaw 2.04 “Successive Terms”).

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2 **Reference Overtures 09-04-01, 09-04-05**

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4 The floor committee respectfully declined to deal with these, since they do not seem to be
5 germane to district business.