

Central Illinois District

The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod



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To: Central Illinois District Congregations

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RE: 2025 Central Illinois District Convention Information

The 61st Convention of the Central Illinois District of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod and the 10th Convention of the CID Church Extension Fund, Inc. will be held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Springfield, Illinois, on July 13-15, 2025. **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 13th**, and beginning at **7:00 am on Monday, July 14th**. **Room reservations** are available at the **Crowne Plaza** and the **Holiday Inn Express** (next door) for \$129 per room per night. The Holiday Inn provides a continental breakfast, but the Crowne Plaza does not.

The By-Laws of Synod (4.2.2) state that “**delegates of a voting congregation** to a district convention shall be accredited.” This involves pre-convention registration by both the pastoral delegate and lay delegate with properly signed documentation by 2 congregational officers. At the convention they are to identify themselves to the credentials committee at the registration desk. Congregations may register their delegates via online form (preferred) at <https://www.cidlcms.org/voter/> or use the enclosed green paper form.

All **nonvoting ordained and commissioned ministers** who are members of the Synod within the district shall serve as **advisory delegates**. Congregations in a multi-congregation parish from which the parish voting lay delegate was not elected may send a lay advisory representative. Advisory Delegates and Representatives are entitled to voice and vote on a floor committee (if appointed) and to speaking privileges at the convention. All advisory members are expected to attend all sessions of the convention. Advisory members may register via online form (preferred) at <https://www.cidlcms.org/advisory/> or use the enclosed blue paper form.

Guests, exhibitors, and others are welcome to attend, but are also to present themselves to the credentials committee at the registration desk for identification purposes. They should register ahead of time using the form found on the convention page at <https://www.cidlcms.org/Convention2025/>.

Prior to the convention, Convention materials will be made available by email or on the CID website. 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.** There will be very limited printed copies of convention materials at the registration desk. There will be no electrical outlets available in the convention hall for computers.

We plan to again use **voting keypads** during our Monday sessions. This should hasten the election process and eliminate much paperwork. Each voting delegate will be assigned a wireless voting keypad. There is a charge of \$400 for any damaged or lost keypad.

Registration Fees: Each voting delegate will be assessed a fee of \$135 to cover convention costs and lunch on Monday. **Congregations registering their voters online by February 15, 2025 will receive a \$15 Early-Bird Discount on the registration fee. Voting delegate registration not received by June 1, 2022, will be subject to an additional \$50 late fee.** *Advisory Delegates and Representatives* (nonvoting ordained and commissioned ministers and nonvoting lay representatives from multi-congregation parishes) attending the convention will be

assessed a fee of \$40 (\$35 if registered online prior to January 31, \$60 if registering after June 1) which does include Monday Lunch. Exhibitor space is available for \$60 per table desired. If an electrical connection is desired, an additional \$40 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 reservation with the hotels. Room rates which include 1 or 2 persons at the Crowne Plaza is \$129 (does *not* include breakfast) and at the Holiday Inn Express \$129 (which includes a continental breakfast). Click on the link in the hotel name or contact the hotels directly to make your reservation. When you contact the hotels, tell them you are with the **Central Illinois District Convention/CID** to receive our special rates. If you have any difficulties, contact the District Office.

Crowne Plaza
3000 S. Dirksen Parkway
Springfield, IL 62703
(217) 585-2830

Holiday Inn Express
3050 S. Dirksen Parkway
Springfield, IL 62703
(217) 585-2830

[link for "Crowne Plaza":

<https://www.crowneplaza.com/redirect?path=asearch&brandCode=CP&localeCode=en®ionCode=1&hotelCode=SPICC&checkInDate=13&checkInMonthYear=062025&checkOutDate=15&checkOutMonthYear=062025&rateCode=6CBARC&PMID=99801505&GPC=L5D&cn=no&viewfullsite=true>

Link for "Holiday Inn Express":

<https://www.hiexpress.com/redirect?path=rates&brandCode=EX&localeCode=en®ionCode=1&hotelCode=SPILL&checkInDate=13&checkInMonthYear=062025&checkOutDate=15&checkOutMonthYear=062025&PMID=99801505&GPC=D8B&cn=no&viewfullsite=true>

Directions: From Interstate 55 take Exit #94 (Stevenson Drive) and travel west to Dirksen Parkway. Turn right (north) and travel a short distance to the hotels located on your right (East).

Schedule: The convention will start with an opening communion service on Sunday, July 13th, at 7:00 pm. Monday morning, July 14th, the sessions begin at 8:00 am and will continue until 6:30 pm. The only scheduled break is for lunch. **Bathroom and coffee breaks are on your own.** It is not good stewardship to have everyone heading to those areas at the same time. Lunch on Monday will be next door to our convention meeting area. You will be on your own for Monday dinner. Tuesday, July 15th, the sessions again begin at 8:00 am and continue until 12 noon, if necessary. You will be on your own for Tuesday lunch.

Seating: There will be sufficient seating for all voting and advisory delegates and representatives. Additional seating for guests will also be available outside of the designated delegate/representative area.

Electing Circuit Visitors (By-law 5.2.2)

1. It shall be done at a Circuit Forum attended by 1 lay person & 1 pastor from each parish. (Forums should be held by March 15, 2025).
2. Election shall be by written ballot.
3. Eligible – All pastors serving congregations in the circuit and any emeriti pastors in the circuit.
4. Process to follow:
 - A. Information provided on each pastor who is nominated,
 - B. Each voter shall vote for 2 pastors on the initial ballot,
 - C. The 3 Pastors with highest votes are placed on next ballot,
 - D. Each voter shall now vote for 1 pastor,
 - E. Voting continues until 1 has majority of votes cast,
5. Immediately after election, the current Circuit Visitor reports the election in writing to the District Secretary, Rev. Kent Umbarger, 1450 – 30th Ave, East Moline, IL 61244 or pastoru@stjohnsem.org.
6. The July CID Convention will ratify the election.

DATES TO REMEMBER

**61st Regular Convention
Central Illinois District
Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod
July 13-15, 2024
Crowne Plaza
Springfield, Illinois**

December 31, 2024 – all non-*praesidium* nominations must be in (postmarked) by this deadline to be considered for placement on the ballot at the convention.

January 1, 2025 – Registration opens. An Early discounted rate of \$120 per voting delegate, \$35 for advisory delegates/representatives. (Those registered during this time period may be selected to serve on floor committees.)

February 15, 2025 – Signed Registration form and payment due for early registration discount. Any registrations submitted after this date require full registration fee of \$135 per voting delegate, \$40 for advisory delegates/representatives.

February 26, 2025

Overtures are to be submitted to the District Office for floor committee consideration.

Reports for the Convention Workbook from Officers and Commissions are to be received at the District Office:

Central Illinois District LC-MS
1850 N. Grand Ave. W.
Springfield, IL 62702-1626

Overtures and Reports may be submitted electronically - president@cidlcms.org.

March 15, 2025 – Signed Registration form and payment of lay and pastoral delegates from each congregation are to be received at the District Office. After June 1st late registration will be \$185 per voting delegate, \$60 for advisory delegates/representatives.

March 15, 2025 – Circuit Forums should have met by this time to elect Circuit Visitors for the next Triennium. Circuit Forums (other appropriate and official venues for overtures include Voters Assemblies, the District Board of Directors, a District Board or Commission, and official Pastors Conferences), may also consider overtures to be submitted for the Convention Workbook (but note that the deadline to submit overtures is three weeks earlier than this date).

March 15, 2025 – Convention Floor Committee[s] meet at the CID Office in Springfield, beginning at 9:30 a.m.

May 18, 2025 – Congregational Nominations for District President *[Official Nomination Ballots will be sent to the congregations by the District Secretary]* **are due at the District Office** *(must be postmarked by this date)*.

June 1, 2022 – All convention materials shall be made available to lay and pastoral delegates by email and on the website – www.cidlcms.org/Convention2025/.