

1 **RESOLUTIONS – Committee #3**
 2 **Life Together (Congregational Life, Finance, Administration)**

3
 4 **R 12-03-01**

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 6 **To Amend Synod Bylaw 3.9.2.2.3 Concerning the Commission on Constitutional Matters**
 7 Re: Overture 12-03-10

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 9 *Resolved*, That the Central Illinois District of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod submit
 10 the following overture to the 2013 convention of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

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 12 WHEREAS, Bylaw 3.9.2.2.3 in the 2010 Handbook of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod
 13 states:

14 The Commission on Constitutional Matters shall examine the articles of incorporation, bylaws,
 15 and policy manuals of every agency of the Synod to ascertain whether they are in harmony with
 16 the Constitution, Bylaws, and resolutions of the Synod.

17 (a) Agencies intending to make amendments to articles of incorporation or bylaws shall
 18 make such intentions known and receive approval from the commission in advance.

19 (b) The commission shall maintain a file of the articles of incorporation bylaws, and
 20 policy manuals of all agencies of the Synod, and
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22 WHEREAS, Bylaw 1.2.1 (a) (1) in the 2010 Handbook of The Lutheran Church—Missouri
 23 Synod states: “Agencies include each board, commission, council, seminary, university, college,
 24 district, Concordia Plan Services, and each synodwide corporate entity”; and
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26 WHEREAS, Districts amend their articles of incorporation and bylaws in conventions, at which
 27 the Synod Commission on Constitutional Matters (CCM) is not present, and therefore could not give
 28 “approval ... in advance” for any changes in wording of articles of incorporation or bylaws made at
 29 such conventions, and
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31 WHEREAS, The parliamentarian at the 2007 convention of the Synod ruled that, according to
 32 Synod’s bylaws, amendments from the floor could not be debated unless they had first been examined
 33 by the CCM, in effect allowing the CCM to kill any amendments simply by failing to examine them,
 34 and
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36 WHEREAS, By such a reading, Bylaw 3.9.2.2.3 would rule out all amendments from the floor
 37 of any district convention, thus robbing the districts of the insights of the delegates who are not on
 38 floor committees, even prohibiting districts from voting on their own bylaws, if their floor committees
 39 failed to provide the CCM with advance copies of their proposed changes, or if the CCM failed to
 40 approve them, thus giving the five appointed members of the CCM veto power over all the district
 41 conventions of the Synod; therefore be it
 42

43 *Resolved*, That Synod Bylaw 3.9.2.2.3 be amended to read as follows:

1 The Commission on Constitutional Matters shall examine the articles of incorporation, bylaws,
2 and policy manuals of every agency of the Synod to ascertain whether they are in harmony with
3 the Constitution, Bylaws, and resolutions of the Synod.

4 (a) Agencies intending to make amendments to articles of incorporation or bylaws shall
5 ~~make such intentions known and receive approval from~~ submit their proposed
6 amendments to the commission ~~in advance~~ for review.

7 (b) The commission shall examine the proposed wording of all amendments
8 received from these agencies and report their findings to the submitting agency,
9 including suggestions for any corrections the commission deems to be necessary.

10 (c) After agencies amend their articles of incorporation or bylaws, they shall submit
11 them to the commission for similar review.

12 (d) The commission shall maintain a file of the articles of incorporation bylaws, and
13 policy manuals of all agencies of the Synod.

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15 **R 12-03-02**

16
17 **To Amend the Constitution of the Central Illinois District LCMS**

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19 WHEREAS, The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod adopted changes to its Constitution and
20 Bylaws at the 2010 Convention, which is cause for the Central Illinois District to change its Handbook;
21 and
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23 WHEREAS, The Central Illinois District Board of Directors appointed an ad hoc committee to
24 make changes to our Handbook and has submitted these to the Synod CCM; therefore be it
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26 *Resolved,* That the Central Illinois District adopt the following portion of our Handbook as
27 revised.
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29
30 **CONSTITUTION**
31 **OF**
32 **THE LUTHERAN CHURCH—MISSOURI SYNOD**
33 **CENTRAL ILLINOIS DISTRICT**
34

35 The Central Illinois District is a part and division of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod and
36 is established by the Synod in order more effectively to achieve its objectives and carry on its
37 activities.
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39 The Constitution of the Synod is also the Constitution of the Central Illinois District, as found
40 and stated in the Handbook of ~~the~~ The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. The Bylaws of the Synod shall
41 be primarily the Bylaws of the District. The District may adopt additional bylaws, regulations, and
42 resolutions necessary or proper for its own administration or for effectively carrying on the work of the
43 Synod. Such bylaws, regulations, and resolutions shall not conflict with the Constitution and Bylaws of
44 the Synod.
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46 The District is the Synod itself performing the functions of the Synod.

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2 Resolutions of the Synod are binding on the District.
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4 The geographical boundaries are determined by the Synod. These boundaries may be altered by
5 the Synod according to circumstances.
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7 **R 12-03-03**
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9 **To Amend the Bylaws of the Central Illinois District LCMS**
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11 WHEREAS, The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod adopted changes to its bylaws at the 2010
12 Convention, which is cause for the Central Illinois District to change its Handbook, and
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14 WHEREAS, The Central Illinois District Board of Directors appointed an ad hoc committee to
15 make changes to our Handbook and has submitted these to the Synod CCM; therefore be it
16

17 *Resolved*, That the Central Illinois District adopt the following portion of our Handbook as
18 revised.
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20 **BYLAWS**
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22 **OF**
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24 **THE LUTHERAN CHURCH—MISSOURI SYNOD**
25

26 **CENTRAL ILLINOIS DISTRICT**
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29 **I. MEMBERSHIP**
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31 **1.01 Application and Reception**
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33 The application for membership and the reception into membership shall be governed by the Bylaws of The Lutheran
34 Church—Missouri Synod.
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36 **1.02 Duties of Members**
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38 Every member of the Synod shall, in accordance with his vocation, his ability, and the means at his command, diligently
39 and earnestly promote the purposes of the Synodical organization by word, deed, and adequate financial support.
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41 **1.03 Accrediting of Delegates**
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43 ~~The A~~ pastor of a voting congregation shall stand accredited and entitled to vote. ~~The~~ lay delegate of a voting congregation
44 shall stand accredited and entitled to vote upon presenting to the Secretary at the opening of the convention the proper
45 credentials signed by his pastor and two of the congregation's officers. If a pastor serves two or more congregations, these
46 congregations shall be regarded as one parish and shall be entitled to only one lay vote (Synodical Bylaw 4.2.2 (a)).
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II. ADMINISTRATION

1
2 **A. OFFICERS, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, COMMITTEES**
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4 **2.01 Officers**
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6 The elective officers of the District shall be the following: a President, two Vice-Presidents, a Secretary, an Assistant
7 Secretary, a Treasurer, a Financial Secretary, and a Circuit Counselor for each circuit.
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9 **2.02 Boards, Commissions, Committees**
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11 The boards, commissions, and committees of the District to be elected or appointed shall be the following:
12

13 a. Elected by the Delegate Convention of the District
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15 1. A Board of Directors – subdivided by appointment as follows:
16

17 A Commission on Mission Services

18 A Commission on Evangelism Services

19 A Commission on Congregational Life

20 A Commission on Education Services

21 A Commission on Stewardship Services

22 A Commission on Finance and Management
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24 2. A Congregational Constitutions and District Handbook Committee
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26 3. A District Nominations Committee
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28 b. Appointed by the Board of Directors
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30 A committee on Communication Services

31 A Social Ministry Committee

32 An Auditing Committee

33 An Archivist
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35 c. Appointed by the President
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37 A Ministerial Health Committee

38 A Christian Legislative Concerns Committee

39 A Committee on Architecture and Construction Assistance to Local Congregations
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41 **(Explanation of Terms)**
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43 The term “parish pastor” refers to the called pastors and associate or assistant pastors shepherding a congregation or
44 congregations which hold voting membership in the ~~synodical~~ District.
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46 The term “**clergyman pastor**” refers to **a** persons who **are is** on the Ministers of Religion-Ordained roster of the Synod,
47 which includes, **clergymen** in addition to those named above, **retired pastors, chaplains, and ordained ministers called to**
48 **synodical institutions and Recognized Service Organizations.**
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50 The term “parish teacher” refers to **a** persons who **are is** on the Ministers of Religion-Commissioned roster of the Synod
51 and who **are is** serving as **a** teachers or directors of Christian education in a congregation or congregations which hold
52 voting membership in the ~~synodical~~ District.
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54 The term “teacher” refers to **a** persons who **are is** on the Ministers of Religion-Commissioned roster of the Synod, which
55 includes others than those named above.
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57 The term “layman” refers to **a** voting lay members of **a** congregations which holds **s** voting membership in the ~~synodical~~
58 District.

2.03 Term of Office

1 a. The term of office for all officers and members of boards, commissions, and committees, elected or appointed,
2 shall be three years, unless otherwise specified.

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4 b. Newly elected officers and members of boards, commissions, and committees shall assume office at close of the
5 convention.

6 7 **2.04 Successive Terms**

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9 a. The office of President of the District shall be without limitation as to re-election.

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11 b. All other officers and members of boards, commissions, and committees shall be limited to two consecutive
12 terms, except members of the ~~Nominating~~ **Nominations** Committee whose term of service is three years and who may not
13 succeed themselves.

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15 c. Any officer or member of a board, commission, or committee, who is ineligible for re-election or reappointment,
16 may be elected or appointed to any other position. He may become eligible again for election or appointment to the same
17 office, board or committee after an interval of three or more years.

18 19 **2.05 Vacancies**

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21 a. Special provisions are indicated for vacancies occurring in the District Presidency.

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23 **b. Vacancies that occur in the office of circuit counselor between conventions shall be filled by appointment by the**
24 **District President (Synodical Bylaw 5.2.2.1).**

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26 ~~b~~ **c.** Any vacancy occurring in any other elective office, board, or committee shall be filled by appointment of the
27 District President with the approval of the Board of Directors in the respective classification of pastor, teacher, or layman.

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29 ~~e~~ **d.** The member thus appointed shall serve out the term of the person he succeeds. If the un-expired term is less
30 than 1-1/2 years, it shall not prevent his being elected for two successive terms thereafter.

31 32 **2.06 How Offices are Filled**

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34 The District offices shall be filled in the following manner in the year preceding the general Synodical convention:

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36 ~~A~~ **a.** By election

- 37
38 1. The President of the District
39 2. The Two Vice-Presidents
40 3. The Secretary
41 4. The Assistant Secretary
42 5. The Treasurer
43 6. The Financial Secretary
44 7. The Board of Directors: 4 **four** parish pastors, 4 **four** laymen, 2 **two** parish teachers
45 8. The Circuit Counselors
46 9. Congregational Constitution and District Handbook Committee: 2 **two** Ministers of Religion-Ordained
47 (4 **one** to be a parish pastor), 4 **one** layman (a lawyer)
48 10. District Nominations Committee: 2 **two** parish pastors, 2 **two** parish teachers, 2 **two** laymen

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50 ~~B~~ **b.** By Appointment

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52 1. Committee on Communication Services: 4 **one** Minister of Religion-Ordained, 4 **one** Minister of
53 Religion-Commissioned, 4 **one** layman (TV-Radio-Newspaper), 4 **one** editor
54 2. Social Ministries Committee: 2 **two** Ministers of Religion-Ordained, 4 **one** Minister of Religion-
55 Commissioned, 2 **two** laymen
56 3. Ministerial Health Committee: 2 **two** ~~Clergymen~~ **pastors**, 4 **one** teacher, 2 **two** laymen (one physician or
57 psychiatrist, if possible)
58 4. Archivist

- 1 5. Christian Legislative Concerns Committee
- 2 6. Committee on Architecture and Construction Assistance to local congregations

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4 **2.07 Sundry Regulations**

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6 a. Every board, commission, and committee shall organize at the first meeting after its election or appointment to
7 select a chairman, vice-chairman, and secretary, and shall conduct its business in accordance with accepted parliamentary
8 rules.
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10 b. All officers, boards, committees, and personnel shall surrender all records and equipment in their custody to
11 their successors at the expiration of their term of office.
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13 c. All board, commissions, and committees, including the Archivist, shall be accountable to the District for all their
14 actions and shall make a full report on the activities to the District at each convention.

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17 **B. THE PRESIDENT OF THE DISTRICT**

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19 **2.08 Relation to President of Synod**

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21 The District President by virtue of his office represents Synod in his respective territory. He shall therefore ~~periodically~~
22 regularly report to the President of Synod. (Synodical *Bylaw* 4.4.2).

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24 **2.09 Duties**

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26 a. The District President, in accordance with the Constitution of the Synod (Article XII and Bylaws of the Synod
27 section 4.4), shall supervise the doctrine, the life, and the official administration on the part of the pastors and the teachers
28 of the District. Therefore, as often as possible, he shall attend the conferences of pastors and teachers, advise the
29 congregations of the District as to the calling of pastors and teachers, give counsel, and respond to requests and inquiries.
30 He may call upon the ~~V~~ice-Presidents and the ~~C~~ircuit Counselors to assist him. (Synodical *Bylaw* 4.4.5).
- 31
32 b. The District President, even without formal request therefore, may through the proper channels arrange for an
33 official visit or an investigation when a controversy arises in a congregation or between two or more congregations of the
34 District, or when there is evidence of a continuing unresolved problem in doctrine or practice. He shall ask for a full report
35 on the case in order that he may have a clear understanding of the situation. If the District President authorizes anyone to
36 represent him in such matters, his representative shall be accorded the same rights as the District President. (Synodical
37 *Bylaw* 4.4.6).
- 38
39 c. The District President shall annually revise the official roster of ~~clergy~~men Ministers of Religion-Ordained and
40 ~~teachers~~ Ministers of Religion-Commissioned for publication in the LUTHERAN ANNUAL and remove the names of
41 those who have died, have severed their connections with the Synod, have been eliminated from the roster by the Council
42 of Presidents, have resigned their status as Ministers of Religion-Ordained or Ministers of Religion-Commissioned in the
43 Synod, or have in some way disqualified themselves for service in the church. (Synodical *Bylaws* 4.4.7 and 4.4.8).
- 44
45 d. The District President ~~shall be held responsible for carrying out~~ has the responsibility to see to it that the
46 resolutions of the Synod and District are implemented.
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48 e. The District President shall make an official report to the District at its convention.
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50 f. At the sessions of the District, the President shall conduct the meetings according to the accepted parliamentary
51 rules and in accordance with the Constitution and Bylaws of the Synod and the Rules and Regulations of the District.
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53 g. The District President shall be an ex-officio member of all commissions and committees of the District, except the
54 ~~N~~ominations Committee. As supervising officer of the District, he shall advise the Board of Directors and its various
55 commissions and committees.
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57 h. The District President and the Secretary shall sign all legal documents and instruments.

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2 i. The District President shall perform all additional duties which the District places upon him through its Bylaws,
3 regulations, or special resolutions.
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5 **2.10 President – A Full-Time Executive**

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7 a. The District President shall be a full-time executive. He shall not be in charge of a congregation or hold a chair
8 at any educational institution, but may be called as an assistant pastor provided such services do not interfere with his
9 official duties as President.
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11 b. A District President who, before he has reached the official (pension) retirement age, fails to be re-elected to this
12 full-time office, or elects to resign his position because of infirmity, shall receive full monthly compensation for up to six
13 (6) months or until the commencement of full-time employment or retirement benefits, if sooner.
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15 **2.11 If the President is Unable to Serve**

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17 a. The duties and responsibilities of the Presidency shall be assumed by the First Vice-President as Acting
18 President on a part-time basis whenever the Board of Directors determines that the District President is temporarily unable
19 to serve because of prolonged illness or disability.
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21 b. In the event that the office of District President is permanently vacated on or less than 18 months prior to the
22 next District convention, the First Vice-President shall serve as Acting President on a part-time basis until the next regular
23 District convention.
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25 c. In the event that the office of District President is permanently vacated more than 18 months prior to the next
26 District convention, the First Vice-President shall serve on a full-time basis until the next regular District convention.
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28 d. In the event that the First Vice-President is unable to serve as Acting President on a part-time basis, the Second
29 Vice-President shall serve in such capacity.
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31 **C. THE VICE-PRESIDENTS OF THE DISTRICT**

32 **2.12 Regional Vice-Presidents**

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34 a. The District shall elect two Vice-Presidents, who shall be Regional Vice-Presidents, that is, one of the Vice-
35 Presidents shall at the time of the election be in the eastern region of the District, namely, the Altamont, Champaign,
36 Danville, Decatur, Effingham, Iroquois, Mattoon, Shelby, Springfield East, or Springfield West Circuits; the other shall at
37 the time of election be in the western region of the District, namely, the Bloomington North & South, Jacksonville, Lincoln,
38 Peoria, Quincy, Rock Island, or Tazewell Circuits.
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41 b. If a Regional Vice-President shall move to the other region within the District, he shall **may** continue to
42 function as Vice-President until his term expires, ~~unless he wills otherwise~~.
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45 **2.13 Relation to President**

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47 The Vice-President shall, upon request of the President, or as may be provided by the District, advise, assist, or represent
48 the President.
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50 **2.14 Ranking of Vice-Presidents**

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52 The Vice-Presidents shall be ranked as First Vice-President and Second Vice-President in the manner prescribed by the
53 **Bylaws** under procedure for election **(see district Bylaw 2.37 and following)**.
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55 **2.15 Succession**

56
57 a. The Vice-Presidents shall, in the order in which they have been ranked, perform the duties of the President in
58 the event the President becomes incapacitated or the President's office is vacated.

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2 b. A vacancy in the First Vice-Presidency shall be filled by advancing the Second Vice-President. The remaining
3 vacancy shall then be filled by the President from the reserve list of nominations, that is from the nominees left after the
4 previous election, according to the number of votes received.
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7 D. THE SECRETARY OF THE DISTRICT

8 9 **2.16 Qualifications**

10 The Secretary shall be a pastor who is a member of one of the congregations of the District.
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12 ~~2.16~~ **2.17 Duties**

13 a. The Secretary shall record the proceedings during District conventions, publish the proceedings after the President
14 has approved the manuscript, sign (in conjunction with the President) all legal documents and instruments, and perform
15 such other work as the District may direct him through its Bylaws, regulations, or special resolutions.
16

17 b. The Assistant Secretary shall assist the Secretary whenever requested to do so. ~~In case the Secretary should move~~
18 ~~to another District, or die~~ the event that the Secretary becomes incapacitated or vacates his office, the Assistant Secretary
19 shall take over the office and duties of the Secretary.
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21 c. The Secretary shall certify delegates for synodical conventions and synodical presidential elections (Synodical
22 Bylaws 3.1.3.2 and 3.12.2.3).
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27 E. THE TREASURER OF THE DISTRICT

28 29 ~~2.17~~ **2.18 Qualifications**

30 The Treasurer shall be a lay member of one of the congregations of the District and shall be familiar with accounting and
31 good business practices, and of good standing in his congregation and community.
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34 ~~2.18~~ **2.19 Duties**

35 a. The Treasurer shall be responsible for the receipt, safeguarding, and proper disbursement of District funds through
36 the establishment of appropriate procedures, systems, records, and internal controls, possibly utilizing the services of the
37 Business Manager (if appointed), whose assistance in such functions would be under the supervision of the Treasurer.
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40 b. He shall be responsible for the establishment of one or more bank accounts as authorized by the Board of Directors
41 and shall establish proper safeguarding and custody of securities, documents, and other legal or valuable papers of the
42 District in one or more safe-deposit boxes or other depository or file as may be appropriate in the interest of security against
43 loss or destruction.
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45 c. He shall cause to be prepared such financial reports, budgets, work programs, statistics, and related data as shall be
46 requested by the Board of Directors or as shall be appropriate in the operation of the District's business.
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48 d. He shall supervise the purchase of investments as authorized by the Board of Directors.
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50 e. He shall attend meetings of the Board of Directors, the Commission on Finance and Management, Budget
51 Advisory Conferences, District conventions, and any other meetings where the financial affairs of the District are being
52 considered or reviewed, and he shall present such reports and summaries as necessary or required.
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55 F. THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY OF THE DISTRICT

56 57 ~~2.19~~ **2.20 Qualifications**

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2 The Financial Secretary shall be a lay member of one of the congregations of the District and shall be familiar with general
3 business practices.

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5 **2.202.21 Duties**
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- 7 a. The Financial Secretary shall be responsible for the preparation of a statistical record of all budget and
8 miscellaneous contributions received by the District Treasury.
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10 b. He shall be responsible for the issuance of regular reports in the official District news publication showing the
11 contributions of each congregation in such manner and frequency as directed by the Board of Directors.
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13 c. He shall be responsible for keeping an accurate account of the communicant membership of every congregation, of
14 each circuit, and of the district.
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16 d. He shall be responsible for reporting to the Board of Directors, congregations which may experience difficulty in
17 being current with District/Synod mission Commitment.
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19 e. He may be assisted in the fulfillment of these responsibilities through such service and assistance as may be
20 arranged with a **the** Business Manager (if appointed).
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23 **G. THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE DISTRICT**
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25 **2.212.22 Membership**
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- 27 a. The Board of Directors shall be constituted as follows: The President, the Vice-Presidents, the Secretary, the
28 Treasurer, and the Financial Secretary shall be members of the Board. Four parish pastors, four laymen, and two parish
29 teachers of Lutheran elementary or secondary schools shall be elected according to procedures defined in these Bylaws.
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31 b. The **a**Administrative Assistant(s) to the President, the Assistant Secretary, and the Business Manager (if
32 appointed), shall be advisory members of the Board.
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34 c. Every member of the Board shall be a member of a voting congregation of the District. No two members of the
35 same congregation may be members of the Board. When a member of the Board ceases to be a member of a voting
36 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
37 which he was elected, he is automatically eliminated from membership on the Board.
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39 **2.222.23 Officers**
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41 The Board of Directors shall elect its own chairman, and vice-chairman.
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43 **2.232.24 Prohibition of Conflict of Interest**
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- 45 a. No officer, director, board or commission member of the District or any agency of the District shall use his
46 position or knowledge acquired from his services in such a manner that a conflict between his personal or business interest
47 and the interest and general welfare of **t**he Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod arises **(see Synodical Bylaw 1.5.2)**.
48
49 b. Officers or members of District boards or commissions shall not enter into gainful business transactions directly
50 or indirectly, with any board or commission on which they serve.
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52 **2.242.25 Responsibilities, Commissions**
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- 54 a. The Board of Directors as a whole is charged with the responsibility of handling for the District all matters
55 pertaining to missions, evangelism, parish education, youth ministry, finances, stewardship, and student aid.
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57 b. After each District election the Board shall appoint out of its voting and/or advisory membership six
58 commissions for a period of three years:
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- 1 A Commission on Mission Services
- 2 A Commission on Evangelism Services
- 3 A Commission on Congregational Life
- 4 A Commission on Education Services
- 5 A Commission on Stewardship Services
- 6 A Commission on Finance and Management

8 Immediately after such organization it shall inform all congregations and pastors and teachers of the District personnel of
 9 such commissions and indicate to which member communications inquiring for information and/or assistance are to be
 10 sent.

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 12 c. In order properly to direct the work in the different fields, various duties and powers are prescribed for the
 13 Board of Directors. Since the Board through the commissions administers the work in the different fields, the regulations
 14 apply primarily to the particular commission involved and shall be so stated. However, as each commission must submit its
 15 findings to the Board for action, all duties and powers delegated to any particular commission actually remain the
 16 responsibility of the Board of Directors, although it may act through a particular commission. Rules and regulations are
 17 assigned to the various commissions only in order to designate which phases of the work are the primary responsibility of
 18 certain groups within the Board of Directors.

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 20 d. Each commission shall meet at the call of its chairman as often as is necessary to conduct its business.

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 22 e. Each commission shall be responsible for its share of the Board of Directors' annual report to the District
 23 convention.

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 25 f. Subcommittees:
 26 Each commission, with the approval of the Board of Directors, may augment itself and/or appoint such personnel and
 27 committees as are needed to carry out the overall objectives of the commission. All such appointments will terminate at the
 28 close of the convention.

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 30 **2.25-2.26 Meetings**

31
 32 a. The Board shall meet not fewer than four times a year, or at the call of the Chairman, or at the call of three
 33 members of the Board. A majority of the Board members shall constitute a quorum. The District shall pay all expenses
 34 incurred.

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 36 b. The Secretary of the Board shall keep accurate minutes of each meeting of the Board and copies of these
 37 minutes shall be sent after each meeting to all members of the Board. A ~~resume~~ **summary** of the actions of the Board shall
 38 be sent to all ~~Circuit C~~ounselors and ~~Circuit L~~ay-~~D~~elegates, the Auditing Committee, the Public Relations Committee,
 39 and to each congregation on a regular basis.

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 41 **2.26-2.27 Administrative Assistant(s) to the President, and the Business Manager (if appointed).**

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

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 45 **2.27-2.28 Financial Duties**

46
 47 a. The Board shall bond or insure the fiduciary officers and such employees of the District as it deems advisable,
 48 such bond or insurance policy to be in the custody of the District President.

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 50 b. The Board shall designate the signatories, in addition to the President and the Treasurer, who are to be duly
 51 certified for the financial transactions of the District.

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 53 c. The Board shall determine the remuneration of the President, the Administrative Assistant(s) to the President,
 54 and the Business Manager (if appointed).

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 56 ~~d. The Board shall convene a Budget Advisory Conference in the fall of the year when there is no regular~~
 57 ~~convention of the District for the purpose of providing priorities and directions to the Board of Directors prior to the~~

1 Board's preparation of the Budget for the work of the District as well as the District's portion of Synod's Budget for the
2 following year.

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4 **ed. Budgeting Procedure:** After the commitments for each year have been received from the congregations, one
5 member of each of the commissions, together with the Financial Secretary and Treasurer, shall propose a tentative
6 income and expenditures budget for the next fiscal year for the consideration of the Board of Directors. The Board of
7 Directors shall establish the budget at its first meeting in the new fiscal year.

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9 **fe.** Following the District Convention and ~~prior to~~ before the beginning of the next fiscal year, the Board shall
10 appoint an Auditing Committee. Such committee shall stand for three years.

11 **2.282.29 Powers and Duties with Respect to the Property of the District**

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14 a. The Board of Directors shall hold in trust all properties of the Central Illinois District and shall have the power
15 to transact the business of the District between conventions; always, however, subject to the rules and regulations of the
16 District.

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18 b. The Board of Directors is hereby empowered to hold, purchase, and sell property, make loans, hold mortgages
19 and chattels, etc., in the name of and for the benefit of the Central Illinois District of The Lutheran Church—Missouri
20 Synod.

21
22 c. Purchase or sale of property exceeding \$300,000 must be approved by a majority of Circuit Counselors and
23 Circuit Lay-Delegates present at a meeting called for this purpose.

24 **2.292.30 Other Duties**

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27 a. The Board may call missionaries-at-large and place them in new mission fields within the boundaries of the
28 District. The Board may also call campus pastors and institutional chaplains and make appointment of part-time workers at
29 various institutions within the boundaries of the District.

30
31 b. The Circuit Counselors of the District shall be authorized to serve as executors of the Board and for that
32 purpose shall be regularly informed of the transactions and directions of the Board. In any matter affecting a particular
33 circuit the Board shall confer with the Counselor of that circuit.

34
35 c. The Board of Directors shall be accountable to the delegate convention of the District and shall present a
36 complete report of its actions at each District convention. Appeals may be made from the actions of the Board to the
37 District convention, and the action of the convention on such appeals shall be final.

38
39 d. Nothing shall be done by the Board which is in conflict with the rules and regulations of the Synod or of the
40 Central Illinois District.

41 42 43 **H. STAFF**

44 **2.302.31 Administrative Assistant(s) to the President**

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47 a. Administrative Assistant(s) to the President may be appointed by the Board of Directors as it deems necessary
48 or as may be determined by the District convention.

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50 b. The Administrative Assistant(s) shall report regularly to the Board of Directors and to the President on the
51 Aactivities of his office.

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53 c. The term of office, unless otherwise specified, shall be for a period of 3 three years, with no limitation on
54 reappointment to successive terms. Appointees may normally expect reappointment if their work proves satisfactory and
55 there is a continuing need for their services, but every appointment shall be subject to mandatory review and decision on
56 reappointment every 3 years.

1 d. Procedures for removing or terminating an appointment shall be in accordance with the **Bylaws** of the Synod-
2 (cf. Synodical **Bylaw** 3.11.1).
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4 e. Duties of the Administrative Assistant(s) ~~shall be:~~
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6 **i.** Devote his efforts to the promotion of the Kingdom of God in the Central Illinois District of The Lutheran
7 Church—Missouri Synod;
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9 **ii.** Carry out the decisions of the Board as it may direct and shall be a **(n)** advisory member(s) of the Board;
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11 **iii.** Assist the President, as he directs, in the President's supervisory responsibility with reference to the
12 operating and service divisions of the District;
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14 **iv.** Serve as an advisory member of and as field representative for the respective commission(s) to which he
15 has been assigned, and shall seek to visit all congregations in the interest of the assigned responsibilities and areas of
16 service as time permits, and make such special visits as directed by the commission(s) or the President or by the Board of
17 Directors.

18 ~~2.31~~**2.32 Business Manager (if appointed)** 19

20 **a.** The Board of Directors may appoint a Business Manager, who is to be generally responsible to the Board of
21 Directors and specifically responsible to certain commissions or officers as indicated herein.
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23 **b.** Duties ~~(if a~~ **of the Business Manager is** ~~(if appointed)~~;
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25 **a.i.** **Property Management:** The Business Manager shall be responsible for the regular inspection of all
26 District-owned property, recommending any items for repair and maintenance to the appropriate commission or the Board
27 of Directors, and shall maintain records on major maintenance items such as roofs, redecoration, and exterior painting.
28

29 **b.i.** **Property Selection:** The Business Manager shall assist the Board of Directors or any commission, upon
30 request, in the examination of sites and buildings in contemplation of purchase or other acquisition by the District.
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32 **c.iii.** **Legal Responsibilities:** The Business Manager shall assist the Board of Directors or any commission in
33 the legal details involved in all purchases of sites and buildings and shall supervise the safekeeping of the deeds, mortgages,
34 abstracts, and related records of all District-owned or mortgaged property.
35

36 **d.iv.** **Insurance Management:** The Business Manager shall maintain proper insurance coverage on all property
37 of the District, shall seek to obtain the best insurance values on behalf of the District, shall verify and recommend for
38 payment any premiums as they come due, and shall handle all claims arising under such insurance coverage. He shall also
39 handle any other forms of insurance which the District may purchase. Such duties may be delegated to a layman of the
40 District, appointed by the Board, as Insurance Manager under the supervision of the Business Manager.
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42 **e.v.** **Other Property Management:** The Business Manager shall assure the Board of Directors that the proper
43 taxes, if any, are being paid on District-owned property, or that exemptions are filed and in effect if such is appropriate. He
44 shall likewise be available to any District commission in connection with any property matters, such as acting as liaison
45 between an architect, a contractor, and any commission of the District, in contemplation of or in process of the construction
46 of any building. He shall seek such assistance as is necessary or appropriate in all property management functions, utilizing
47 where possible the experience and abilities of members of the congregations and reporting such appointments to the Board
48 of Directors for approval or recognition, as may be appropriate.
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50 **f.vi.** **Office Management:** The Business Manager shall serve as office manager for the District office and shall
51 be responsible for the maintenance of adequate facilities, supplies, and clerical and secretarial employment.
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53 **g.vii.** **Assisting the District Treasurer:** The Business Manager shall assist the Treasurer and shall be under his
54 supervision with respect to the receipt, custody, recording, and disbursement of District funds. He shall handle such
55 business matters as supervision of receipts, check preparation, general correspondence pertaining to general District
56 financial matters, and such other duties as may be assigned by the Treasurer.
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3 **I. OTHER COMMITTEES**
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5 **2.32.2.33 The Congregational Constitutions and District Handbook Committee**
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7 a. Membership: The Congregational Constitution and District Handbook Committee shall consist of two
8 ~~clergy members~~ **pastors**, at least one of whom shall be a parish pastor, and one layman, who shall be a ~~lawyer~~ **an attorney**.

9 b. Duties:

10 ~~1. A congregation which applies for membership in the Synod shall send its constitution and bylaws to the~~
11 ~~District President, who shall refer them to the Congregational Constitutions and District Handbook Committee. This~~
12 ~~committee shall examine the constitution and bylaws to ascertain whether or not its provisions are in harmony with~~
13 ~~Scriptures and the teachings and practices of the Synod, in order that any necessary changes may be made by the~~
14 ~~congregation before the District and the Synod convenes. A congregation shall not hold membership in the~~
15 ~~Synod until it has made such changes as the Synod Committee may have deemed necessary and the Committee has~~
16 ~~notified the District President of its approval of the congregation's constitution and bylaws. Once a congregation's~~
17 ~~application for membership has been accepted by the District Board of Directors or District Convention, a copy of such~~
18 ~~its constitutions and bylaws shall be forwarded to the secretary of the District and retained in the District office and kept for~~
19 ~~future reference- (Synodical Bylaws 2.2.1 - 2.3.2).~~

20 ~~2.ii. A member congregation which translates, revises, or amends its constitution and/or bylaws or adopts a~~
21 ~~new constitution and/or bylaws shall submit such translation, revision, amendment, or new constitution and/or bylaws to~~
22 ~~the District President who shall direct it to the Congregational Constitutions and District Handbook Committee for review.~~
23 ~~Upon favorable action by the District Board of Directors, the congregation shall be notified that the changes are valid and~~
24 ~~have been approved and that the congregation is empowered to may function under the new or changed constitution and/or~~
25 ~~bylaws without jeopardizing its good standing in the Synod. Such actions shall be reported to the next convention of the~~
26 ~~District. A copy of such constitutions and/or bylaws shall be retained in the District office and kept on file for future~~
27 ~~reference- (Synodical Bylaws 2.4.1 and 2.4.2).~~

28 ~~3.iii. The committee shall request, receive and keep on permanent file a copy of the constitution and bylaws of~~
29 ~~every congregation in the District.~~

30 ~~4.iv. The committee shall be responsible for revising the District Handbook, and, for providing the Synodical~~
31 ~~Commission on Constitutional Matters with a copy of any proposed revisions for its approval. After each District~~
32 ~~convention, the committee shall be responsible for disseminating copies of the revised pages version of the District~~
33 ~~Handbook to the congregations of the District.~~

34 **2.33.2.34 The Social Ministry Committee**
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36 a. Membership: The Board of Directors shall appoint a Social Ministry Committee consisting of two ~~clergy members~~
37 **pastors**, one teacher, and two laymen.

38 b. **The Duties of the Social Ministry Committee:**

39 ~~1. The committee shall provide advisory services which will cultivate congregation members in their~~
40 ~~concern for human care, and shall participate in social education and endeavors to remove or alleviate human suffering.~~

41 ~~2. The committee shall promote and participate in World Relief human care activities from the Office of~~
42 ~~National Mission and the Office of International Mission for the alleviation of human suffering.~~

43 ~~3. The committee shall recommend to the Board of Directors the granting of assistance to congregations,~~
44 ~~or through them to their members or others, in dire emergencies or disaster situations.~~

45 ~~4. The committee shall assist the Commission on Mission Services, upon request, in the institutional~~
46 ~~ministries of the District.~~

47 **2.34.2.35 The Ministerial Health Committee**
48

1 a. Membership: The President of the District shall appoint a Ministerial Health Committee consisting of two
2 ~~clergymen~~ **pastors**, one teacher, and two lay ~~men~~ **persons**, at least one of whom shall, if possible, be a physician or
3 psychiatrist.

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5 b. Duties: The ~~e~~**C**ommittee shall ~~be charged with responsibilities set forth in the Synodical Handbook and shall~~
6 ~~work under the supervision of Synod's Commission on Ministerial Health~~ **provide opportunity for the continuing education**
7 **and vocational growth of the church's workers, advocate and facilitate care and counsel for the church's workers to support**
8 **them in the performance of their official duties, and advocate and facilitate support for the personal well-being of the**
9 **church's workers and their family members.**

10 **2.352.36 The Auditing Committee**

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13 a. **Membership**: The Auditing Committee shall consist of three laymen who are qualified for such work through
14 accounting and related experiences, one of whom shall be a certified public accountant.

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16 b. **Duties**: The Auditing Committee shall meet in mid-year with the Treasurer and Business Manager (if appointed)
17 to review records, vouchers, instruments, cash and bank balances, notes receivable and payable, insurance papers, etc., and
18 shall submit its report to the Board of Directors.

19
20 c. **Special Audit**: The Auditing Committee shall annually, or more frequently at the request of the Board of
21 Directors, engage a firm of Certified Public Accountants to audit the books and financial records of the District and such
22 other funds and records as the Auditing Committee or the Board of Directors in their judgment may consider appropriate.
23 The Auditing Committee shall review the audit reports as submitted by the independent CPA firm, and shall prepare a
24 report with recommendations to the Board of Directors and to the District convention. At least annually notice shall be
25 given to each congregation within the District that a copy of the latest audit is available from each ~~C~~**c**ircuit ~~C~~**c**ounselor and
26 upon request from a congregation, a copy or copies will be supplied from the District office.

27
28 d. **Bonding**: The Auditing Committee shall recommend to the Board of Directors the amount and form of bonding
29 or insurance which the District shall maintain in force on the Treasurer, Business Manager (if appointed), employees, and
30 such other persons as may be deemed appropriate for such bonding coverage.

31 32 33 **J. REGULATIONS GOVERNING NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS**

34 35 **2.362.37 General Regulations**

36
37 a. Appointment of Committee: In preparation for the elections at the District convention the President, in
38 consultation with the Vice-Presidents, shall appoint ~~A~~**n** Elections Committee, consisting of two pastors, two teachers, and
39 two laymen.

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41 b. The Elections Committee, in consultation with the Nominations Committee, shall make the necessary provisions
42 for elections and shall conduct and supervise the elections according to District regulations. The members of the Election
43 Committee shall serve until their successors have been appointed.

44 45 **2.372.38 Order of Elections**

46
47 a. In the year preceding the election of the officers of Synod, the election shall proceed as follows: The President
48 and Vice-Presidents shall be elected first, as provided hereinafter; then the Secretary, the Assistant Secretary, the Treasurer,
49 the Financial Secretary, the members of the Board of Directors, the ~~C~~**c**ircuit ~~C~~**c**ounselors, and the members of the standing
50 commissions and committees of the District.

51
52 b. Tie Vote: In case of a tie vote to any of the offices, the names of 15 delegates shall be drawn from a container
53 containing the names of all the accredited delegates, to vote for one of the candidates.

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55 c. Proxy: There shall be no voting by proxy at any District election.

56 57 **2.382.39 Order of Names on Ballot**

1 The names, congregational affiliation, and post office address of the congregation of the each candidates in all elections
2 shall be placed on the ballot in alphabetical order and without any distinctive mark.

3 4 ~~2.39~~2.40 **Nomination for President**

5
6 a. Advance Nominating Ballot: Five months before the regular election each congregation and each pastor holding
7 voting membership in the District shall receive from the ~~Nominations Committee~~ Secretary of the District an official
8 nominating ballot on which to nominate a candidate for President. The congregation's ballot shall be signed by the
9 chairman and secretary of the congregation. Both ballots, duly filled in and signed, must be returned to the ~~Nominations~~
10 ~~Committee~~ Secretary of the District at least eight weeks prior to the convention at which the election will be held.

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12 b. Notice of Nomination for ~~Presidency~~ President: The ~~Nominations Committee~~ Secretary of the District shall
13 notify the five candidates who received the highest number of nominations for the office of President (provided they
14 received at least 5% of the total nominations submitted), but the number of nominating votes shall not be revealed. Such
15 nominees who for good and sufficient reasons will not be able to serve in this particular full-time office shall so inform the
16 ~~Nominations Committee~~ Secretary of the District at least five weeks prior to the convention. Should any of the five
17 nominees decline the nomination, the committee shall notify the nominee receiving the next highest number of votes (as
18 long as it is at least 5% of the total nominations submitted) ~~The committee shall so proceed, until it has a total of five~~
19 ~~nominees to present to the convention.~~

20 21 ~~2.40~~2.41 **Election of President**

22
23 a. The ~~Nominations Committee~~ Secretary of the District shall report to the convention and deliver to the Elections
24 Committee an alphabetical list of the five persons nominated for the office of President in accord with the provisions above
25 together with a tabulation of the nominating votes. These candidates shall be introduced to the convention.

26
27 b. The election of the ~~full-time~~ President shall take place as soon as possible after the convention is in session.

28
29 c. If no candidate receives a majority on the first ballot, the name of the candidate who received the smallest
30 number of votes shall be stricken from the list, and a new ballot taken immediately. This procedure is to be followed until a
31 person is elected.

32 33 ~~2.41~~2.42 **Nominations for Vice-Presidents**

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35 A primary election for the nomination of candidates for the office of Vice-President shall be held after the President has
36 been elected. Ballots for the nominations shall be prepared in such manner that each voting delegate shall have opportunity
37 for one nomination for each of the ~~R~~regional Vice-Presidents.

38 39 ~~2.42~~2.43 **Election of Vice-Presidents**

40
41 a. The ballot for the election of the Vice-Presidents shall list three candidates for each of the ~~R~~regional Vice-
42 Presidents. The names of those candidates who received the greater number of votes in the primary election shall be placed
43 on the ballot, even though one or two may have received a majority in the primary election.

44
45 b. In the regular election each voting delegate shall be entitled to vote for each of the ~~R~~regional Vice-Presidents. If
46 a candidate in either region receives a majority on the first ballot, such candidate or candidates shall be declared elected. If
47 no candidate receives a majority in ~~one~~ region or in either region, the name of the candidate or candidates receiving the
48 smallest number of votes for his region shall be ~~elected~~ removed from the next ballot. Another vote shall then be taken.

49 50 ~~2.43~~2.44 **Ranking of the Vice-Presidents**

51
52 After the two Vice-Presidents have been elected, another ballot shall be taken to determine their rank. Each voting delegate
53 shall indicate his choice for the office of First Vice-President. The candidate receiving the greater number of votes shall be
54 declared First Vice-President, and the other candidate shall automatically be declared Second Vice-President.

55 56 ~~2.44~~2.45 **Election of the Circuit Counselor**

1 a. The District shall create a sufficient number of circuits and elect a ~~C~~ircuit ~~C~~ounselor for each circuit from
2 among the pastors who are members of voting congregations thereof, to make possible official visits to each congregation
3 once in ~~3~~ three years ~~and at any time when the Circuit Counselor deems it necessary,~~ in accordance with Synodical Bylaw
4 4.4.4.

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6 b. ~~Every voting congregation of each circuit shall be entitled to nominate as a candidate for the office of Circuit~~
7 ~~Counselor either one or two pastors of the member congregations of the Circuit or among the emeriti who hold membership~~
8 ~~in one of the member congregations of that Circuit. Each circuit forums shall meet at the call of its circuit counselor~~ The
9 ~~nominations shall be made at least 4~~ four months prior to the District convention, the elections and shall be submitted to the
10 Nominating Committee through the Secretary of the District. The pastor who receives a majority of the votes cast on the
11 nominating ballot shall be the nominee. If no candidate has reached a majority, the District Secretary shall forward to each
12 congregation in the Circuit an additional ballot with the names of the two men, or more in the case of a tie, receiving the
13 highest number of votes in the initial balloting. Each congregation shall then mark its ballot with one name and return it to
14 the District Secretary by the date specified by him. The pastor who receives the majority of votes cast shall be the nominee.
15 If no pastor has received a majority in the voting, a Circuit Caucus shall be held during an early session of the convention at
16 a specified time on the agenda. Balloting shall take place by the pastors and lay delegates of the Circuit until one pastor
17 receives the majority of votes.

18 Nominations for candidates for the office of circuit counselor may be submitted by a voting congregation of the circuit and
19 suggested by the District President, in consultation with the praesidium of the District.

20 Selection of the circuit counselor at the circuit forum shall be election by written ballot. The privilege of voting shall be
21 exercised by the representatives from each member of the circuit, who shall have been selected in the manner prescribed by
22 the congregation (Synodical Bylaw 5.3.2).

23 Following presentations of pertinent information regarding each pastor (cf. Synodical Bylaw 3.12.3.6(c)) and circuit
24 counselor responsibilities as provided in Synodical Bylaw 5.2.3, each voter shall write in the names of two pastors on the
25 initial ballot.

26 The three pastors (or more in case of a tie) who receive the highest number of votes in this preliminary ballot shall be
27 placed on the next ballot. Each voter shall then vote for only one candidate. The pastor who shall have received a simple
28 majority of all votes cast shall be declared the nominee.

29 If no pastor receives a majority, balloting shall continue with the candidate receiving the lowest number of votes being
30 removed from each succeeding ballot.

31 Immediately following the circuit forum, the circuit counselor shall report in writing the results of the selection process to
32 the secretary of the district in preparation for ratification by the district convention.

33 Should the candidate(s) no longer be available for this office, ~~the a~~ ~~C~~ircuit ~~C~~aucus at the District convention shall have
34 the right to act on behalf of the congregations to nominate a replacement.

35 The convention shall have the right to alter the slate by amendment.

36 The convention shall then ratify the slate of Circuit Counselors, which ratification shall constitute election.

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38 c. Vacancies which occur in the office of ~~C~~ircuit ~~C~~ounselor between conventions shall be filled by appointment
39 by the District President- (Synodical Bylaw 5.2.2.1).

40 **2.452.46 Election of Nominating District Nominations Committee**

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43 a. At each regular convention of the District six persons (~~2~~ two parish pastors, ~~2~~ two parish teachers, ~~2~~ two
44 laymen) shall be elected to serve as the Nominations Committee for the next convention. They are to be chosen from a list
45 of candidates representative of the various geographical areas of the District, submitted by the current Nominations
46 Committee and augmented by additional candidates, if any, nominated from the floor of the convention.

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48 b. The Nominations Committee is an ad hoc convention committee, to which limitations on holding multiple
49 offices do not apply but whose members may not succeed themselves.

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51 c. Should a vacancy occur on the ~~Nominating~~ Nominations Committee, it shall be filled by the District President
52 shall appointment a replacement from the list of non-elected nominees to this committee for the same classification as the
53 vacancy in the order of the highest number of votes received.

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55 d. The chairman and secretary of the committee shall be advisory members of the succeeding Nominations
56 Committee.

1 **2.46.47 Nominations for Other Offices**

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3 a. The District Nominations Committee shall nominate two candidates each for the following offices, boards and
4 committees: the Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, Financial Secretary, members of the Board of Directors, the
5 Constitution and District Handbook Committee, the District Nominations Committee, and the District Representative
6 member and alternate ~~on~~ to the Synodical Committee for Convention Nominations Committee, in accordance with
7 Synodical Bylaws 3.12.3 - 3.12.3.3.
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9 b. Candidates for membership on the Board of Directors shall be nominated so as to give equal representation, as
10 nearly as practicable, to the various circuits of the District.
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12 c. The Nominations Committee shall present these lists of nominations to the convention for ratification or
13 amendment in alphabetical order. This report shall contain pertinent information concerning the specific experiences and
14 qualifications of each candidate for the office in question.
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16 **2.47.48 Election**

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18 a. After approval of the nominations by the convention the Elections Committee shall prepare the ballots and direct
19 the election of the above-named officers, boards, commissions, and committees.
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21 b. Election shall be by simple majority vote.
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23 c. In situations where delegates are asked to vote for more than one candidate on a single ballot, it is possible for
24 more nominees to receive a majority vote than there are offices to fill. Should this situation occur, those nominees receiving
25 the highest number of votes shall be declared elected.
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29 **VI. CONGREGATIONAL LIFE**

30 **THE COMMISSION ON CONGREGATIONAL LIFE**

31 **6.01 Duties**

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33 The Commission on Congregational Life shall, in cooperation with Synod's Board for Office of Parish Services National
34 Mission, ~~Board for Youth Services and Board for Social Ministry~~, support and serve the congregations and professional
35 workers of the District in their ministries of worship, nurture, service, and ~~fellowship~~ youth.
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39 The commission shall:

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41 a. Assist congregations and professional workers in stimulating members to serve the temporal needs of others
42 in the community and world (so that the response to the Gospel of loving and caring for others may be demonstrated in life
43 and vocation).
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45 b. Maintain liaison and cooperation with appropriate auxiliary and other service organizations recognized by
46 the District.
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48 c. Assist congregations and professional workers in worship by providing literature for the understanding and
49 ~~the~~ love of our Lutheran heritage, and by recommending new worship forms worthy of use in Lutheran worship.
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51 d. Assist congregations and professional workers in developing loving and caring ministries to households of
52 various Christian lifestyles.
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54 e. Encourage and assist congregations in establishing family life ministries.
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56 f. Encourage and assist congregations in establishing and maintaining youth ministries.
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1 g. Encourage and assist congregations with their educational ministries such as Sunday Schools, Bible
2 Classes, Vacation Bible Schools, Saturday Schools, etc., ~~but excluding~~ with the exception of Christian Day Schools.

4 **6.02 Subcommittees**

6 The commission, with the approval of the Board of Directors, may appoint committees to assist in furthering its work.

8 **IX. FINANCES**

10 **THE COMMISSION ON FINANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

12 **9.01 Duties:**

14 The Commission on Finance and Management shall:

- 16 a. Be responsible for the management of all fiscal and financial affairs of the District;
- 18 b. Have as members the Treasurer and Financial Secretary and three other members with financial expertise as
19 appointed by the Board of Directors.
- 21 c. Provide a Budget Committee made up of the Treasurer, the Financial Secretary, and one member of each
22 Commission of the Board to receive, review, and submit a proposed budget from all spending commissions of the District;
- 24 d. Recommend to the Board of Directors a balanced budget. A balanced budget is one in which budgeted
25 income minus budgeted expenditures plus unrestricted net assets, not including investment in plant, is greater than zero. A
26 balanced budget is based on the mission commitments of the District congregations plus other income and on the spending
27 request of all departments and agencies of the District;
- 29 e. Study the finances of the District on the basis of reports prepared by District officers and constantly look for
30 ways and means to improve the financial performance of the District;
- 32 **f.** Keep the congregations of the District informed of the financial status of the District through the use of
33 official news publications of the District and other means of communications.

36 **XII. SPECIAL MINISTRIES**

38 **12.01 The Archivist**

40 a. The Board of Directors shall appoint a District Archivist. The District President may appoint an Assistant
41 Archivist.

43 b. Duties

45 **i.** The Archivist shall compile the history of the District in all phases of its work, such as organization,
46 missions, educational agencies, young people's work, finances, etc., as well as the history of the individual local
47 congregations and their interrelations.

49 **ii.** He shall preserve copies of all the Proceedings of District conventions, records of all boards, committees,
50 and officers, reports and periodicals, minutes of all pastors' and teachers' conferences and circuit meetings, when no longer
51 in use, and any documents of historical value, such as letters, printed anniversary booklets, parish papers, newspaper
52 clippings, etc.

54 **iii.** He shall index all such records, books, and documents, and keep them in the archives of the District.

56 **iv.** Whenever an officer, committee, or conference no longer has need of any records, they shall be placed
57 into the care of the archivist.

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2 § v. He shall inform himself, and be kept informed, of any change in the secretaryship of the various
3 conferences, so that he may know where, at any time, to locate the minutes of the individual conferences.
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5 ¶ vi. All expenses incurred by the work of the archivist shall be defrayed from the District treasury.
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8 XIII AMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS 9

10 13.01 How Made 11

12 Amendments to the *Bylaws* may be made, provided they are:

- 14 a. not contrary to the Constitution *and Bylaws of the Synod*;
- 15 b. submitted to the Commission on Constitutional Matters of the Synod for review and approval;
- 16 c. presented in writing to a convention of the District;
- 17 d. adopted by the affirmative vote of a majority of the delegates present and voting *at such a convention*.

22 R 12-03-04

24 To Set Limitation of Terms for the Praesidium

25 Re: Overture 12-03-09
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27 WHEREAS, Part of the objective of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod is to, “Strengthen
28 congregations in giving bold witness by word and deed to the love and work of God, the Father, Son,
29 and Holy Spirit, and extend that Gospel witness into all the world” (LC-MS Handbook – Article III,
30 3); and
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32 WHEREAS, The Synod has also been sub-divided into districts and circuits, which serve to
33 provide the member congregations of the Synod with the resource materials and leadership necessary
34 that they may carry out the objectives of their church and church body; and
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36 WHEREAS, Most members of district boards and commissions and leadership roles (circuit
37 counselors, district vice-presidents, etc.) are limited in the number of terms that may be served; and
38

39 WHEREAS, Only the position of District President does not follow the practice in limiting the
40 number of terms; and
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42 WHEREAS, The servant nature of the positions of leadership in our Lord’s church would call
43 for those who do serve neither to aspire nor expect such service to be “in perpetuity;” and
44

45 WHEREAS, Occasional new leadership in each position helps ensure that the Central Illinois
46 district of the LCMS will continue to “make known the love of Christ by word and deed within our
47 churches, communities, and the world” (LCMS mission statement); and
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49 WHEREAS, The current incumbent(s) of said positions need to know exactly where they will
50 stand in regards to such a resolution should it be passed; and

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2 WHEREAS, The current limits set for vice-presidents have made for some transitions which
3 have not always achieved the purpose for which they were established; and
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5 WHEREAS, It might be prudent for the district praesidium to have one set of terms applied
6 equally; therefore be it
7

8 *Resolved*, That the Central Illinois District, gathered in convention, declare once again that we
9 are “servants of Christ” (I Corinthians 4:1; Ephesians 6:6), seeking to do His will; and be it further
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11 *Resolved*, That the Central Illinois District limit the district praesidium (district president and
12 vice-presidents) of the district to three terms, which is nine years total; and be it further
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14 *Resolved*, That the Central Illinois District make such term limitations effective as of the
15 beginning of the time of service for all officers following the next district convention (2015); and be it
16 finally
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18 *Resolved*, That the Central Illinois District, gathered in convention, give thanks to God for all
19 the people who have faithfully served in all the various district offices through the years for their
20 faithful service in keeping our district faithful to the Word of God and the confessions.
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22 **R 12-03-05**

23 **To Restore Balance to the Composition of the LCMS Board of Directors**

24 **Re: Overture 12-03-04**
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27 WHEREAS, The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod (the LCMS) is a gathering of
28 congregations walking together in the confession of faith; and
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30 WHEREAS, The LCMS has historically provided balanced representation between pastors and
31 laity on the various boards and commissions at the synodical level; and
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33 WHEREAS, The LCMS at its 2010 Convention adopted Resolution 8-16A, amending Bylaw
34 3.3.4.1 regarding the composition of the Synodical Board of Directors to provide for four ministers of
35 religion-ordained, one minister of religion-commissioned, and up to ten laypersons; and
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37 WHEREAS, Concern was expressed from the floor of the convention about the imbalance in
38 the composition of the Board of Directors between laity and ministers of religion; and
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40 WHEREAS, The original proposal of the Blue Ribbon Task Force on Synodical Structure and
41 Governance maintained that near balance (8 ordained/commissioned ministers, 9 laypersons) by
42 increasing the representation both of pastors and laity; and
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44 WHEREAS, The LCMS Convention in 2010 increased the number of laypersons while
45 reducing the number of pastors to below previous levels; therefore be it
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1 *Resolved*, That the Central Illinois District memorialize the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod
2 in Convention to amend Bylaw 3.3.4.1 as follows:

3 3.3.4.1 The Board of Directors shall consist of no more than 15 voting members, as
4 follows:

- 5 1. One layperson elected from each of the five designated geographical regions
- 6 2. ~~Two~~ Four ministers of religion—ordained elected at-large by the Synod in
7 convention
- 8 3. One minister of religion—commissioned elected at-large by the Synod in
9 convention
- 10 4. ~~Two laypersons elected at large by the Synod in convention~~
- 11 ~~5.~~ Up to three at-large laypersons appointed by the elected members of the Board
12 of Directors to obtain needed additional skill sets (legal, finance, investment,
13 administration, etc.)

14 ~~6.5.~~ The President and the Secretary of the Synod

15 With the exception of the President and Secretary of the Synod, no more than one
16 voting member from each category and no more than two voting members total may
17 be elected from any one district. The First Vice-President of the Synod shall be a
18 nonvoting member.

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20 **R 12-03-06**

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22 **To Ensure Proper Order in the Election of Synodical President**

23 Re: Overture 12-03-06
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25 WHEREAS, The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod at its 2010 Convention amended Bylaw
26 3.12 regarding the election of the Synodical President; and
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28 WHEREAS, This amendment included changing those eligible to vote for the election of
29 Synodical President to “two voting delegates from each congregation in attendance at the previous
30 district conventions” (Synodical Bylaw 3.12.2.3); and
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32 WHEREAS, The 2010 Synodical Convention failed to adopt new bylaw provisions submitted by
33 the Blue Ribbon Task Force for Synodical Structure and Governance regarding representation at
34 district conventions; and
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36 WHEREAS, Specification of who may be elected as District Convention delegates or how
37 many may be selected are divided among various places in the *Synodical Handbook* as well as various
38 opinions rendered by the Commission on Constitutional Matters; and
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40 WHEREAS, It is proper for the sake of good order that there be consistency from one district to
41 the next concerning who has privilege of voting in the national election for Synodical President;
42 therefore be it
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1 *Resolved*, That the Central Illinois District memorialize the Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod
2 in convention to amend Bylaw 4.2.2 as follows:

3 4.2.2 The delegates of a voting congregation to a district convention shall be ~~accredited~~
4 one pastoral delegate and one lay delegate.

5 (a) The called pastor of a voting congregation shall stand accredited and entitled to
6 vote.

7 ~~(a)(b)~~ They shall be The lay delegate of a voting congregation shall stand accredited
8 and entitled to vote upon presenting to the secretary at the opening of the convention
9 the proper credentials provided by the district secretary and signed by two of the
10 congregation’s officers.

11 (c) If a congregation is in the midst of a pastoral vacancy, a vacancy pastor who is
12 not entitled to the vote of another congregation shall stand accredited and entitled to
13 vote upon presenting to the secretary at the opening of the convention the proper
14 credentials provided by the district secretary and signed by two of the
15 congregation’s officers.

16 (d) If a pastor is called to serve two or more congregations, these shall be regarded
17 as one parish and shall be entitled to only one lay vote.

18 ~~(b)(e)~~ All duly-elected accredited voting delegates shall attend all sessions of the
19 convention regularly until the close of the convention.

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21 **R 12-03-07**

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23 **To Give Thanks for Family Life Committee**

24 Re: Overture 12-03-03

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26 WHEREAS, Our Lord has given us the image of the family as an image of our life together as
27 His Church (1 Timothy 3:14-15, Ephesians 2:19-21); and

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29 WHEREAS, The 2009 Convention of the Central Illinois District requested further development
30 of family life resources for the district; and

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32 WHEREAS, The Family Life Committee of the Congregational Life Commission organized the
33 Family Life Convocation in October 2011; and

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35 WHEREAS, The Family Life Committee continues to aid congregations in the area of family life
36 ministry through a partnership with Family Friendly Partners Network; therefore be it

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38 *Resolved*, That we, the Central Illinois District, give thanks to God for the work of the Family
39 Life Committee in fulfilling the directive of the 2009 District Convention; and be it further

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41 *Resolved*, That we give thanks to the Family Life Committee for their continued hard work in
42 providing family-oriented resources for our use; and be it finally

43 *Resolved*, That we encourage our congregations and the members therein to make use of these
44 resources.
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12-03-08

To Rescind Synodical Resolution 3-08A (2004 Convention)

Re: Overture 12-03-02

WHEREAS, The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod in her 62nd Regular Convention in July of 2004 passed Res. 3-08A that “Affirms the Conclusions of the 1994 CTCR Report: The Service of Women in Congregational and Synodical Offices;” and

WHEREAS, The Bible clearly teaches God-pleasing roles and functions for both men and women in family, culture, society, and in the Church (Genesis 2:4-24, 1 Corinthians 11:2-16, 14:33-36, Ephesians 5:22-33, Luther’s Small Catechism – Table of Duties); and

WHEREAS, The 1994 report of the Commission on Theology and Church Relations (CTCR) on “The Service of Women in Congregational Offices” did not adequately address the place of “The Order of Creation” in its report, but instead, focused heavily on distinctive functions of the pastoral office by replacing the basic biblical principle that women should not have authority over men with one application of that principle, that women should not become pastors;¹ and

WHEREAS, 1 Timothy 2:12-13 states, “I do not permit a woman to teach or to exercise authority over a man...For Adam was formed first, then Eve,” and this divine teaching is contradicted by the “Conclusions” of the 1994 CTCR report; and

WHEREAS, The 1994 report of the CTCR departed dramatically from the historic understanding of the Lutheran Church on the matter of the role of women in congregational offices, by restricting the authority women are forbidden to have over men to the Pastoral Office; and

WHEREAS, The 1994 report of the CTCR led the Synodical President to object to the report, saying that “it ‘suggests a modification in the present position of the Synod’.” And led five theological professors of the CTCR to also object that the majority report did not adequately address the “order of creation,” including the basic principle that women should not exercise authority over men;² and

WHEREAS, The 1994 report of the CTCR and 2004 Resolution 3-08A promote confusion, instability, and disunity by permitting women to serve in the roles of elder, chairman, and vice-chairman of a congregation; and

WHEREAS, The teaching of Scripture does not change; therefore be it

Resolved, That for the sake of remaining faithful to the Word of God in all its parts, for the unity of the Church, and for the edifying of our people and congregations, the Central Illinois District encourage and support its congregations in remaining faithful to the historic, orthodox, and biblical Lutheran teaching and practice of the role of women in the Church; and be it further

Resolved, That the congregations of the Central Illinois District of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod reject the teaching/doctrine/practice of women exercising authority over man in violation of the order of creation as expressed in Res. 3-08A; and be it further

1 *Resolved*, That the Central Illinois District urge the 2013 Convention of The Lutheran Church–
2 Missouri Synod to rescind Resolution 3-08A of the 2004 Convention of the Lutheran Church–Missouri
3 Synod.

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5 ¹ Nathan Jastram, “Man as Male and Female: Created in the Image of God,” *Concordia Theological*
6 *Quarterly*, Vol. 68 No. 1 January 2004, p. 91.

7 ² *Ibid.*, p. 91-92.

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