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Theme: “Nothing Except Jesus Christ and Him Crucified”
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Central Illinois District LCMS 59th Regular Convention

Schedule

July 8-10, 2018

SUNDAY, July 8	3:00-6:00 pm 3:00-6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Registration at the Crowne Plaza Exhibits open [set-up begins at 2 pm] Opening Communion Service Trinity Lutheran Church, Springfield 1 st VP Rev. Dr. Herbert Mueller preaches
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MONDAY, July 9	7:00 am	Registration at the Crowne Plaza
	7:00 am	Exhibits open
Session 1	8:00 am	Call to Order Opening Devotion
	8:15 am	Report of Credentials Committee Ratify Agenda Adopting Standing Rules Introduction of Parliamentarian Rev. Dr. John W. Sias
	8:25 am	Floor Committee – Convention Resolutions Approval of Congregational Constitutions Welcome new workers to LCMS in past 3 years
	8:35 am	District Secretary: Nominations for CID President
	8:40 am	Elections Committee
	8:50 am	President’s Address [15 min.]
	9:05 am	Convention Essay Part 1 Christians, Suffering, and the Cross Essayist Rev. Dr. Daniel Preus
	9:45 am	Elections Committee – Vice Presidents
	9:50 am	Floor Committee – Convention Resolutions
	10:20 am	Elections Committee – Vice Presidents
	10:25 am	Nominations Committee – Other Offices
	10:30 am	Elections Committee
	10:40 am	Dr. Herbert Mueller, Synodical Representative
	11:20 am	Floor Committee – Convention Resolutions
	11:50 am	Elections Committee
	11:55 am	Closing Prayer
	12 Noon	Lunch In Meeting Room to the West of Convention Hall

	1:30 pm	Caucus – Choose Ordained/Commissioned Advisory Delegates for 2019 Synod Convention Trip Rodgers – Commissioned Workers Rev. Michael Mohr – Advisory Pastors (Emeritus, Candidates, Asst. Pastors)
Session 2	2:00 pm	CID CHURCH EXTENSION FUND CONVENTION AND ELECTIONS
	3:00 pm	Opening Prayer
	3:10 pm	Elections Committee
	3:15 pm	Floor Committee – Convention Resolutions
	4:00 pm	Dr. Herbert Mueller Synodical Representative Q and A
	4:30 pm	Floor Committee – Convention Resolutions
	4:50 pm	Convention Essay Part 2 Christians, Suffering, and the Cross Essayist Rev. Dr. Daniel Preus
	5:30 pm	District LWML Representative
	5:35 pm	District LLL Representative
	5:40 pm	Concordia Publishing House Representative
	5:45 pm	Additional Guests
	5:55 pm	Closing Prayer
	6:00 pm	CID ENDOWMENT FUND CONVENTION AND ELECTIONS
	6:30 pm	Dinner (same location as lunch)

TUESDAY July 10	7:00 am	Registration
Session 3	8:00 am	Opening Devotion (Memorial Service)
	8:30 am	Convention Essay Part 3 Jesus Christ and Him Crucified Essayist Rev. Dr. Daniel Preus
	9:10 am	Floor Committee – Convention Resolutions
	9:35 am	LC-MS Video Report
	10:00 am	Floor Committee – Convention Resolutions
	11:10 am	Guest(s)
	11:30 am	Credentials Committee Final Report
	11:40 am	Closing Devotions and Installation of Officers
	12 Noon	Adjournment

Following adjournment, the newly elected and reelected CID Board of Directors members will have a short meeting at the rostrum.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2015-2018 TRIENNium

President	Rev. Mark A. Miller (2 nd term)
First Vice-President	Rev. Daniel Bishop (2 nd)
Second Vice-President	Rev. Kent Tibben (2 nd)
Secretary	Rev. Michael Mohr (1 st)
Assistant Secretary	Rev. James Stuenkel (1 st)
Financial Secretary	Mr. Robert Dalton (2 nd)
Treasurer	Mr. Dale Dirks (1 st)

Pastors:	Rev. Pablo Dominguez (1 st)
	Rev. Rick Milas (1 st)
	Rev. Donald Pritchard (2 nd)
	Rev. Bruce Scarbeary (2 nd)

Teachers:	Mr. Nathan Landskroener (1 st)
	Mr. Paul Thompson (2 nd)

Laymen:	Mr. William Denham (1 st)
	Mr. Matthew Putnam (2 nd)
	Mr. Aaron Schroeder (1 st)
	Mr. Raymond Stuckemeyer (2 nd)

CID Gift Planning Counselor:
Rev. Charles Olander

Administrative Assistants to the President:
Rev. Dr. Ken Schurb, Missions/Evangelism/Human Care & Stewardship
Mr. Trip Rodgers, Education & Congregational Life

Support Staff:
Mrs. Marsha Shown
Mr. Hugh Shown

Circuit

Altamont
Bloomington North
Bloomington South

Champaign

Decatur

Effingham

Iroquois

Jacksonville

Lincoln
Mattoon
Peoria
Quincy
Rock Island
Shelby
Springfield East
Springfield West
Tazewell

Circuit Counselor

Rev. David Speers
Rev. Joseph Burns
Rev. David Bergelin (2012-2015)
Rev. Chad Lueck (2016-)
Rev. Mark Elliott (2012-2017)
Rev. Kurtis Buelmann (2017-2018)
Rev. Melvin Weseloh (2015-2016)
Rev. Robert Bruer (2016-)
Rev. Allen Kramp (2015-2016)
Rev. Stephen Gillet (2016-)
Rev. Benjamin Meyer (2012-2016)
Rev. Timothy Hahn (2016-)
Rev. David Knuth (2015)
Rev. Gene Strattman (2015-)
Rev. Wesley Reimnitz
Rev. John Sharp
Rev. Mark Nelson
Rev. Michael Burdick
Rev. Robert Hagen
Rev. Jason Rensner
Rev. Samuel Janssen
Rev. Jeffrey Gross
Rev. Thomas Heren

Circuit Lay Delegate

Nathan Murphree
Scott Blakeley
Steve Perry

M. Scott Breitenfeld

Frederick Bray

Brian Dawson

Michael Roos
Kevin Block
Roger Meyer
Mike Bakalyar
Donald Freeman
Dennis Hitchings
David Lientz
Ted Mahler
Bernard Peirce

2015-2018

Boards, Commissions, Committees

- * Chair
- ** CID Staff

Commissions

Mission Services Commission

Rev. James Stuenkel
Rev. Joel Cluver **
Rev. Bruce Scarbeary*
Mrs. Elaine Stuckemeyer
Mr. Matt Putnam
Mrs. Karen Ruhlig

Education Services Commission

Mrs. Renata Anderson
Mr. Trip Rodgers **
Mr. Paul Thompson*
Rev. Kent Tibben
Mr. Raymond Stuckemeyer
Mrs. Lisa Aring

Evangelism Services Commission

Mr. Aaron Schroeder
Rev. Ken Schurb**
Rev. Rick Milas
Rev. Dan Smith*
Rev. Pablo Dominguez
Mrs. Betty Dietrich

Stewardship Services Commission

Rev. Ken Schurb **
Mr. Robert Dalton*
Rev. Daniel Bishop
Rev. Robert Jahns
Rev. Kent Umbarger
Mr. William Denham

Congregational Life Commission

Mr. Trip Rodgers **
Mr. Nathan Landskroener
Mrs. Betsy Lash
Rev. Martin Kaufmann
Mr. Harold Olsen*

Finance & Management Commission

Mr. James Frazee *
Rev. Donald Pritchard
Mr. Danny Magelitz
Rev. Mark Miller**
Mr. Dale Dirks, CID Treasurer

Committees (by Election):

Congregational Constitution & District Handbook Committee

Rev. Mark Eddy *
Rev. Barry Long
Vacant

2018 District Nominations Committee

Rev. James Wright*
Mr. Raymond Stuckemeyer
Mr. John Jacob
Mrs. Martha Milas, Secretary
Mr. Thomas Stuenkel
Rev. Clarence Rogers
Mr. Dan Yagow, Advisory, 2015 Comm.
Mr. Wayne Dietrich, Advisory, 2015 Comm.

Committees (Appointed by the Board of Directors):

Communication Services Committee

Rev. Robert Bruer
Mr. Trip Rodgers, Editor
Mr. Tim Mathis
Rev. Mark Miller**

Social Ministries / Human Care Committee

Rev. Ken Schurb**
Rev. Bruce Lakamp
Mrs. Deb Lakamp
Rev. Jeffrey Harter
Mrs. Brenda Scarbeary

Auditing Committee

Mrs. Deloris Blessman
Miss Jenny Kleinschmidt
Mr. Philip Muehl

Archivist Committee

Rev. David Bueltmann
Mr. Stuart Fliege
Rev. Michael Koschmann
Rev. Mark Miller**
Mr. Harold Olsen
Mrs. Charlott Ostermeier
Mr. Ed Janssen
Mrs. Shelley Moeller
Mr. Ralph Woehrmann, Archivist*

CID Disaster Response Team

Mr. Randy Wolf, Regional Coordinator
Mr. Stephen Born, District Coordinator
Dr. Cynthia Steinwedel,
Regional Coordinator

Committee (Appointed by the President):

Ministerial Health Committee

Rev. Mark Miller *
Mr. Trip Rodgers **
Rev. Wayne Hoffman

Committees established by Commissions and approved by the Board:

Developmentally Disabled Committee

(Mission Services Commission)

Rev. Ken Schurb **

Youth Committee

(Congregational Life Commission)

Rev. Shawn Boylan
Rev. Kevin Bueltmann
Mr. Trip Rodgers **
Mrs. Clarissa Hippen*
Mr. Matt Slaybaugh
Miss Carmen Yagow

Parish Education Committee

(Education Services Commission)

Mrs. Betsy Lash
Rev. Sam Janssen*
Mr. Trip Rodgers **
Mrs. Melissa Boehme

Student Aid Committee

Rev. Mark Miller **
Rev. Dr. Ken Schurb**
Mr. Hugh Shown
Mr. Bill Denham, Stewardship Rep.
Mrs. Sheila Lutz, LWML Rep.
Mr. John Rodenburg, Endowment Rep.
Mr. Trip Rodgers**

2018 CONVENTION FLOOR COMMITTEES

Ch-Chairman, P-Pastor, T-Teacher, L-Laymen, A-Staff Advisor

Floor Committee – Convention Resolutions

P: Rev. Jason Braaten
L: Mr. Lynn Coers
L: Mr. Robert Dalton
T: Ms. Berit Ericson
Ch: Rev. Dr. Wilfred Karsten
L: Mr. Eric Spaeth
A: Rev. Mark Miller
A: Rev. Dr. Ken Schurb

Nominations Committee

T: Mr. John Jacob
T: Mrs. Martha Milas, Secretary
P: Rev. Clarence Rogers
L: Mr. Raymond Stuckemeyer
P: Mr. Thomas Stuenkel
Ch: Rev. James Wright

Elections

T: Mr. Russell Benning
P: Rev. Jonathan Huehn
L: Mr. David Lientz
P: Rev. Jonathan Huehn
Ch: Rev. James Stuenkel
L: Mr. Steve Trego
L: Mr. Robert Roley

Registration and Credentials

L: Mr. James Frazee
P: Rev. Martin Kaufmann
A: Rev. Michael Mohr, District Secretary
Ch: Rev. John Sharp
T: Mr. Paul Thompson
Hugh Shown
Marsha Shown

PROPOSED STANDING RULES

1. The chair shall see that the agenda is followed as closely as possible, although the right is reserved by the chair to make adjustments as necessary.
2. Resolutions of each floor committee shall be presented normally in the numerical sequence published; however, the floor committee can present resolutions in the order it chooses.
3. Each delegate to the convention, when recognized, unless identified by the chair shall state his/her name and the name of the congregation, board or committee he/she is representing.
4. The 2-minute rule shall apply for all that speak from the floor.
5. While any voting delegate may call the question at any time, after 30 minutes of debate on any one motion, there shall be an automatic call of the question by the chair. You will not be allowed to speak on an issue and then call a question.
6. If a substitute motion is offered, the convention shall first decide by majority vote whether or not to consider the substitute. If the decision is in the affirmative and the substitute motion is adopted, the original motion fails; if the substitute motion does not receive a favorable action either to consider or to adopt, the original motion is again before the house. (This is the so-called “Behnken rule” for dealing with substitute motions.)
7. In the closing session of the convention the President shall have the privilege of calling up for action resolutions, which in his judgment must be acted upon by the convention before adjournment.
8. Resolutions prepared by the floor committees, which are not acted upon by the convention before adjournment, die. The subject matter may be reintroduced at the next convention.
9. The preface, preamble, and whereas sections shall be considered an integral part of the resolution or overture, and as such, subject to the same serious consideration and adoption in all its parts as the main motion itself.
10. Unless covered by these standing rules of the convention, Roberts Rules of Order shall govern parliamentary procedure. Above all, the rule of Christian love and behavior shall always apply.
11. Except in the elections of President and Vice-Presidents, when a second or succeeding ballot is required for a majority, the candidate receiving the fewest votes and all candidates receiving less than 15 percent of the votes cast shall be dropped from the ballot.
12. No new overtures/resolutions which have not been previously submitted to and approved by the floor committee can be presented during the final day of the convention.

**THE LUTHERAN
CHURCH—
MISSOURI SYNOD**

**CENTRAL ILLINOIS
DISTRICT**
**59th Regular Convention
July 8 - 10, 2018
(as of May 30)**

Voting Members of Synod

<u>Location</u>	<u>Congregation</u>	<u>Pastoral Delegate</u>	<u>Lay Delegate</u>	<u>(Alternate)</u>
Altamont	Bethlehem	Marcus Manley	Matthew Putnam	
Altamont	Zion	Marcus Manley		
Altamont	Immanuel	James Wright	Ken Milleville	
Altamont	St. Paul			
Arenzville	Trinity	Andrew Dierks	Bill Miller	
Athens	Immanuel	Richard Becker	Teresa Becker	
Auburn	Trinity	Martin Kaufmann	Alice Steljes	
Bath	St. John's	Brian Lesemann		
Chandlerville	Salem	Brian Lesemann	Jim Winkelman	
Beardstown	St. John's	Douglas Evenson	James Frazee	
Bloomington	Good Shepherd	Chad Lueck	Steve Parry	
Bloomington	Our Redeemer	Peter Weeks	Michael Mounce	
Bloomington	Trinity	Terry Strom	Brett Bloebaum	
Bluffs	Trinity	Vacant	David Vortman	
Winchester	Christ	Vacant		
Bowen	St. Paul's	Vacant	Burdette Rosendale	
Brimfield	St. Paul	Michael Liese	Jeff Johnson	
Broadlands	Immanuel	John Sharp	Blake Biggs	
Buckley	St. John's			
Buffalo	Risen Savior			
Casey	Trinity			
Robinson	Our Redeemer			
Champaign	Friendship of Joy	Vacant	None	
Champaign	St. John	Jeffrey Caithamer	James Nelson	
Champaign	University	Rick Milas	Scot Breitenfeld	
Chapin	St. Paul	Gene Stratman	None	
Charleston	Immanuel	Kenneth Hoover	Mark Dwiggin	
Chatham	St. John's	None	Robert Shay	
Chenoa	St. Paul			
Chestnut	Zion	David Dunlop	David Ross	
Clinton	Christ	David Dunlop		
Cissna Park	Immanuel	Vacant		
Cissna Park	Trinity			
Clayton	Good Shepherd	Kirk Cunningham	Stephen Moore	
Coal Valley	Trinity	Robert Hagen	Steve Trego	
Colona	Beautiful Savior		Gregory Hepner	
Danvers	Zion			
Minier	Good Shepherd			

Danville	Immanuel	Michael Heidle	Dwain Dixon	
Danville	Trinity	Kent Tibben	Clark Smart	
Decatur	Concordia	David Bueltmann	Kent Campbell	
Decatur	Mt. Calvary			
Decatur	St. John's			
Decatur	St. Paul's	Eric Trickey	Michael Peer	
Decatur	Trinity	Matthew Versemann	John Casebeer	
Delavan	Christ	Justin Schmidt	Doug Cunningham	
San Jose	St. Luke	Justin Schmidt		
Dieterich	Grace	Vacant	Mark Behrns	
Dieterich	St. John	Stephen Gillet	Dick Bohnhoff	Walt Marcelli
Wheeler	St. Paul	Stephen Gillet		
East Moline	Christ the King	Pablo Dominguez	Laura Dominguez	
East Moline	St. John's	Kent Umbarger	James Homann	
East Moline	Zion	Gary Wright	Gary Krug	
East Peoria	St. Peter			
Edinburg	Trinity	Gaylord Spilker	Mark Britton	
Effingham	St. John's			
El Paso	Trinity	Jonathan Boehne	Dennis Hocker	
Eureka	Our Redeemer	Joseph Burns	Donald Edie	
Fisher	Immanuel (Osman)	Vacant	Brenda Hendricks	
Flora	Faith	None (SID)		
Galesburg	Mt. Calvary	Steven Sommerer	Robert Nichols	
Geneseo	Concordia	Stephen Mueller	Richard McMullen	
Geneseo	St. John's	Pastor?	Martin Himmelman	
Golden	Holy Cross	Mike Grieve	Paul Bruns	
Green Valley	St. John's			
Havana	St. Paul	Kevin Wendorf	John Clark	
Hoopston	Good Shepherd	Phillip Callahan	Jacob Bergstedt	
Jacksonville	Christ Deaf		Timothy Kearney	
Jacksonville	Our Redeemer	John Laux	Gary Grams	
Jacksonville	Salem			
Kewanee	Faith	None	Ted Sturtevant	
Kewanee	St. Paul's	Burnell Eckardt	Steve Harris	
La Rose	Trinity	Mark Gruden		
Washburn	St. John	Mark Gruden		
Lawrenceville	Our Savior	Vacant		
Lexington	St. Paul	Vacant	John Colclasure	
Lincoln	Faith	Mark Peters	Daniel Underwood	
Lincoln	Zion	Mark Thompson	Stephen Sauer	
Loda	Immanuel	Vacant	None	
Louisville	St. John's	Vacant	Stanley Joergens	
Macomb	Immanuel	Mike Burdick	Clinton Pedigo	
Manito	St. Paul	James Batchelor	Daniel Houston	
Manito	Trinity	Matthew Berndt	Lynn Coers	
Mason City	Christ	John Johnson	Scott Frank	
Mattoon	St. John's	Adam Jacobsen	James Arnholt	

Mattoon	St. Paul	<i>Vacant</i>	Daniel Horn	
Milan	St. Matthew	<i>Vacant</i>	Bruce Hunt	
Milford	Our Savior			
Moline	Holy Cross	<i>Wilfred Karsten</i>	Robert Rauh	
Monticello	Faith	<i>Vacant</i>		
Morton	Bethel	<i>Jeff Anderson</i>	Dennis Ewald	
Mt. Pulaski	Zion	<i>Jonathan Buescher</i>	Floyd (Eddie) Schaffenacker	
Mt. Sterling	First	<i>Vacant</i>		
Rushville	St. John	<i>Vacant</i>	None	
Mt. Zion	Mt. Zion	<i>Robert Bruer</i>	Samuel Bruer	
New Berlin	St. John	<i>David Benning</i>	Robert Dalton	
New Holland	Zion	<i>Charles Olander</i>	James Struebing	
Newton	Good Shepherd	<i>Vacant</i>		
Normal	Christ	<i>Jonathan Huehn</i>	Doug Grovesteen	
Onarga	St. John's	<i>Vacant</i>	Francis Thompsen	
Pana	St. Paul	<i>Terrence O'Brien</i>	Lee Eilers	
Paris	Grace	<i>Daniel Smith</i>	Johnie (Ted) Snedeker	
Pekin	St. John's	<i>Daniel Bishop</i>	Daniel Rees	
Pekin	Trinity	<i>Simeon Raddatz</i>	Eric Spaeth	
Peoria	Christ	<i>Karl Eckhoff</i>	Del Hume	
Peoria	Mt. Calvary	<i>Barry Long</i>	David Heien	
Peoria	Redeemer	<i>Philip Doublestein</i>	Ken Stoppenhagen	
Peoria	Trinity	<i>Mark Nelson</i>	Roger Meyer	
Peru	Redeemer	<i>Vacant</i>		
Petersburg	Bethlehem			
Pittsfield	St. Paul			
Pleasant Plains	Zion	<i>Donald Pritchard</i>	Dennis Boesdorfer	
Quincy	Our Redeemer	<i>Martin Eden</i>	Larry Ehmen	
Quincy	St. James	<i>Michael Fieberkorn</i>	Robert Hagemann	
Quincy	St. John	<i>Steve Hayden</i>	Lynda Keller	
Riverton	Immanuel	<i>Michael Koschmann</i>	Larry Marxman	
Roanoke	Trinity	<i>Bruce Scarbeary</i>	Tim Wilcoxen	<i>Sandra Remmers</i>
Rochester	Good Shepherd		Matthew Schorfheide	
Rock Island	Immanuel			
Sadorus	St. Paul	<i>Matthew Montgomery</i>	David Tendick	
Salem	Salem	<i>Douglas Meyer</i>	Ken Heise	
Secor	St. John's	<i>Michael Peters</i>	Robert Attig	
Shelbyville	Holy Cross	<i>Vacant</i>		
Sherman	Good Shepherd	<i>Michael Schuermann</i>	Corey Wiegand	
Shobonier	Immanuel			
Shobonier	St. Paul	<i>David Hoehler</i>	Robert Schroeder	
Shumway	Faith	<i>Jason Rensner</i>	Tim Frey	
Sigel	St. Paul's	<i>Vacant</i>		
Springfield	Concordia	<i>James Hennig</i>	Robert Morgan	
Springfield	Holy Trinity	<i>Vacant</i>		
Springfield	Immanuel	<i>Vacant</i>	Dave Lientz	
Springfield	Our Savior's	<i>Joshua Traxel</i>	Terry Huck	

Springfield	Trinity	<i>Paul Hemenway</i>	John Rodenburg	
St. Peter	St. Peter	<i>Ryan Meyer</i>	Curtis Jenne	
Stewardson	Trinity	<i>David Weaver</i>	Keith Kirby	
Strasburg	Grace	<i>Vacant</i>	Robert Roley	
Strasburg	St. Paul's	<i>Steven Becker</i>	Roger Kull	
Sullivan	Faith	<i>Vacant</i>		
Taylor Rigde	Zion	<i>Mark Eddy</i>	David Mueller	
Taylorville	Trinity	<i>Rodney Blomquist</i>	Cecil Polley	
Thawville	St. Peter	<i>Vacant</i>		
Thomasboro	Peace			
Tuscola	Immanuel	<i>Jason Braaten</i>	Joshua Whitson	
Urbana	Trinity	<i>Shawn Boylan</i>	Kevin Donoho	
Vandalia	Holy Cross	<i>Michael Mohr (June 24)</i>		
Warsaw	Concordia	<i>Lester Dumer</i>	Larry Dittman	
Washington	Our Savior	<i>Thomas Heren</i>	Gary Marshall	
Watseka	Calvary	<i>Donald Love</i>	Russell Rudd	
Waverly	Christ	<i>Keith Pereira</i>	Allen Lovekamp	
Wenona	Zion	<i>Peter Glock</i>	David Ward	
Varna	St. Paul's	<i>Peter Glock</i>		
Woodworth	St. Paul (Milford)	<i>Michael Stoerger</i>		

PASTORS & GRADUATES ENTERING THE DISTRICT
(ORDINATION/INSTALLATION DATES: MAY 2015-MAY 2018)

Berndt, Matthew (NB) installed at Trinity, Manito 5/21/2017 by Rev. Mark Miller.
Buescher, Jonathan (ND) installed at Zion, Mt. Pulaski 7/26/2015 by Rev. Mark Miller.
Doublestein, Philip (STL) ordained/installed at Redeemer, Peoria 6/14/2015 by Rev. Daniel Bishop.
Drews, Mark (ND) Candidate transferred to CID 6/15/2017.
Feldmann, Michael (NB) installed as Associate at Salem, Salem 10/1/2017 by Rev. Mark Miller.
Firby, Jerald (IDW) Emeritus transferred to CID 1/3/2018.
Fitzner, Timothy (IDW) installed as Associate at Christ, Normal 7/2/2017 by Rev. Mark Miller.
Frank, Robert (MNN) Candidate transferred to CID 7/21/2015.
Gearig, Mark (STL) ordained/installed as Associate at St. Paul, Decatur 7/10/2016 by Rev. Eric Trickey.
Harter, Jeffrey (SELC) installed as Chaplain at Lutheran Hillside Village 5/3/2016 by Rev. Mark Miller.
Hauser, Aaron (STL) ordained in Grafton WI 7/16/2017 by Rev. Scott Kruse; installed as Associate at Our Savior, Springfield 7/30/2017 by Rev. Mark Miller.
Heimgartner, G. Robert (SID) Emeritus transferred to CID 3/26/2018.
Hinrichs, Brett (NB) installed at Mt. Calvary, Decatur 8/13/2017 by Rev. Mark Miller.
Holmes, Jonathan (PSW) installed as Associate at Trinity, Springfield 7/9/2017 by Rev. Samuel Janssen.
Jukola, Matthew (FTW) ordained/installed at Trinity, Casey 6/19/2016 by Rev. Mark Miller.
Laux, John (TX) installed at Our Redeemer, Jacksonville 11/5/2017 by Rev. Mark Miller.
Mackowiak, John (MI) installed as Intentional Interim at Redeemer, Peoria 2/4/2017 by Rev. Ron Miller.
Manley, Marcus (IDW) installed at Bethlehem, Altamont 12/10/2017 by Rev. Mark Miller.
Meyer, Kendall (IDW) installed as Associate at St. John, Quincy 11/29/2015 by Rev. Steven Hayden.
Meyer, Ryan (NB) installed at St. Peter, St. Peter 10/22/2017 by Rev. David Speers.
Montgomery, Matthew (FTW) ordained at Good Shepherd, Lansing MI by Rev. Timothy Olson; installed at St. John, Onarga 7/12/2015 by Rev. Mark Miller.
Orr, William (NID) installed at Salem, Jacksonville 11/27/2016 by Rev. Mark Miller.
Oswald, Joel (FTW) ordained/installed at St. John, Louisville 6/26/2016 by Rev. Mark Miller.
Raddatz, Simeon (STL) ordained/installed at Trinity, Pekin 8/6/2017 by Rev. Daniel Bishop.
Schurb, Ken (MO) installed as Administrative Assistant to the President, Springfield 9/26/2017 by Rev. Mark Miller.
Sommerer, Steven (SID) installed at Mt. Calvary, Galesburg 8/13/2017 by Rev. Robert Hagen.
Spaeth, David (MI) Emeritus transferred to CID 7/22/2015.
Stoerger, Michael (EN) installed at St. Paul, Woodworth 3/19/2017 by Rev. Mark Miller.
Theilen, Joshua (SID) Candidate installed as Executive Director at Camp CILCA (non-RSO) 3/15/2016.
Trickey, Eric (PSW) installed at St. Paul, Decatur 12/27/2015 by Rev. Wray Offermann.
Trickey, Gary (PSW) Emeritus transferred to CID 4/7/2017.
Versemann, Matthew (IDE) installed at Trinity, Decatur 8/28/2016 by Rev. Mark Miller.

CHANGES OF PASTORS WITHIN THE DISTRICT

Abatie, Rodger active to Emeritus 6/1/2016.

Bagwell, Jerry active to Emeritus 9/1/2017.

Bahn, Charles DCE to SMP, ordained/installed at Trinity, Bloomington 7/7/2017 by Rev. Mark Miller.

Batchelor, James installed at St. Paul, Manito 3/13/2016 by Rev. Mark Miller.

Bell, Larry Emeritus installed at Peace, Thomasboro 10/16/2016 by Rev. Donald Ehlers.

Boylan, Shawn Associate to Senior installed at Trinity, Urbana 4/10/2016 by Rev. Mark Miller.

Brechbuhl, Peter active to Emeritus 11/20/2016.

Brown, Earl active to Emeritus 7/26/2017.

Bruer, Robert installed at Mt. Zion, Mt. Zion 2/21/2016 by Rev. Mark Miller.

Bueltmann, David Emeritus installed at Concordia, Decatur 3/11/2018 by Rev. Mark Miller.

Callahan, Phillip Candidate installed as Assistant 7/19/2015 by Rev. Kent Tibben.

Callahan, Phillip installed at Good Shepherd, Hoopeston 11/20/2016 by Rev. Timothy Hahn.

Cluver, Joel active to Emeritus 9/1/2017.

Damery, Michael active to Emeritus 8/13/2017.

Deen, Keffie installed as Chaplain/Teacher at Christ High School, Buckley 10/27/2015 by Rev. Timothy Hahn.

Dominguez, Pablo CID Missionary installed as Sole Pastor at Cristo Rey, E. Moline 05/06/2018 by Rev. Mark Miller.

Eckman, Joseph active to Emeritus 5/1/2016.

Elliott, Mark active to candidate 2/26/2017.

Emrick, William active to Emeritus 7/1/2017.

Gerke, David active to Emeritus 9/13/2015.

Harter, Jeffrey installed as Chaplain at Concordia Village, Springfield 4/30/2018 by Rev. Mark Miller.

Haug, Eugene active to Emeritus 3/13/2016.

Helmkamp, E. Wade active to Emeritus 8/31/2017.

Henry, Patrick active to Emeritus 6/30/2015.

Huehn, Jonathan installed as Senior at Christ, Normal 1/10/2016 by Rev. Mark Miller.

Jacobsen, Adam installed as Senior at St. John, Mattoon 7/2/2017 by Rev. John Sharp.

Kangas, Aaron (SID) installed at Faith, Flora 2/4/2018 by Rev. Stephen Gillet.

Miller, Mark installed as Assistant at St. John, Chatham 8/23/2015 by Rev. Clarence Rogers.

Montgomery, Matthew installed at St. Paul, Sadorus 2/25/2018 by Rev. Mark Miller.

Niemann, Glenn candidate to Emeritus 1/1/2016.

Offermann, Wray active to Emeritus 6/5/2016.

Oschwald, Joel active to candidate 10/27/2017.

Ray, Adam installed as Senior at St. John, Decatur 4/23/2017 by Rev. Robert Bruer.

Seidenstricker, Michael active to Emeritus 12/31/2016.

Smith, Daniel installed at Grace, Paris 5/22/2016 by Rev. Mark Miller.

Strom, Terry installed as Associate at Trinity, Bloomington 5/31/2015 by Rev. Mark Miller.

Stuenkel, James active to Emeritus 4/30/2017.

Traxel, Joshua installed as Senior at Our Savior, Springfield 7/31/2016 by Rev. Jeffrey Gross.

Troxel, Larry active to Emeritus 5/28/2018.

Wagner, Ronald active to Emeritus 5/27/2018.

Weaver, Gerry active to Emeritus 8/1/2016.
Weber, Paul installed at Faith, Kewanee 7/10/2016 by Rev. Robert Hagen.
Weise, Russell installed as Associate at St. John, Decatur 4/9/2017 by Rev. Robert Bruer.

PASTORS TRANSFERRED TO OTHER DISTRICTS

Anderson, Mark to Nebraska District 3/12/2018.
Antor, Donald to Northern Illinois District 1/25/2016.
Bender, Douglas to South Wisconsin District 10/1/2017.
Benson, Thayer to Texas District 7/10/2017.
Bergelin, David to South Wisconsin District 11/20/2017.
Bueltmann, Kevin to Montana District 6/18/2017.
Bueltmann, Kurtis to Indiana District 5/14/2018.
Chambers, Danny to Texas District 11/23/2015.
Countryman, Troy to Indiana District 11/21/2016.
Debowey, Darrell to Wyoming District 5/8/2017.
Deen, Keffie to Atlantic District 1/28/2018.
Eden, Ryan to Nebraska District 3/14/2016.
Emrick, William to Indiana District 8/21/2017.
Fehrmann, Ryan to North Wisconsin District 7/1/2015.
Gale, Joshua to Northern Illinois District 6/28/2017.
Gallo, Stephen to Texas District 6/9/2015.
Gauger, William to Ohio District 11/10/2015.
Henry, Patrick to English District 2/19/2016.
Hopkins, Paul to Indiana District 5/28/2018.
Kasting, Michael to Northwest District 6/8/2015.
Kolb, Peter to Texas District 3/28/2018.
Knuth, David to South Wisconsin District 10/20/2015.
Kramp, Allen to South Wisconsin District 7/31/2016.
Laux, John to Texas District 12/3/2015.
Meyer, Benjamin to Ohio District 6/20/2016.
Michael, Gregory to English District 5/15/2017
Nilges, Chris to Missouri District 10/8/2017.
Pape, Brian to Pacific Southwest District 7/10/2017.
Schmidt, Alvin to Missouri District 10/15/2015.
Schnelle, Aaron to Missouri District 7/31/2016.
Steinbeck, Allen to California-Nevada-Hawaii District 12/2/2016
Vail, Clayton to Ohio District 7/1/2017.
Weiler, J. Scott to Missouri District 7/26/2016.
Weise, Russell to Texas District 8/27/2017.

PASTORS RESIGNED, OR REMOVED

Roefanz, Troy resigned 8/12/2015

Stanford, Craig resigned 7/28/2015

PASTORS CALLED TO GLORY

Allen, David 9/26/2015

Bettermann, Vernon 6/21/2016

Bloch, James 1/11/2017

Fanning, Allen 7/8/2017

Garvue, Donald 3/31/2017

Krenske, Richard 12/15/2015

Jany, Lee 9/28/2015

Martin, Wayne 4/6/2017

Rediehs, Robert 8/15/2017

Weis, James 1/4/2017

Yount, Robert 12/28/2016

CONGREGATIONS ADDED TO DISTRICT

Cristo Rey (Christ the King), East Moline chartered 4/8/2018.

CONGREGATIONS DISBANDED OR REMOVED FROM THE DISTRICT

Immanuel, Peoria resigned 7/28/2015

Joy of Jesus (Deaf), Pekin disbanded 9/20/2015

Our Savior, St. Joseph disbanded 7/1/2016

COMMISSIONED MINISTERS & GRADUATES ENTERING THE DISTRICT

Bahr, Amber (CUC) commissioned and installed as a teacher at Our Savior's Lutheran School (Springfield) 8/23/2015 by Rev. Joshua Traxel.

Bishop, Deanna (CUC) commissioned and installed as a teacher at Good Shepherd Lutheran School (Pekin) 9/13/2015 by Rev. Daniel Bishop.

Boeder, Nicole (CU-St. Paul) commissioned and installed as teacher Concordia Lutheran School (Springfield) 1/11/2017 by Rev. James Henning.

Britton, John (Michigan District) installed as teacher at St. Paul Lutheran School (Milford) 08/21/2016 by Rev Matthew Montgomery.

Burmeister, Janet (Northern IL District) installed as teacher at Concordia Lutheran School (Springfield) 10/2/2016 by Rev James Henning.

Bushre, Julie (Iowa-East District) installed as teacher/youth at St. John's Lutheran Church (Geneseo) 08/21/2016 by Rev. Christopher Bushre.

Dickhut, Anna (CUC) commissioned and installed as a teacher at St. James Lutheran School (Quincy) 8/16/2015 by Rev. Marlin Rempfer.

Dobbelaire, Laura (CUC) commissioned and installed as a teacher at Good Shepherd Lutheran School (Pekin) 8/16/2015 by Rev. Daniel Bishop.

Ericson, Berit (Missouri District) installed as a teacher at Lutheran High School (Springfield) 8/29/2017 by Rev. Clarence Rogers.

Fausser, Sara (South Wisconsin District) installed as a teacher at Danville Lutheran (Danville) 8/20/2017 by Rev. Tibben.

Flach, Robinette installed as Principal at Altamont Lutheran Interparish School (Altamont) 8/29/2015 by Rev James Wright.

Grillot, Morgan (Southern IL. District) installed as teacher at Trinity Lutheran School (Springfield) 8/23/2015 by Rev. Paul Hemenway.

Gruenwald, Matthew (CUC) commissioned and installed as a teacher at Lutheran School Association (Decatur) 8/30/2015 by Rev. Wray Offermann.

Gurgel, Jonathan (South Wisconsin) installed as teacher at Trinity Lutheran School (Stewardson) 08/7/2016 by Rev David Weaver.

Guse, Jonathan (Indiana) installed as a DCE at Bethel Lutheran Church (Morton) 04/08/2018 by Rev Jeffrey Anderson.

Harris, Kallie (CUC) commissioned and installed as teacher at St. John's Lutheran School (Mattoon) 1/22/17 by Rev. Adam Jacobsen.

Heppe, Phillip (Southern District) installed as teacher at Our Savior's Lutheran School (Springfield) 18/20/2017 by Rev. Joshua Traxel.

Kugath, Ashley (CUC) commissioned and installed as teacher Lutheran School Association (Decatur) 9/11/2016 by Rev. Matthew Verseemann.

Marquardt, Leonard (Northern IL District) transferred as emeritus to CID 11/2/2015

Mercier, Alissa (CUC) commissioned and installed as a teacher at Our Savior's Lutheran School (Springfield) 18/20/2017 by Rev. Joshua Traxel.

Miller, Rachel (Texas District) installed as teacher at Good Shepherd Lutheran School (Pekin) 11/9/2016 by Rev Daniel Bishop.

Mueller, Brenda (CUC) commissioned and installed as teacher Lutheran School Association (Decatur) 9/11/2016 by Rev. Matthew Verseemann.

Moll, Brett (CUC) commissioned and installed as a teacher at Trinity School (Springfield) 8/16/2015 by Rev. Paul Hemenway.
Oliver, Timothy (Northern IL District) installed as Principal at St. John's Lutheran (Buckley) 07/12/2015 by Rev. Kevin Wyckoff.
Rattelmuller, Barbara (non-candidate) installed as a teacher at Concordia Lutheran School (Peoria) 8/17/2015 by Rev Daniel Bishop.
Reichert, Caitlin (CUC) commissioned and installed as teacher Trinity Lutheran School (Springfield) 8/28/2016 by Rev. Paul Hemenway.
Robinette, Flach (Northern IL District) installed as principal at Altamont Lutheran Interparish School (Altamont) 08/29/2015 by Rev James Wright.
Rodgers, Lauren (California-Nevada-Hawaii) installed as teacher Bethel Lutheran School (Morton) 8/14/2016 by Rev. Mark Anderson.
Rollins, Glenn (Iowa East) installed as Principal at Lutheran High School (Springfield) 8/30/2015 by Rev Michael Schuermann.
Rudick, Pamela (Northern IL District) installed as teacher at St. John's Lutheran School (Champaign) 11/13/2016 by Rev Jeff Caithamer.
Ruiz, Miguel (Atlantic District) installed as Director of Parish Music at St. John's Lutheran Church (Mattoon) 7/17/2016 by Rev. Troy Countryman.
Salogga, Brenda (CUC) commissioned and installed as teacher Lutheran School Association (Decatur) 9/11/2016 by Rev. Matthew Verseemann.
Sawusch, Pamela (Northern IL District) installed as a teacher at Good Shepherd (Pekin) 9/27/2017 by Rev. Daniel Bishop.
Schulties, Benjamin (CUC) commissioned and installed as teacher Lutheran School Association (Decatur) 9/11/2016 by Rev. Matthew Verseemann.
Schulties, Ellen (CUC) commissioned and installed as teacher Lutheran School Association (Decatur) 9/11/2016 by Rev. Matthew Verseemann.
Schumacher, Gordon (Indiana District) transferred as emeritus to CID 1/10/2017
Scott, Kristina (CUC) commissioned and installed as a teacher at St. James (Quincy) Lutheran School 2/14/2016 by Rev. Michael Fieberkorn.
Slaybaugh, Matthew (CUC) commissioned at Faith Lutheran, Hope Lutheran, Wake Forest NC. And installed as Director of Christian Education at Immanuel Lutheran Church 7/9/2017 by Rev. Kenneth Hoover.
Springer, Joel (Michigan District) installed as teacher Our Savior Lutheran (Springfield) 8/23/2015 by Rev. Joshua Traxel.
Wagner, Alicia (NID-non-candidate) installed as teacher St. Paul's Woodworth (Milford) 8/23/2015 by Rev. Benjamin Meyer.
Witt, Joel (Minnesota- North District) installed as principal at Lutheran School Association (Decatur) 09/11/2016 by Rev Matthew Verseemann.
Zimmerman, Gary (South Wisconsin District) installed as teacher Lutheran High School (Springfield) 8/25/2016 by Rev. Michael Schuermann.

COMMISSIONED MINISTER CHANGES WITHIN THE DISTRICT

Bahn, Charles (Bloomington) DCE to SMP 07/07/17
Bandelow, Denise (Loami) to Emeritus status 2/29/2016
Bohlmann, Derek (Buckley) to Candidate status 11/11/2017
Brown, Scott (Morton) DCE to Candidate status 7/14/2017
Bulava, Adam (Decatur) installed as a teacher at Lutheran High School (Springfield) 8/29/2017 by Rev. Clarence Rogers.
Deen, Keffie (candidate) installed as teacher Christ Lutheran High School (Buckley) 10/27/2015 by Rev. Timothy Hahn.
Dippel, Lisa (Buckley) to Emeritus status 8/11/2016
Harkins, Richard (Springfield) to candidate status 09/15/2015
Karsten, Kyle (Decatur) to candidate status 04/21/2016
Gierstorf, Sarah (Quincy) installed as a teacher at St. James (Quincy) 8/20/2017 by Rev. Fieberkorn.
Goeres, Glenn (Springfield) to Emeritus status 05/31/2016
McCormick, Sara (Mt. Pulaski) to Emeritus status 4/28/2017
Milas, Martha to Emeritus status 2/19/2016
Milleville, Judith (Altamont) to Emeritus status 1/26/2017
Moore, Linda (Deer Creek) to Emeritus status 8/15/2015
Obermann, Donna to Emeritus status 01/16/2017
Petersen, Kristen (Reinstated/Candidate) installed as teacher at Our Savior's Lutheran School (Springfield) 04/29/201 by Rev Joshua Traxel.
Rodgers, Lewis (Springfield) installed as Assistant to the President CID (Springfield) 9/27/2016 by President Mark Miller.
Rowe, Rebecca installed as a teacher at Trinity Lutheran School (Bloomington) 8/23/2015 by Rev. Thomas Wirsing.
Spilker, Ruth Ann (Altamont) to Emeritus status 8/10/2015
Sickles, Diane (Beecher) to Emeritus status 1/22/2018
Tappendorf, Julie (Champaign) to Candidate status 4/10/2016
Timm, Katherine (Danville) to Emeritus status 2/3/2017
Timm, Lowell (Danville) to Emeritus status 2/3/2017
Wiemer, Abigail installed as Pre-school Director at Good Shepherd Lutheran Preschool (Rochester) 1/17/2016 by Rev Samuel Janssen.
Wolff, Garry (Mason) to Emeritus status 1/26/2017
Yagow, Daniel (St. Peter's) installed as a teacher at Danville Lutheran (Danville) 8/20/2017 by Rev. Tibben.

COMMISSIONED MINISTERS TRANSFERRED TO OTHER DISTRICTS.

Aring, Elizabeth transferred to Nebraska District 6/31/2018
Ballantyne, Lynn transferred to California-Nevada-Hawaii 4/28/2017
Boerger, Megan transferred to South Wisconsin District 08/23/2016
Bushre, Julie transferred to Iowa East District 8/1/2017

1 **Brown, Tamara** (Candidate) to the Missouri District 7-11-2017
2 **Cunningham, Judith** (Emeritus) to Florida- Georgia District 5/4/2017
3 **Dickhut, Anna** transferred to Southern Illinois District 5/8/2017
4 **Dixon, Joshua** transferred to Missouri District 1/22/2018
5 **Dressler, Kelly** transferred to Kansas District 8/17/2016
6 **GeRue, Valerie** transferred to South Wisconsin District 7/15/2015.
7 **Groth, Justin** transferred to the Nebraska District 8/9/2016.
8 **McCartney, Michael** transferred to Iowa East District 7/31/2015.
9 **Mull, Lisa** transferred to the California-Nevada-Hawaii District 7/20/2017.
10 **Ploss, Mark** transferred to the California-Nevada-Hawaii District 8/9/2016.
11 **Richter, Nathan** transferred to Rocky Mountain District 1/20/2016.
12 **Schulties, Benjamin** transferred to the Minnesota South 6/1/2018
13 **Winkelman, Matthew** (DCE) transferred to Minnesota South 1/30/2016
14 **Yocius, Sarah** transferred to Northern Illinois District 8/20/2015.
15 **Ziekle, Stephen** transferred to Northern Illinois District 7/1/2015.
16 **Zimmerman, Gary** transferred to Northern Illinois District 4/28/2017.
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21 **COMMISSIONED MINISTERS RESIGNED OR REMOVED**

22 **Bade, William** resigned from the roster 02/02/2017.
23 **Bargmann, James** resigned from roster 11/21/2016.
24 **Roekle, Quinn** resigned from roster 01/25/2017
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27 **COMMISSIONED MINISTERS CALLED TO GLORY**

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29 **Franzen, Arlyn D.** called to glory 1/29/2018
30 **Goeres, Glenn** called to glory 3/21/2018
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2018 CID President's Report
Rev. Mark A. Miller

Looking at the 1976 and 1988 Convention Proceedings in my spare time, it is easy to note that times most certainly have changed, and challenges abound in our new environment. As far as our Faith is concerned there have always been challenges and Christianity in its proper form is not something that follows the world's agenda nor its general understanding.

We believe, teach, and confess a Triune God. This truth has no comparison to anything in this world. Each analogy, attempting an easy explanation, falls short. We simply recite the Scriptural truth in our Creeds and leave it at that. By nature, this is not attractive to our generation but even if no one of our population believes it, truth is truth, and it will be borne out in the end.

We speak of a Savior, who is God and man at the same time. He needed to be both to affect our salvation which could then appease a holy and just God. His resurrection, corroborated by so many eyewitnesses, supported both the certainty of His words and the result of His mission. The nature of the Gospel, in contrast to every other world religion, is not that we proclaim ourselves as our own redeemers, but we have One whose name is above all others, and whose dedicated acts of love toward all of humankind has resulted in the whole world standing absolved of our many sins. We deserved death and God established life as a gift to all and any who would believe His promise in Christ Jesus!

We note gifts which by mere physical appearance don't seem to possess any power, yet with His Word, they accomplish His purpose among the many or the few, as many as the Spirit will lead. Water connected to God's Word turns orphans into adopted members of God's royal household. Sins are forgiven in Baptism's wake! The blessing of God is conferred! By inspiration, St. Peter reminds us, "Be baptized... for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit!"

We don't understand the mechanics but bread and wine, connected to God's Word, bring us Christ's true body and blood. Sins are forgiven! Faith is strengthened! The blessing of God is ours "as the words and promises of God declare!" Jesus said, "Take and eat... Drink of it all of you... for the forgiveness of sins."

A simple man stands before us in divine service and tells us our sins are forgiven in the name of our Triune God and this holds true in heaven also "as if Christ our dear Lord dealt with us Himself!" And this is so because Jesus told His disciples, "Whoever's sin you forgive, it is forgiven!"

Believers are born, since the very beginning, through the Word and Spirit pointing to Christ! "He believed, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." "Make disciples of every nation by baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to observe everything that I have commanded!" "Faith comes by hearing the Word of Christ."

Fads have come and gone but the basic evangelistic tools have remained the same, and the Jesus who is to be preeminent in all our mission efforts is the same yesterday, today, and forever. Our witness and the mission are Jesus-centered, Forgiveness-focused, Life-affirming both present and eternal, properly People-oriented, and it is blessed either in the short-term or the long-run by the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Blessed and faithful is that servant who

1 does not despise the ways of the Lord for adding to the Church the number of those who are
2 being saved!

3 Once again, this is complete foolishness in the sight of those who are seeking
4 extraordinary signs or who are enamored with the so-called wisdom of this age. But St. Paul was
5 determined, as I hope we are, that it is not in lofty words of human wisdom that we gather or go
6 forward under the banner of the Lamb who for us was slain and now lives. We are persuaded
7 and determined to know **“Nothing... except Jesus Christ and Him crucified.”** By His name
8 we are empowered to make disciples, to proceed with His mission, to become and remain
9 members of the Kingdom of heaven, and to enjoy the full wealth of His bounty! “He who has
10 My word, let him speak My word faithfully.” We are called to faithfulness!

11 In the first century, Christians were hunted down and killed, and the Church grew
12 through the blood of the martyrs. Today, maybe not yet so violent here, but throughout the
13 world, the same loathing is expressed toward Christians simply because they are Christians. We
14 are not yet facing so hostile an environment, but should our lives be on the line we are still to
15 preach the Gospel in season and out without being conformed to this world and its thinking.

16 A younger generation is not so enamored with the prospects and practicalities of the Faith
17 of our Fathers but how much of that might be due to our lukewarm piety and hypocritical
18 practice? Our Third Commandment devotion, or lack thereof, shows how much or how little we
19 may regard what God has to give to us or how much we don’t believe His word as we ought.
20 What we treasure reveals the leanings of our hearts!

21 In my reading of past Convention Proceedings, it was interesting to see that the 1978 [40
22 years ago] CID commitment to Synod’s worldwide mission efforts was to the tune of 73% of the
23 entire CID budget. Of the \$1,712,500 designated as the District Budget \$1,250,000 was
24 determined to be our commitment to the LCMS and the remainder was to cover our more
25 localized mission efforts. \$1,250,000 back in 1978 equals \$4,957,340.00 in 2018 dollars.
26 \$462,500, the 1978 District expenditure, would equal \$1,834,214 today, and minus what we sent
27 to the International Center in 2017 our District Mission and Ministry expenses are \$1,540,000
28 with 45% covering personnel [staff, support staff, and deployed mission workers at our CID
29 missions] and the remainder for facilities and programming. Then again, times and
30 circumstances are different but our efforts to spread the Gospel, expand the Fellowship, and
31 show Mercy within the confines of our District borders is sustained, but we are finding it
32 difficult to reach out in new ways to the new opportunities that are opening up here and now.

33 Also, a note from the District Treasurer in 1988 [30 years ago], he noted that offerings to
34 the District were up 7% during the previous triennium and that \$4.26 million [equal to
35 \$9,126,304 in 2018] had been collected for Synod and District during that same time. Were days
36 of double-digit inflation easier than our present times?

37 We rejoice that the Lord sees fit to use us all in His work of kingdom expansion. We
38 cannot and will not discount the tremendous work that is accomplished by the Lord through the
39 intentional efforts of the local congregation, its pastor and all its members. That is the second
40 basic unit, after the family, where “our partnership in the Gospel” is “rubber meets the road”
41 obvious. The District and its staff exists to provide resources to our congregations to seek ways
42 and means to become better witnesses to the grace and goodness of God. This mutual
43 relationship seeks to make our mission efforts more effective in a human sense as the Lord alone
44 makes it a “Word and Spirit” success.

45 Districts exist because of a decision of the Synod. The District, for the sake of doctrinal
46 unity and joint mission work, is the Synod in this place. My personal loyalties to District and

1 Synod are due primarily to the place they have played in my formation as the person, pastor, and
2 president that I am today. My instruction began in church in which I was baptized, continuing
3 with Sunday School and confirmation [for some this would have included parochial school -
4 Preschool-High School]. Through college and seminary, I was taught in the fine institutions of
5 higher education of The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod. I owe a lot to those who set out to
6 put forward this support system that has been around since even before the Synod was founded.

7 The mission of the District is dependent on the generosity of its congregations. Unlike
8 the federal government, and contrary to sound economic principles, we cannot produce our own
9 financial resources which means that our stretching out in this partnership relies on your consent,
10 your interest, your prayers, and financial support. We do mission work together in some of the
11 District's Hispanic communities when the congregations participate. We hope to expand
12 outreach in areas not typical of our history in Peoria. We can't do it without some innovative
13 funding models, gifted personnel, and our congregations standing side by side with us in this
14 work.

15 In the past, we have done our best to be good stewards of the resources we have while
16 still trying to meet the challenges the Lord has placed before us. Some of our staff have made
17 significant strides in support of District mission through personal and voluntary salary freezes,
18 contributions toward the cost of their benefits, free-will donations, and some have taken calls
19 back into the parish reducing the size of staff. We try every year to underspend the budget. The
20 Board has reevaluated and adjusted established mission work and its support for the sake of
21 streamlining, and we have looked at ways to work with fewer resources in the future, if we must.
22 Possible actions have been outlined for the next triennium to affect an even more conservative
23 spending plan. All this while the harvest is white and ripe for the harvest.

24 The challenge is established. Resources from past mission-site sales, special gifts,
25 bequests, and congregations' generous annual increases to their District/Synod contributions
26 have been made use of to support the mission done locally and globally, but there's always more
27 that can be done as long as there is another soul yet to be added to the number of the elect.

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29 In the years 2015-2018 we have seen the retirements of Glenn Goeres in 2016 and the
30 Rev. Joel Cluver in 2017. The Lord has since taken Glenn, after a rather long period of illness
31 and hospitalization, to his heavenly reward. These men were very much and rightly beloved for
32 their hard and dedicated work done in behalf of the Central Illinois District. Trip Rodgers came
33 on board as Administrative Assistant to the President for Education and Congregational Life. As
34 a principal in the District he is well known by his colleagues with which he now works in his
35 new position. The Rev. Dr. Ken Schurb was called to the staff position covering Missions,
36 Evangelism, Stewardship, and Human Care. He has proven to be both a quick study and an able
37 churchman capable of tackling the challenges we spoke of above. We deeply appreciate the
38 efforts of our part-time gift planner, the Rev. Charles Olander, who fits this in on top of his
39 pastoral service rendered to Zion, New Holland, and his work with the Lincoln Correctional
40 Centers as Chaplain.

41 We also are helped quite capably through our support staff of Hugh and Marsha Shown.
42 They are invaluable in covering the routine duties of the office as receptionist/administrative
43 assistant and bookkeeper/co-business manager which frees up the rest of us for our required
44 duties.

45 The folks at our Church Extension Fund office have been very supportive of CID
46 missions and with their funding they have helped with church building projects, but also with

1 Camp CILCA, church work scholarships, mission efforts, and some office equipment
2 replacement as well as some office maintenance. The efforts of Susan Short, David Rohe, and
3 now Christine Anderson as the new executive director, together with their Board of Trustees,
4 with their focus on the work that is done here in our District justifies their continued existence as
5 one of four independent and successful Church Extension Funds in the LCMS.

6 During the last triennium I visited a number of our congregations, pastors, call
7 committees, congregational representatives, and circuits for various reasons within the purview
8 of my duties as ecclesiastical supervisor. I preached 64 times. I was officiant at 3 ordinations
9 and 19 installations. There were 249 CID events and meetings in which I was involved in some
10 official capacity. I attended 11 COP meetings each of which lasted 3-8 days and six 3-day
11 regional meetings of the Great Lakes District Presidents. I serve on the Clergy, Call, and Roster
12 Committee of the COP and was the editor of the latest edition [2017] of the Circuit Visitors
13 Manual. I attended the Synod Convention in Milwaukee in 2016 and was appointed to serve as
14 Chairman of the National Missions Floor Committee, Committee #1.

15 It is also an honor, since August 2015, to serve St. John Lutheran Church in Chatham as
16 Assistant Pastor under the generous and kind leadership of Pastor Clarence Rogers as my Senior.
17 The people there have been very friendly, loving, understanding, and generous allowing me to
18 serve at an altar and pulpit while also serving full-time at the District Office remembering always
19 that highest office in the Church is that of parish pastor.

20 It continues to be my humble privilege to serve as President of the Central Illinois
21 District and I deeply appreciate the fine Christian people with whom I am able to work. I
22 continue to covet your prayers recognizing that if there is any good that comes of my time in
23 office it is due only to the mercy of the Lord of the Church, Jesus Christ. Soli Deo gloria!

FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It has again been an honor and privilege to serve as a Vice-President of the District this past triennium. District Vice-Presidents advise, assist, and represent the President at his request, and I am thankful that President Miller has once again been very considerate and thoughtful in keeping his requests manageable. He and Vice-President Tibben have been easy to work with.

This triennium I assisted President Miller in these official acts:

- Installation of Teacher Barbara Rattelmuller, Concordia Lutheran School, Peoria, 8/15
- Commissioning and Installation of Teacher Laura Dobbelaire, Good Shepherd Lutheran School, Pekin, 8/15
- Commissioning and Installation of Teacher Deanna Bishop, Good Shepherd Lutheran School, Pekin, 9/15
- Groundbreaking ceremony for building expansion, Concordia Lutheran School, Peoria, 4/16
- Installation of Teacher Rachel Miller, Good Shepherd Lutheran School, Pekin, 11/16
- Ordination and Installation of the Rev. Simeon Raddatz, Trinity, Pekin, 8-17
- Installation of Teacher Pamela Sawusch, Good Shepherd Lutheran School, Pekin, 9/17

This triennium I served as the chairman of the District Board of Directors. We were pleased to welcome Mr. Lewis Rodgers in June 2016 as our new Assistant to the President for Education and Congregational life following the retirement of Mr. Glen Goeres, and the Rev. Ken Schurb in September 2017 as our new Assistant to the President for Missions, Evangelism, and Stewardship following the retirement of the Rev. Joel Cluver. I thank both Mr. Goeres and Rev. Cluver for their many years of faithful service. I also thank all the members of the District Board of Directors for their faithful and dedicated service.

This triennium I also served on the District Stewardship Commission, and it has been a privilege to work with the other capable and dedicated laymen and pastors on that commission.

As I complete this term of service I give thanks to God for His boundless goodness and mercy and pray His richest blessing to rest upon the congregations, pastors, teachers, and other church workers of the Central Illinois District.

Respectfully submitted,
Pastor Daniel J. Bishop, First Vice-President

SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT

For yet a second triennium it has been my privilege and honor to serve, along with The Rev. President Mark Miller and The Rev. Daniel Bishop, on the presidium of the Central Illinois District. I was happy to hand off the duties of CID Board of Directors Chairman to my good friend Pastor Bishop. I was equally happy to assume the duties of CID Board of Directors Chaplain. To assert that the CID Presidium is, as St. Paul says, “united in the same mind and judgment,” might be an understatement.

It has also been a privilege to work with the other pastors, teachers, and laymen who make up the CID Board of Directors. Their individual and collective expertise, thoughtfulness, and faithfulness are always a source of encouragement to me personally.

The most notable change this last triennium happened in the district office staff itself. We bid farewell to two fine and faithful workers, both of whom retired—The Rev. Joel Cluver who served 24 years as Assistant to the District President in the areas of stewardship, missions, and evangelism; and Mr. Glenn Goeres who served 15 years as Assistant to the District President in the areas of education and congregational life. Big shoes to fill, to be sure, but by God’s grace and a little sanctified reason, we were able to fill them. We welcomed to our district staff The Rev. Ken Schurb and Mr. Trip Rodgers who have succeeded The Rev. Cluver and Mr. Glenn Goeres respectively. They have transitioned nicely into their new offices and are continuing the fine work done by their predecessors.

I pray God’s blessings upon the congregations, schools, workers, and laity of our district as we, following in the footsteps of St. Paul, make it our goal to know nothing among our believing and unbelieving neighbors except Jesus Christ and Him crucified.

Respectfully submitted,
The Rev. Kent A. Tibben

Missions, Evangelism, Stewardship, and Human Care
2018 Report
The Rev. Dr. Ken Schurb

“The royal banners forward go,” says a hymn. “The cross shines forth in mystic glow.” The cross entails mystery. The word of the cross seems weak and foolish in this world, yet Christ crucified remains the power of God and the wisdom of God (1 Cor. 1:22-25). This reality strikes people as unexpected, a paradox. There is mystery in the cross.

Even Christians never fully plumb its depths. “To you has been given the mystery of the kingdom of God,” Jesus said (Mark 4:11). Yet we do not so much *understand* the great truths of the faith as we gratefully *stand under* them. “He was manifested in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen by angels, preached among the nations, believed on in the world, taken up in glory.” Accordingly: “Great indeed, we confess, is the mystery of our religion” (1 Tim. 3:16).

The church historian Wilhelm Pauck (1901-1981) thought that denominations would inevitably decline and die. Late in his life, he reportedly came up with what he deemed to be a fitting epitaph for them. It was, “We’ve lost the imagination to let the mystery shine.”

Right now, let’s not think as big as the entire Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. Consider just our Central Illinois District. The District cannot continue doing precisely what we have been doing. We cannot financially afford all these current endeavors. Bluntly, without a substantial increase in income, reconfiguration seems unavoidable. Somewhere or other, activity will be curtailed. Since missions comprise so much of District activity, missions will end up curtailed.

News like that often sends folks scurrying after solutions to problems. There is the problem of diminished income. And there is the problem of cutting “fat,” even cutting into bone. These challenges prove stubborn. They cannot be ignored.

Much of the business at a district convention involves establishing or maintaining various arrangements. Some of it aims at working out related problems. Arranging and resourcing form large parts of my work, as the present report notes, to say nothing of problem-solving. These pursuits may be good in many ways, certainly not all bad.

But have we lost the imagination to let the mystery shine? After all, even unbelief can solve problems. In fact, it sees everything as a problem, an obstacle to be removed. Treating everything as a problem can lead us to want to be like God. Then the mystery does not shine.

What is needed for the mystery to shine? Really, what is needed goes beyond human imagination; it passes all understanding. We need repentance and faith. We need Christ, crucified and risen. That is, we need to live as the baptized people of God.

Imagination can help in setting up arrangements and solving problems. Still, the church’s life does not lie in such things. The life of the church, however ecclesiastical government may be organized and the church’s affairs are arranged, lies in “the mystery hidden for ages and generations but now made manifest to His saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. Him we proclaim. . .” (Col. 1:26-28).

So how do I help members of the District to proclaim Christ when it comes to Missions, Evangelism, Stewardship, and Human Care?

MISSIONS

“... *mission is nothing but the one church of God in motion* . . .” (Wilhelm Loehe).

1 As in all the areas in which I work, in Missions my esteemed predecessor, Rev. Joel
2 Cluver, set a great example of service to the Lord within our District. Like him, with respect to
3 Missions I now:

- 4 • Oversee and help existing missions
5 Appendices B and C below tell of CID mission subsidies and properties.
- 6 • Encourage and explore new mission starts by congregations, circuits, and the District
7 For almost 10 years now, the District has encouraged Circuits to form Mission
8 Councils to coordinate and help support mission work within the District's
9 various Circuits. The two presently existing councils, in the Jacksonville and
10 Rock Island Circuits, have rendered important service. There's room for more!
- 11 • Assist congregations with mission education and mission presentations
12 District mission personnel – like me, but others too – stand ready to help churches
13 with school chapel services and Mission Festivals. At the District convention we
14 hope to debut materials that can add spice to Mission Festivals.
15 Also, here are presentations I can offer in the area of Missions:
 - 16 ○ Approaching Mission under the Cross (one hour)
 - 17 ○ The Church as a Baptizing Community (one hour)
 - 18 ○ The Christian's Mission (can be as long as a full-day workshop)
- 19 • Encourage congregations to support District mission work with prayer and resources
20 Missions are featured prominently in "Partnership in the Gospel," a half-hour
21 video on the Lord's work in our District. Circuit Visitors are showing this video
22 when they visit congregations, but anyone can view the entire video by clicking a
23 link on the home page of the District's website, www.cidlcms.org

24 I am directing churches interested in revitalization toward new tools from the Synod's
25 Office of National Mission called "re:Vitality." For more information on this, please ask me.

26 It stands out in importance for congregations and their members to SHARE CONTACT
27 INFORMATION ON COLLEGE STUDENTS who attend one of the universities where the
28 District has established campus ministries: Illinois-Champaign, Illinois State, Eastern Illinois,
29 and Western Illinois. Please also forward contact information for students at institutions where
30 newer efforts are getting off the ground: Illinois-Springfield, Lincoln Land Community College
31 (Springfield), and Bradley University. Send student contact information to kschurb@cidlcms.org

32 EVANGELISM

33 "*. . . evangelism has special reference to sharing the Gospel with those who do not yet*
34 *confess 'Jesus Christ is Lord,' to the end that they, too, may enjoy with us all the benefits of our*
35 *Lord Jesus Christ*" (The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod).

36 With respect to Evangelism, I:

- 37 • Assist churches in planning outreach; sharing ideas, resources, and encouragement
38 I can do this work personally, but my "reach" will be broadened if Circuits take
39 the District Evangelism Commission's recommendation of appointing a "Circuit
40 Witness and Outreach Worker" (or "C-WOW") in their midst. (See the present
41 report's Appendix A for the position description.) A preliminary C-WOW
42 training session will be offered on Saturday, Sept. 22, 2018. Watch for details!
- 43 • Facilitate day-long witness workshops: the new Every One His Witness ("E1HW," which is
44 available as a kit from Concordia Publishing House) and/or the older "Gospel
45

- 1 Communication Clinic.” I can bring these to groups in your congregation or Circuit, or train
2 others to do so.
- 3 • Offer the following presentations:
- 4 ○ Approaching Evangelism Under the Cross (one hour)
- 5 ○ Evangelism in the Book of Acts (can be as long as a full-day workshop)
- 6 ○ Apologetics (half-day topics including “The Case for Christ” and “Science under the
7 Microscope”; I will teach these and other topics at Trinity, Springfield in one-hour
8 sessions over a series of 10 Wednesday evenings starting Sept. 5, 2018)
- 9 ○ (coming in fall, 2019): Assimilating New Members into Lutheran Congregations
- 10 • Help you to secure resources and training on other apologetics topics, also congregational
11 outreach and ministry to inactive members. And even if you are not sure what you are
12 looking for, by all means let’s talk!

13 STEWARDSHIP

14 “*CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP is the free and joyous activity of the child of God and*
15 *God’s family, the church, in managing all of life and life’s resources for God’s purposes*”
16 (Biblical Stewardship Principles, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod).

17 “*Stewardship without Mission is pointless; Mission without Stewardship is impossible*” (a
18 veteran Stewardship leader).

19 With respect to Stewardship, I:

- 20 • Facilitate the District’s acquisition of resources for annual Stewardship programs
- 21 These materials include Bible studies, worship services, devotional material,
22 financial helps, church newsletter/bulletin articles, and other suggestions. They
23 are available on the District website, <http://www.cidlcms.org/stewardship.html>
- 24 • Provide consultations on stewardship to pastors and church committees
- 25 • Provide Stewardship training, including –
- 26 ○ A “Philippians” workshop, which will be taught during the second half of the afternoon
27 and evening of Thursday, Sept. 6 by Rev. Heath Curtis of the Synod’s Office of National
28 Mission at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Sherman. Watch for details. Please contact
29 me if you’d like to bring this workshop to your area.
- 30 ○ Presenting “Approaching Stewardship Under the Cross” (one hour)
- 31 ○ Presenting specific Stewardship topics, as needed, to pastors or laypeople
- 32 • Each year, update a draft of salary guidelines for District church workers
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34 HUMAN CARE

35 “*The congregation shall also provide food, clothing, habitation, and all other necessities*
36 *for the poor, widows, orphans, aged, and invalids, which these themselves cannot procure and*
37 *[for which] they have no relatives who first of all owe them these things*” (C. F. W. Walther). In
38 these matters as in others, congregations working together through the Synod and District can do
39 more than any congregation could ever do singly.

40 With respect to Human Care, I:

- 41 • Work with the District’s Social Ministry Committee to cultivate concern for human care and
42 encourage endeavors to remove and alleviate human suffering in the name of Christ
- 43 • Encourage District congregations to respond with help concerning natural disasters via our
44 District Lutheran Early Response Training (LERT)
- 45

1 By the way, as this report is being finalized, LERT recently deployed twice in
2 Watseka on consecutive Saturdays, involving a total of 186 volunteers. The Lord
3 has done truly amazing things through such dedicated LERT workers in our
4 District as well as LERT District Coordinator Stephen Born and Regional
5 Coordinators Cindy Steinwedel and Randy Wolf.
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7 PERSONAL NOTE, if I may . . .

8 I remain relatively new to the Central Illinois District. I'm still making my share of
9 rookie mistakes, and probably more. In any case, my wife Lana and I give thanks to God and to
10 all those who have welcomed us in so many ways. Special appreciation to Bill and Norma
11 Kammerlohr and their daughter Anna for sharing their home and themselves with me while we
12 were waiting for the sale of our former house in Moberly, Missouri! Thank you ever so much.
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14 CONCLUSION

15 Christ died for all, and all ought to know. Christ died for you and me, wretched and
16 miserable sinners though we are. The church lives on His forgiving gospel, the Good News of
17 His cross. He is our hope of glory. His good Word stands at the center of the church. "The
18 church is the assembly of saints in which the Gospel is taught purely and the sacraments are
19 administered rightly" (CA VII). Christ's church lives by receiving the gifts that He gives through
20 His Word.

21 Even churchly arrangements and problem-solving efforts, in the Central Illinois District
22 too, should serve to proclaim Christ the crucified. I invite you to join me in working and praying
23 that also in these matters the mystery shines. As St. Paul wrote by inspiration of the Holy Spirit,
24 "Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving; and pray for us also, that
25 God may open a door for the word, to declare the mystery of Christ . . . that I may make it clear,
26 as I ought to speak" (Col. 4:2-4).
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APPENDIX A: Circuit Witness and Outreach Worker (“C-WOW”)

In general:

The Circuit Witness and Outreach Worker is a pastor or other synodically rostered church worker chosen by the Circuit Visitor or the pastors of the Circuit’s churches to assist with witness and outreach efforts, promoting such efforts on a Circuit-wide basis and in the various congregations of the Circuit. This is an unofficial position within the Synod and District. Its responsibilities largely consist in serving as liaison between the District Evangelism Commission and Evangelism executive on one hand and the Circuit and its congregations on the other hand. Circuit Witness and Outreach Workers need to be acquainted with resources available to congregations from the Synod and the District, and it is important that they can give some of their time to their work with congregations and their Circuit as a whole.

Goal:

Assist congregations in positioning themselves for Christ’s mission and actually taking up that mission. Help congregations cultivate a life together that both welcomes strangers and encourages witness and outreach.

Terms:

Witness – individual telling of the Good News about Jesus by a Christian to an unchurched person.

Outreach – organized efforts by congregations to lead unchurched people from initial contact with the church and her members to Word and Sacrament ministry.

Responsibilities of a C-WOW:

1. **Circuit Gatherings:** Encourage and provide resources for the discussion of witness and outreach at gatherings of circuit personnel, e.g., Circuit Pastoral Conferences (“Winkels”), Circuit Forums, Circuit Convocations, etc.
2. **News:** Serve as a communication link within the Circuit for news of especially noteworthy witness and outreach efforts taking place among the Circuit’s congregations. Transmit such reports to the District Evangelism executive.
3. **Resourcing:** inform the circuit, its congregations, pastors, and other church leaders concerning witness and outreach resources provided by the District and Synod, including demographic studies available from the District.
4. **Witness:** Encourage and help equip congregations to prepare their members for witness within their own callings in life. (The Synod’s “Every One His Witness” basic and context modules can be of great help.)
5. **Outreach:** Encourage and assist circuit congregations both to develop a deliberate outreach approach and to extend their outreach efforts to people with whom they presently have little or no contact. (The Synod’s reVitality workshop “Connect to Disciple” can be of great help.)
6. **Training:** Conduct or facilitate training sessions for witness and outreach as needed within their circuits.

Resources for C-WOWs:

- A. Annual one-day training event, perhaps supplemented by occasional additional training opportunities

- B. Monthly e-mail updates from District Evangelism Executive, 9 or 10 times a year
C. Personal consultation, as needed, with District Evangelism Executive

Approved by CID Evangelism Commission, Jan. 30, 2018

APPENDIX B: Investment of Central Illinois District Mission Dollars

<u>Mission Stations / Congregations</u>	<u>2015 Actual</u>	<u>2016 Actual</u>	<u>2017 Actual</u>
Beardstown, Latino Outreach	\$34,805	\$34,606	\$35,572
Buffalo, Risen Savior	\$1,618	\$1,580	\$4,594
East Moline, Christ the King (Cristo Rey)	\$90,903	\$102,163	\$100,867
Peru, Redeemer	\$35,512	\$18,000	\$18,000
St. Joseph, Our Savior* (closed in 2016)	\$48,880	\$0	\$0

* Our Savior reimbursed the District for some past expenses.

<u>Campus Ministries</u>			
Champaign, U. of I.	\$111,028	\$118,942	\$123,252
Charleston, E.I.U.	\$65,000	\$67,500	\$68,608
Macomb, W.I.U.	\$75,278	\$71,168	\$75,477
Normal, I.S.U.	\$103,253	\$119,599	\$124,577

<u>Deaf Ministry</u>			
Jacksonville, Christ Lutheran Church Deaf	\$116,039	\$117,107	\$117,125

<u>Prison Ministries</u>			
Lincoln & Logan Correctional Centers	\$20,443	\$21,228	\$21,285
Mt. Sterling, Pittsfield, & Roodhouse	\$47,966	\$48,685	\$48,634
- Mt. Sterling Correctional Center			
- Pittsfield Work Camp			
- Roodhouse, Green County Work Camp			

<u>Special Ministry</u>			
Lutheran Early Response Team (LERT)	\$4,826	\$13,692	\$5,090

Education and Congregational Life
2018 Report
Mr. Trip Rodgers

Christian education continues to be a significant undertaking in the Central Illinois District. Certainly, most of the congregations operate various volunteer education programs including Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, midweek schools, confirmation instruction, Bible classes, and the like. In addition to these, fifty-three congregations are involved in the operation of twenty-two elementary schools and three high schools. There are also thirty freestanding early childhood programs (pre-school and child care centers) that are operated by congregations of our District.

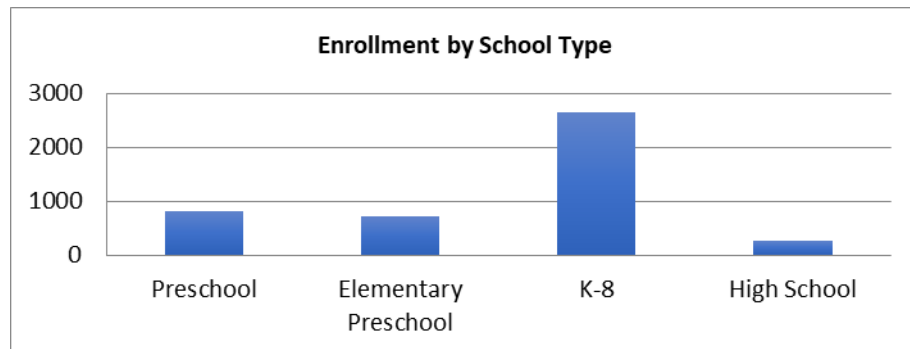
Statistics for 2017-2018 school year

Note: these statistics are not complete due to the fact the four of the early childhood programs did not submit an annual report.

Schools	Early Childhood Centers (E.C.C)	30
	Elementary (with E.C.C)	19
	Elementary only	3
	Elementary and High School	1
	High School	2

Total Educational Agencies 55

Enrollment by School Type

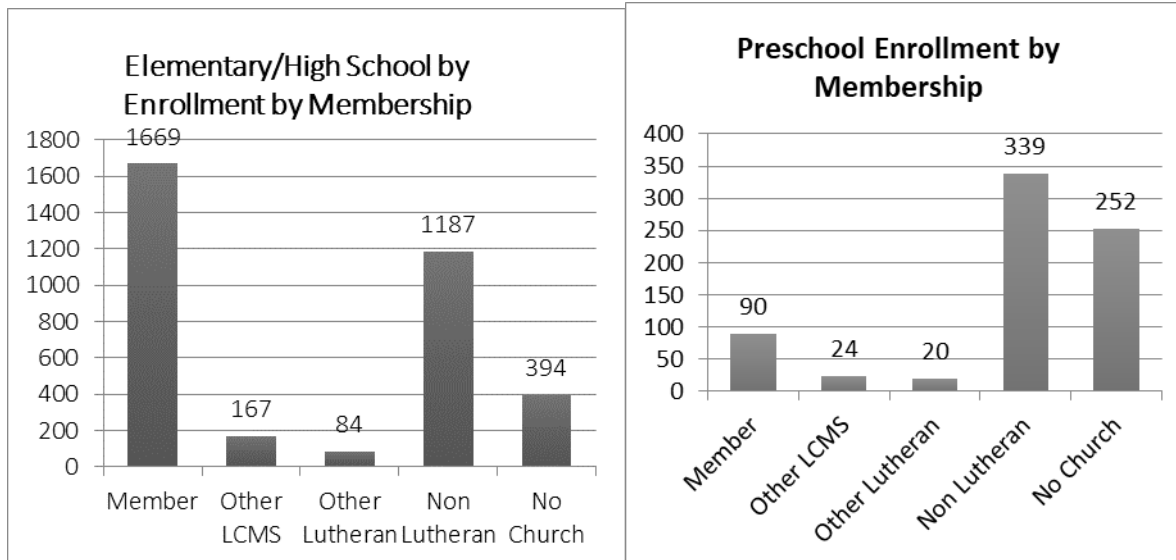


Enrollment by Grade Level

Early Childhood Center	823
Elementary	2660
Early Childhood	705
High School	265

Total Children Served 4453

Enrollment by Church Membership



Commissioned Ministers in the CID: Total 178

161 Teachers

- Active teachers: 161
- Emeritus teachers: 84
- Candidate Status: 15

12 Director of Christian Education

2 Parish Nurse

1 Director of Children Ministry

2 Directors of Parish Music

Outreach

The following information has been reported for new members of the CID-LCMS Congregations (through Lutheran School Enrollment during the 2107-2018 school year).

❖ Baptism 63 children

❖ Adults joining 73 parents

Gains and Losses

❖ Little Lamb Preschool – East Moline- Closed- August 29, 2017

Teacher Colloquy Program

Many educators in the Synod's schools have become Synodically trained, professional church workers through the Lutheran Teacher Colloquy Program. The program, offered via CUEnet, provides colloquy classes online and the theology component normally received by

1 graduates of the Concordia University System. Participants must have a BA degree, be a member
2 of LCMS congregation, and be currently teaching in an LCMS school. Our District provides
3 some financial assistance to teachers enrolled in this colloquy program. Teachers who have
4 graduated from this program speak very highly of the instruction they received and the benefits it
5 brought to their classroom teaching.

6 In the last three years ten teachers have completed the colloquy program and are now
7 recognized as Ministers of Religion- Commissioned.

8 9 **National Lutheran School Accreditation**

10 National Lutheran School Accreditation is an ongoing process of self-evaluation,
11 improvement, and recognition based on national standards for child-care centers, early childhood
12 centers, elementary, and secondary schools. This process of school improvement currently
13 accredits six schools in the CID:

- 14 ○ Altamont Interparish
- 15 ○ St. John's - Mattoon
- 16 ○ St. Paul's - Milford
- 17 ○ Our Savior's - Springfield
- 18 ○ Trinity - Springfield
- 19 ○ Lutheran High School- Springfield

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21 The following schools are in the process of completing their self-study:

- 22 ○ St. John's - Buckley
- 23 ○ Lutheran School Association-Decatur
- 24 ○ Concordia - Peoria

25 26 **Lutheran Educator Conferences**

27 In the fall of 2016 many of our educators attended the Lutheran Education Association
28 Convocation in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Over 3000 Lutheran educators from around the world
29 attended this three-day convocation. The schools in our District determined that this LEA
30 convocation was the official teacher's conference; therefore, no District conference is scheduled
31 during that school year.

32 In the fall 2017 we combined with the Southern Illinois District teachers for the annual
33 CID/SID Teachers' Conference in Collinsville, Illinois. We had over 400 Lutheran teachers
34 gather together for this one-day conference.

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36 CID principals gathered for one-day conferences two times a year. These conferences are
37 scheduled at one of our schools. Topics have included Protecting Your Ministry, Fair Labor
38 Standards, Tech-21, and Technology for Lutheran Schools.

39 40 41 **State of Illinois: Invest in Kids Act**

42 Starting in 2018 the State of Illinois initiated a program that would permit taxpayers to
43 donate to a Scholarship Organization to help provide scholarships for private and parochial
44 schools. Donations can be made to these state-approved Scholarship Organization. Taxpayers
45 will receive a 75% tax credit based on their donation. Parents can apply for scholarships based
46 on their family income. Scholarship organizations will review applications and determine the
47 scholarship awards.

Congregational Life

Parish Nursing Information

Parish nursing is a ministry of care and compassion that combines medical knowledge and spiritual care. It is designed to be a compliment to the pastoral ministry and includes such things as volunteer assimilation, health counseling, health education, community referral, and always prayer. Rev. Joshua Traxel, Senior Pastor at Our Savior's, Springfield, says of the parish nurse ministry in place there for nearly 20 years, "The parish nurse allows us to reach people that we otherwise would not be able to reach."

The duties of a parish nurse are determined by the needs of the congregation he/she serves.

Parish nursing ministries may look vastly different from congregation to congregation. Ministries also vary based on the resources of time, finances, and space available to the nurse as well as the gifts and knowledge that nurses brings to the ministry. Possible duties of the parish nurse include shut-in visits, hospital calls, and follow up care for those recently discharged, bereavement care, facilitation of support groups, health education classes for adults and day school children, women's ministries. The list could go on, but the intention of parish nursing is to augment the pastoral ministry, assisting pastors to meet the many needs of the members of their congregation and their community.

There are several models for parish nursing. Some nurses are volunteers, perhaps receiving a stipend, mileage, or honorarium for their work. Others are part-time and are paid, and still others are full-time, salaried members of the ministry team. The nurse might serve one congregation or 2-3 small or rural congregations who all 'chip in' for his/her salary and ministry needs. A few parish nurses are hospital based, sent to serve members of various churches as requested.

Parish nurse educational opportunities are available through Concordia University, Mequon, WI. If you are interested in learning more about parish nursing, please contact Kim Meyer, CID Parish Nurse Representative, by calling 217-546-4531. A gathering of interested clergy and nurses is being planned.

Teens Leading Teens

We had three youth from the CID District attend the Lutheran Youth Fellowship Training. Lutheran Youth Fellowship (LYF) equips teens to develop and use their leadership skills as they serve Christ within their congregations and communities. We offer resources and training to equip teens to lead and mentor each other.

This annual leadership-training event is facilitated by the teen LYF Executive Team. We are looking for other youth in our district that would be willing to participate. If you know of someone that is interested, please contact the District office.

Director of Christian Education (DCE)

At the present time we have twelve DCEs serving in our congregations. In addition to those, two DCE interns have been assigned to congregations in the district. The DCEs serve in a wide variety of ministry roles including youth and family life ministry. Congregations continue to expand the scope of ministry provided by these church workers. Several of our congregations have accepted DCE interns who then go on to complete their degrees.

DCEs have monthly meetings at various congregations within our districts. These DCE meetings provide professional and spiritual growth for these church workers. Each year the DCEs select one faith-based book to study and review at their meetings.

Parish Education Committee

The Parish Education Committee of our District concentrates on providing guidance to the congregational education ministries of such agencies as Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, and midweek school. The Parish Education Committee also supports CID Bible Bowl. The 2017 edition was held at Trinity Lutheran School, Springfield. The topic for 2017 was “Life of David”. Although only three teams participated, the competition was lively. Participating teams included St. John, East Moline (1st place), Immanuel, Altamont, Zion, Taylor Ridge.

Youth Committee

Jr-High Lock-IN

The Youth committee is small group of individuals that enjoy working the youth of our District. The Junior High Lock-In is generally scheduled on a Friday night around the middle November. Starting in 2016 the Lock-in has been held at Five-Points in Washington, IL. During the last two years we have had over 400 individuals attending each of our Lock-Ins.

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We are also blessed that a number of DCEs are serving on the national board for the National Youth Gathering. The 14th triennial LCMS Youth Gathering is set for July 11-15, 2019, in Minneapolis.

National Lutheran Youth Worker Conference will be held to prepare District representatives for the 2019 National Lutheran Youth Gathering in Minneapolis. DCE Matt Slaybaugh and Teacher Carmen Yagow are our CID coordinators.

Demographic studies

We are available to provide to congregations and schools demographic studies that are based on local zip codes. We have a membership with MissionInsite, which provides our demographic data. If you are interested in receiving demographic data for your congregation, please contact the District office.

CIRCUIT VISITOR REPORTS

Altamont Circuit – Rev. David Speers, Circuit Visitor

The Altamont circuit has been quite busy during the past 3 years.

The pastors of the circuit continue to meet regularly at Winkel on the second Tuesday of each month from September through May, except in months that coincide with a pastors' conference. In November and May, our circuit meets jointly with the Shelby and Effingham Circuits. We have had great tri-circuit meetings with guests like Rev Jeff Hemmer, who spoke to us on the topic of his book "Manning UP!" and this coming May we will have Christina Gillet, PsyD, Director of Word of Hope - Lutherans For Life, speaking about Lutherans for Life. Currently the pastors are studying Walther's Pastoral Theology, using the study guides created by the LCMS in cooperation with Doxology, and reading the Epistles of John for our Greek study.

Beyond this we get together to study the lessons for upcoming texts in the lectionary in the original language each Thursday, at St Peter, St Peter, afterwards enjoying lunch together at a local pub.

We try to get together in a number of ways. Pastors in the circuit participate in Lenten rotations each year. There is a Reformation Rally each year in Altamont, hosted by the four Altamont LCMS churches, with participation from Altamont Lutheran Interparish School. We had over 400 people present! Two of our circuit pastors, Wright and Emrick, worked together and led a tour to Germany in 2017.

We have had a number of pastors retire this past triennium. Pastor William Emrick, St Peter, St Peter, and Pastor Clayton Vail, Bethlehem/Zion, Altamont, retired in the summer of 2017. Pastor Jerry Bagwell, Holy Cross, Vandalia, retired in September of 2017. All three congregations entered into the process of calling a pastor.

St Peter Lutheran Church, St Peter, Illinois extended a call to Rev Ryan Meyer, who accepted the call and was installed in October of 2017.

Bethlehem/Zion Lutheran Churches, Altamont, Illinois, extended a call to Rev Marcus Manley, who accepted the call and was installed in December of 2017.

Holy Cross, Vandalia, Illinois has extended a call to Rev Michael Mohr and he has accepted.

Salem Lutheran Church, Salem Illinois extended a call to Rev Michael Feldmann, as Associate Pastor. Rev Feldmann was installed in October of 2017.

Among other rostered workers:

Mr. Larry Urban has been serving St Peter Lutheran School as principal.

Mrs. Judy Milleville retired from Altamont Lutheran Interparish School.

Mrs. Brittany Connor and Mrs. Amber Schnarre have come to teach at ALIS during the last triennium.

Mrs. Mary Zumwalt, a teacher at ALIS just celebrated 40 years as a teacher.

We have much to give thanks to God for, this triennium and look forward to many more blessings, as the Lord leads the churches of the Altamont Circuit to carry out the mission which the Lord has given to His Church! (Matthew 28:19-20)

Bloomington North Circuit - Rev. Joe Burns, Circuit Visitor

We have been blessed during this past triennium to be stable in our pastoral care. We have not had any vacancies to deal with since Rev. Jeremy Latzke was installed as pastor of St. Paul, Chenoa in March 2015. These past three years we have met faithfully each month of the school year for worship together, fellowship, and study of the Gospel and the Confessions. This last year we have added the bible study related to Walther to our study. Our circuit does have a serious challenge before us as although our pastors have been stable, our membership has not.

1 We have fallen below the mandatory 1500 members for us to remain a viable circuit. We look to the District for
2 guidance on how and where to continue and trust in God's promise to protect His church.
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5 **Bloomington South Circuit – Rev. Chad Lueck, Circuit Visitor**

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7 The Bloomington South Circuit is blessed to be represented by seven LCMS congregations and the CID
8 mission - Wittenberg Lutheran Student Center. The camaraderie of the brother Pastors is Spirit inspired as the men
9 meet monthly for edifying worship, group discussion and five-star treats. These hardworking men of the cloth also
10 provide services for the Luther Oaks Retirement Community.
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12 The changes to our circuit (as remembered by the former circuit visitor and the current circuit visitor) are as
13 follows:
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15 Terry Strom - installed as Associate Pastor at Trinity, Bloomington
16 Chuck Bahn - ordained and installed at Trinity, Bloomington
17 Jonathan Huehn - accepted the call from Associate to Head Pastor at Christ, Normal
18 Timothy Fitzner - installed as Associate Pastor at Christ, Normal
19 David Ehlers - vacancy Pastor at St. Paul, Lexington
20 David Bergelin - accepted a call to Janesville, WI from St. Paul, Lexington
21 Mel Weseloh - emeritus from Decatur Circuit to Bloomington South
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23 President Miller appointed Rev. Chad Lueck to the position of Circuit Visitor replacing Rev. David
24 Bergelin. He then was granted the job permanently in about 10 seconds by the Circuit Forum.
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26 We will carry on in the next three years in the grace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and pray for a
27 smooth sailing circuit.
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30 **Champaign Circuit – Rev. Kurtis Bueltmann, Circuit Visitor**

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32 “As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another” (Proverbs 27:17). “For I long to see you, that I may
33 impart some spiritual gift to you, so that you may be established; that is, that we may be mutually encouraged by
34 each other’s faith, both yours and mine” (Romans 1:11-12).

35 Rev. Mark Elliott began his second consecutive term as the Champaign Circuit Visitor in 2015 but ceased
36 this role in January 2017. In June 2017 I was appointed by Pres. Miller to fill the vacancy of Circuit Visitor. While
37 this is not a role for which I have ever aspired, I have attempted to fulfil these duties to the best of my ability. Rev.
38 Scott Weiler faithfully served as our secretary and treasurer until June 2016, and Rev. Jeff Caithamer has faithfully
39 continued to serve in this role since.

40 The brothers of the Champaign Circuit meet monthly (with a few exceptions) for “Winkels” on the second
41 Tuesday of each month. Our time together entails fellowship, worship with the Lord’s Supper, exegetical study,
42 topical discussion, business, casuistry, sharing, and the occasional guest speaker. Since September 2017, the
43 brethren of the Iroquois Circuit have been a most welcome addition to our monthly gatherings. In May, we plan to
44 join revelry of the Pastors’ Retreat at CILCA.

45 Like most circuits, ours has not been stagnant as the Holy Spirit sees fit to call His servants where He will
46 to and from different ministry communities.

- 47 • In May 2015, Rev. Terry Strom transitioned from Trinity in Urbana to Trinity in Bloomington.
- 48 • In April 2016, Rev. Shawn Boylan transitioned from associate pastor to senior pastor at Trinity in Urbana.
- 49 • In June 2016, Our Savior in St. Joseph closed its doors, and Rev. Scott Weiler moved to St. Louis.
- 50 • In October 2016, Rev. Larry Bell began serving (80%) at Peace in Thomasboro.
- 51 • In November 2016, Rev. Phillip Callahan left our circuit to serve at Good Shepherd in Hoopeston.
- 52 • In January 2017, Rev. Mark Elliott ceased his service at St. John in Champaign.

1 • In May 2017, Rev. Brian Pape accepted a call to Peace in Flagstaff, Arizona, and Friendship Lutheran
2 Church of Joy near Savoy in Champaign has been vacant since his departure.

3 Other brothers in the Champaign Circuit include Rev. Jeff Caithamer (St. John Champaign), Rev. Don
4 Ehlers (emeritus), Rev. Bob Frank (Presence Hospital), Rev. Mike Heidle (Immanuel Danville), Rev. Robert
5 Heimgartner, Rev. Jeff McPike (Immanuel Osman), Rev. Rick Milas (University Champaign), Rev. Lynn Podoll
6 (emeritus), and Rev. Kent Tibben (Trinity Danville).

7 Although I was unanimously elected at our most recent circuit forum to serve again as Circuit Visitor, I will
8 be unable to fulfill this duty as I was led by the Spirit to accept a call to Redeemer in Evansville, Indiana. It has
9 truly been a privilege and a blessing to serve the Lord as the first called pastor of Faith in Monticello for the past
10 seven years. Likewise, it has been a blessing these past seven years to be sharpened and mutually encouraged by the
11 brothers of the Champaign Circuit.

12 13 14 **Decatur Circuit – Rev. Robert Bruer, Circuit Visitor**

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16 We continue to meet monthly for our circuit conference. The pastors and vicars of our congregations lead
17 us in a study of God's word for our spiritual edification. We enjoy the mutual encouragement and the consolation of
18 the brothers at these meetings.

19 Since the 2016 CID Convention we have welcomed three new pastors into our circuit. The Rev. Mark
20 Gearig is the Associate Pastor at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Decatur and the Rev. Brett Hinrichs is the Pastor at
21 Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church in Decatur. The Rev. Matthew Versemann is the Pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church in
22 Decatur. We are blessed to have these fine young pastors in our Circuit and their congregations are being richly
23 blessed by what God is doing through them. The Rev. Adam Ray is lead pastor at St. John's Lutheran Church in
24 Decatur. The Rev. Robert Bruer is the Pastor at Mount Zion Lutheran Church in Mount Zion. The Rev. David
25 Bueltmann is the Pastor of Concordia Lutheran Church in Decatur. The Rev. Wray Offermann, the Rev. Michael
26 Damery and the Rev. Russell Weise retired. The Rev. Doug Bender took a call to Concordia University Wisconsin.

27 The Rev. Melvin Weseloh moved from the circuit and resigned as Circuit Visitor. The Rev. Robert Bruer
28 was appointed to finish his term.

29 The circuit sponsored the showing of "Martin Luther: The Idea That Changed the World" at the AMC
30 Strand October 30, 2017 to celebrate the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation.

31 We continue to be blessed by God through the Lutheran School Association which is made up of our five
32 LCMS congregations in Decatur. Our K-12 school reaches our members and our community with the Gospel of
33 Jesus Christ.

34 35 36 **Effingham Circuit – Rev. Stephen Gillet, Circuit Visitor**

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38 Elected to the circuit as Visitor was Rev. Allen Kramp. He took a call in the summer of 2016 to
39 Wisconsin. I was appointed Circuit Visitor in August of 2016 to fill out the three-year term. I left the Board of
40 Trustees to CID Church Extension Fund to become the Circuit Visitor. I have really enjoyed serving these last 2
41 years in this capacity.

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43 During those 3 years, Trinity, Casey became a dual parish with Our Redeemer, Robinson and they received
44 a seminary candidate, Matthew Jukola, from Fort Wayne, installed June of 2016. Before the dual parish agreement,
45 Our Redeemer, Robinson was served in vacancy by Rev. Steph Gillet. Rev. Mike Kasting left Trinity in retirement
46 to Oregon.

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48 Our Savior, Lawrenceville was served by Rev. Kramp, until he took the call to Wisconsin. It now has been
49 served by Rev. Tom Kramer, from Hope, Mt. Carmel, IL, a SID congregation. They continue to contemplate the
50 possibility of becoming a dual parish. Both congregations seem to be doing well in this situation.

1 Faith, Flora was served by Rev. Kramp until he took the call to Wisconsin. It was being served in vacancy
2 by Trinity, Iuka, IL's pastor Rev. Aaron Kangas. This connection has led to a dual parish agreement by both
3 congregations and Rev. Kangas was installed at Faith, Flora on Feb. 4, 2018. There is a good chance Flora may
4 leave the CID and become a SID congregation in the future.
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6 St. John Louisville received a candidate spring of 2016 following the departure of Rev. Ryan Eden, who
7 took a call to Nebraska. Rev. Joel Oswald was installed in June of 2016 at St. John. Due to family circumstances,
8 he resigned his call in August of 2017. They have been in vacancy ever since, being served by Rev. Steph Gillet,
9 and now Rev. Tom Baker. As of this writing, they have extended 2 calls, and both have been returned. They still
10 seek a pastor to serve them.
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12 St. John, Dieterich and St. Paul, Wheeler continue to be served by Rev. Stephen Gillet. Grace, Dieterich
13 has been served by Rev. Jason Rensner, from Faith, Shumway for the last several years. These 3 congregations,
14 along with St. John, Louisville, come together each Easter morning for the 7 AM at the Dieterich High School gym
15 for a joint Sunrise service. The gym is filled with over 500 people, with special music by a brass ensemble and
16 several choirs.
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18 Good Shepherd, Newton has seen its pastor retire, Rev. Mike Seidenstricker, in December of 2015 and has
19 remained vacant, being served by several different pastors on short term capacities. It is now being served as a full-
20 time vacancy by Rev. Earl Brown. 2 men from this congregation, a father and son, will be completing their
21 seminary training in the next five years.
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23 St. John, Effingham has seen its assistant pastor, Rev. Earl Brown, retire in the summer of 2017. They
24 have begun the call process to replace Rev. Brown. Rev. Ted Gall, the senior pastor, has been dealing with some
25 health issues, which has slowed down the call process. The congregation is seeking the Lord's will as to how to
26 proceed with the call process. This congregation still operates a very successful preschool in Effingham, that has a
27 waiting list for enrollment.
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29 This Circuit meets regularly with the Shelby Circuit monthly throughout the year. We also, twice a year,
30 join the Altamont circuit for Winkel, having special guests present to all of us. This gives all pastors an opportunity
31 to meet and continue friendships with those pastors not regularly seen each month. Mutual consolation with the
32 brothers is an important aspect of ministry. We need each other to not only contemplate topics, but also get input
33 from others.
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35 Our two Circuits started a Tre Ore service between Effingham and Shelby Circuits last year, held at St.
36 Paul, Strasburg, to remember the words of our Lord from the Cross. This year, it moved to the Effingham circuit,
37 St. John, Dieterich hosting. This will give our congregational members an opportunity to hear the words of Christ
38 and join with other Christians. Several of the pastors within both circuits preach during the service. It has been well
39 received.
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41 42 **Iroquois Circuit – Rev. Timothy Hahn, Circuit Visitor**

43 The Iroquois Circuit consists of the following congregations and pastors:
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- 45 - Buckley, St John (Rev. Kevin Wyckoff)
 - 46 - Cissna Park (Idaville) Immanuel (not calling—being served by Rev. Timothy Hahn)
 - 47 - Cissna Park, Trinity (Rev. Timothy Hahn)
 - 48 - Hoopston, Good Shepherd (Rev. Phillip Callahan)
 - 49 - Loda, Immanuel (not calling—being served by Rev. Earl Kinnee)
 - 50 - Milford, Our Savior (Rev. Karl Gibbs)
 - 51 - Milford (Woodworth), St. Paul (Rev. Michael Stoerger)
 - 52 - Onarga (Ash Grove), St. John (vacant—being served by Rev. Timothy Hahn)
 - 53 - Thawville, St. Peter (not calling—being served by Rev. Earl Kinnee)
 - 54 - Watseka, Calvary (Rev. Donald Love)
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Pastoral Changes:

- Rev. Matthew Montgomery (student at Fort Wayne to St. John's, Ash Grove)
- Rev. Benjamin Meyer (St. Paul's, Woodworth to Hope, Sunbury, OH)
- Rev. Phillip Callahan (Trinity, Danville to Good Shepherd, Hoopeston)
- Rev. Michael Stoerger (St. John's, Hannibal, MO to St. Paul's Woodworth)
- Rev. Matthew Montgomery (St. John's, Ash Grove to St. Paul's, Sadorus)

Rev. David Allen (Immanuel, Loda) entered the Church Triumphant on September 26, 2015.

In our circuit we are blessed to have two pre-K through 8th grade schools (St. John's, Buckley and St. Paul's, Woodworth), a high school (Christ Lutheran, Buckley) and a pre-school (Calvary, Watseka).

I took over as Circuit Visitor early in the triennium after Rev. Benjamin Meyer accepted a call to Hope Lutheran Church in Sunbury, OH.

In 2017-2018, we began having joint circuit meetings with the Champaign Circuit. On our own, we get together periodically for lunch, fellowship, and casuistry.

We celebrated the Lutheran Reformation each of the three years with a circuit Reformation service. Our circuit was blessed when Our Savior, Milford welcomed Mahlah, the Comfort Dog. She has been a blessing not only to Milford but also to communities within our circuit. As a circuit, we look forward to working together as a circuit to provide youth events, discipleship and evangelism training, and other events.

Jacksonville Circuit – Rev. Gene Strattman, Circuit Visitor

Each Tuesday of the week most of the pastor join for exegetical study of the pericopes using the original texts. We also have winkle on the first Tuesday of each month for a worship service with, a Greek/Hebrew exegetical study as well as a theological or doctrinal topic. The last Thursday of the month Pastors meet for a Confessional Study at St. John's Bath. Pastors from several circuits attend.

There is a Circuit Mission Council that meets every other month at St. John's Beardstown. We have also begun ministry to the Hispanic population in the area. We continue distribution of worship for Shut-Ins" DVDs to area nursing homes retirement centers and hospitals.

Annually we have a Bible Institute in the winter as well as a joint pastors' retreat with the Quincy Circuit at Camp CILCA in May with a guest speaker who is usually a professor for one of our seminaries. Naturally each October we hold a Circuit wide Reformation Service.

Additionally, circuit Pastors jointly support and report on the ministries of the LWML, LLL, Lutherans for Life, Camp CILCA, and The Wittenberg Project.

Rev. William Orr was installed as Pastor at Salem in Jacksonville in the autumn of 2016.

Rev. John Laux was installed as Pastor at Our Redeemer in Jacksonville in October of 2017.

1st Lutheran Church in Mt. Sterling and St. John's in Rushville remain vacant.

Rev. Richard Harre is serving the dual parish of Christ, Winchester and Trinity, Neelyville.

1 **Lincoln Circuit – Rev. Wesley Reimnitz, Circuit Visitor**

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3 Greetings in Jesus Christ our Risen Lord and Savior!

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5 The Lord has blessed our churches with increases in baptisms, confirmations, and worship attendance. We
6 continue with activity with the LWML and LLL. We look forward to the challenges and joys of the next triennium
7 proclaiming the peace of Christ to our community as Christ has commissioned us.

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9 We continued with our Reformation Service each year around the last Sunday in October. We have a joint
10 circuit choir and special guest speaker. After the worship service we have ½ hour seminar by our guest speaker;
11 followed by a joint circuit potluck supper. Our speakers for 2015 and 2016 were: Rev. Tom Baker and Rev. Randall
12 Golter. For the 500th Reformation Service on October 31st, we celebrated with President Mark Miller as our speaker.

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14 Our next Reformation Service will be Nov 4, 2017, 2:00 PM, Zion Lutheran Church, Lincoln. Our feature
15 speaker will be Rev. Dr. Ken Schurb. The theme of the service will be “Reformation of Mission.”

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17 At our January 2018 Circuit Forum, we elect Rev. Kevin Wendorf, St. Paul, Havana, as our next Circuit
18 Visitor. Also, we discussed the following items to implement in the next triennium:

- 19 1. Developing a circuit singles group
- 20 2. Getting together as a circuit forum once a year- with topics and speaker.
- 21 3. Committees on evangelism, in-actives, stewardship, missions.
- 22 4. Committees will contain both with lay and pastors.
- 23 5. Support LWML, LLL, CID MISSIONS.
- 24 6. Support of our circuit visitor.

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27 Churches of our circuit:

28 Zion Lutheran & School, Lincoln
29 Zion Lutheran Church & School, Mt. Pulaski, IL
30 Christ, Delavan/St. Luke, San Jose
31 Faith, Lincoln
32 Christ, Clinton and Zion Chestnut
33 Christ Lutheran, Mason City
34 Zion Lutheran, New Holland
35 St. Paul Lutheran, Manito
36 Trinity Lutheran, Manito
37 St. Paul Lutheran Havana

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39 May the Lord continue to bless the congregations of the Lincoln Circuit and the CID to be His faithful
40 witness during the coming years.

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43 **Mattoon Circuit – Rev. John Sharp, Circuit Visitor**

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45 As of this writing, March 10, 2018, Lent, Circuit 10, the Mattoon Circuit is doing well by God’s grace and
46 the power of the Spirit.

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48 God finally concluded a long vacancy at Saint Paul, Sadorus, with the call and installation of Matthew
49 Montgomery. The congregation and preschool staff are pleased with God’s service through him. The circuit is
50 grateful to Keffie Deen who served all but two weeks of the vacancy before accepting a call himself to Saint
51 Matthew, Albany, New York.

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53 There are currently no other vacancies in circuit 10.

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55 Immanuel, Charleston, has called and installed a Director of Christian Education. Matthew Slaybaugh is a
56 welcome addition to their staff. Immanuel is also beginning a comfort dog ministry.

Saint John Lutheran School, Mattoon, successfully underwent the accrediting process.

All other congregations continue with God's grace and mercy to convey His Word of salvation through Jesus Christ to those around them.

The circuit celebrated the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation with their very first Circuit Convocation. Attendance was strong and the Divine Service with its music was the highlight for convocation goers. Thanks go to Pastor Adam Jacobsen and Kantor Miguel Ruiz for their hard work in organizing and executing the convocation. Special thanks also go to the circuit choir who demonstrated in song that congregations can do more together than they can separately.

Peoria Circuit – Rev. Mark Nelson, Circuit Visitor

- Continued joint meetings with Tazewell Circuit throughout the triennium.
- June 2015, 2016, 2017, Trinity, Peoria, hosted its annual Bach Festival.
- June 2015, Rev. Philip Scott Doublestein was ordained and installed as Youth & Young Adult Pastor at Redeemer, Peoria.
- July 2015, Immanuel, Peoria voted to leave the Synod, and Rev. Stanford resigned from the clergy roster of the LCMS.
- August 2015, Ms. Barbara Rattelmuller was installed as a teacher at Concordia Lutheran School, Peoria.
- October 2015, 2016, 2017, St. Paul's, Kewanee hosted its annual Octoberfest gatherings.
- October 2015, at our Circuit Forum, Rev. Barry Long, Mt. Calvary, was elected as pastoral voting delegate and Roger Meyer, Trinity, was elected as lay voting delegate for the 2016 LCMS Convention.
- May 2016, Rev. Jeffrey Harter was installed as a chaplain at Lutheran Hillside Village.
- April 2016, Concordia Lutheran School, Peoria, held a groundbreaking ceremony for its expansion project.
- May 2016, Christ, Peoria, held a district-wide workshop with Pastor Hernandez, Pastor Gray, Pastor Schaive to talk to members of the South Side community of Peoria.
- June 2016, Cantor Dr. Martin Dicke at Trinity, Peoria, took a call as a missionary to Papua New Guinea.
- June 2016, Mt. Calvary, Peoria, hosted continuing education for pastors titled, "The Gospel in Philipians" led by Dr. John G. Nordling, CTSFW.
- September 2016, Trinity, Peoria, completed its parking lot renovation.
- September 2016, Christ, Peoria, began remodeling its entryway as part of an anniversary project.
- October 2016, St. Paul's, Kewanee completed phase I of its renovation project repairing and repainting the entire interior of the church nave.
- November 2016, Concordia Lutheran School, Peoria, held a blessing and dedication ceremony for the newly constructed Ruppert Center.
- February 2017, Rev. John "Jack" E. Mackowiak was installed as Intentional Interim Minister at Redeemer, Peoria.
- June 2017, Rev. Thayer "Ted" Benson, Redeemer, Peoria, accepted a call to be Associate Pastor at Resurrection Lutheran, Spring, TX.
- June 2017, Mt. Calvary, Peoria, hosted continuing education for pastors titled, "Christianity in Conflict: 2nd Century Faith as Model for the 21st Century Church" led by Dr. James Busher, CTSFW.
- August 2017, Peter Wykert installed as Cantor at Trinity, Peoria.
- August 2017, Mt. Calvary, Peoria, dedicated its newly renovated sanctuary.
- September 2017, Mt. Calvary, Peoria hosted a workshop led by POBLO Ministries on Muslim Outreach.

Quincy Circuit – Rev. Michael Burdick, Circuit Visitor

The Quincy circuit meets on the first Tuesday of the month, September through May. We have great participation, study, and collegiality. We're glad to be walking together. We have occasionally also had a joint circuit meeting with the Northeast Missouri circuit once each year.

- 1 ▪ The Lutheran Church of St. John, Quincy; Pastor Steve Hayden, Pastor Kendall Meyer
- 2 ▪ Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, Quincy; Pastor Martin Eden
- 3 ▪ St. James Lutheran Church, Quincy; Pastor Mike Fieberkorn, Pastor Marlin Rempfer
- 4 ▪ St. Paul Lutheran Church, Bowen; Pastor Larry Troxel
- 5 ▪ Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Clayton; Pastor Kirk Cunningham
- 6 ▪ Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Golden; Pastor Mike Grieve
- 7 ▪ St. Paul Lutheran Church, Pittsfield; Pastor Steve Southward
- 8 ▪ Concordia Lutheran Church, Warsaw; Pastor Les Dumer
- 9 ▪ Immanuel Lutheran Church & Student Center, Macomb; Pastor Mike Burdick

10 St. James Lutheran School in Quincy serves families with a faithful staff and program for children K-8. In
11 Macomb, Immanuel Lutheran Preschool serves children ages 3-4, while our District's Lutheran Student Center
12 (celebrating its 50th Anniversary 2018-19) serves the Western Illinois University community. A vital Food Bank
13 for mercy work is operated by the saints of The Lutheran Church of St. John in Quincy. Witness, Mercy, and Life
14 together are alive and well by God's grace in the Quincy Circuit.

15 Changes among the called workers of the circuit include: Rev. Kendall Meyer accepted the call to be
16 associate pastor of The Lutheran Church of St. John in 2015. At St. James Lutheran School in this triennium: Anna
17 Dickhut was called to the staff but has subsequently left the area; and Sarah Gierstorf was called to the teaching
18 staff.

19 All the congregations of the Circuit participated in the 500th Anniversary Joint Reformation Divine Service
20 on October 29, 2017 at St. James in Quincy. Nearly 300 worshiped, communed, and dined together! It was a grand
21 celebration of our Lutheran heritage and for the life of the world. The congregations and workers of the Quincy
22 Circuit rejoice to be walking together. Thanks be to God.

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25 **Rock Island Circuit – Rev. Robert Hagen, Circuit Visitor**

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27 The Rock Island Circuit is blessed with an exceptional group of under-shepherds! We are truly blessed in
28 the love for pure doctrine and are prepared to fight the good fight for the sake of the gospel. We have camaraderie
29 of working together, united under one Lord Jesus Christ.

30 Since the previous convention we have seen changes in under-shepherds serving some of our
31 congregations. Rev David Gerke accepted the call to Faith Lutheran Church of Kewanee. He later retired from the
32 congregation and the congregation called Rev. Paul Weber who had been serving the vacancy following Rev.
33 Gerke's retirement. Also Rev Daniel Smith of Mt. Calvary, Galesburg was called to Grace of Paris, Illinois. The
34 congregation then called Rev. Stephen Sommerer of Messiah, Carlyle, Illinois as its pastor. Rev. Gregory Michel
35 of St. Matthew, Milan was called to the South Wisconsin District. The congregation at the time of this writing
36 continues moving through the call process.

37 St. John's Lutheran Church of East Moline along with Holy Cross Lutheran Church of Moline continues
38 participating in the vicarage program of our Synod. We have been most blessed with the vicars who have served
39 during their year of vicarage at these congregations.

40 Those pastors celebrating anniversaries in the Holy Ministry were Rev. Kent Umbarger and Rev. Gary
41 Wright 30 years; Rev. Wilfred Karsten and Rev. Mark Eddy celebrating 35 years; and Rev. Robert Hagen
42 celebrating 40 years.

43 Congregations celebrating milestone anniversaries during this triennium were Immanuel of Rock Island
44 160 years; St. John's of East Moline and Trinity of Coal Valley 100 years.

45 Other highlights since the previous convention was holding the annual Tre Ore service for the circuit in one
46 of the metropolitan area churches each year. Congregants continue appreciating this special time of worship. The

circuit was equally blessed to have Dr. John Sias, secretary of Synod as guest speaker for the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation.

Though the faithful pastors and congregations continue proclaiming Christ and Him crucified and risen, it has not been without struggles and challenges. Like so many in our beloved Synod, the numbers of the faithful decline due to those moving to other states, as well as those who have been translated from the church militant to the church triumphant and sadly those who have turned from Christ. With sadness we saw the closing of Little Lambs preschool of Zion Lutheran Church.

Though the circuit has experienced joys as well as sorrows, the circuit has continued the proclamation of the Holy Gospel, and the administration of The Sacraments of Holy Baptism and Holy Communion as instituted by Jesus. Our focus remains upon Him in all we as a circuit say and do. To Him be the glory both now and always.

Shelby Circuit – Rev. Jason Rensner, Circuit Visitor

The following congregations comprise the Shelby Circuit: St. Paul's Lutheran, Pana; Holy Cross Lutheran, Shelbyville; Faith Lutheran, Shumway; St. Paul Lutheran, Sigel; Trinity Lutheran, Stewardson; Grace Lutheran, Strasburg; St. Paul's Lutheran, Strasburg; and Faith Lutheran, Sullivan.

The pastors of the Shelby Circuit meet with the pastor of the Effingham Circuit on a monthly basis. In the Spring and the Fall the Shelby pastors meet with the pastors of the Altamont and Effingham Circuits at which time a guest speaker is invited to present the topic. We enjoy the blessed fellowship we have at these meetings.

The Shelby Circuit experienced one retirement in 2017 – Rev. Wade Helmkamp retired from Holy Cross, Shelbyville. Rev. Paul McGhghy will be retiring in 2018 from Faith in Sullivan. At the present time all our congregations are being served.

In 2017 The Shelby Circuit held a very beautiful and educational Reformation Convocation to observe the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation.

The congregations of the Shelby Circuit continue to be blessed with faithful pastors who bring the precious Word of God to members from the pulpit and in Bible classes and administer the Sacraments according the teachings of God's Word and our Lutheran Confessions.

Springfield East Circuit- Rev. Samuel Janssen, Circuit Visitor

Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church, Springfield, IL

The congregation on Sangamon Ave. in Springfield was blessed to have been served for 14 years by Rev. Darrell Debowey who accepted a call to the Wyoming district in March of 2107. Presently they are served during the vacancy by Rev. James Stuenkel. Word and Sacrament ministry continues by the grace of God. The preschool also is blessed to have dedicated staff where the children grow in Christ, their Savior. A remodeling of the kitchen is almost complete, all the work being done by the laymen of the congregation. God is good!

Good Shepherd Lutheran Sherman IL.

The saints at Good Shepherd Lutheran in Sherman have lived the past three years in the grace of God, rejoicing in His abundant gifts. Rev James Stuenkel retired at the end of April 2017 after 35 years of service to Good Shepherd congregation. He continues to be a communicant at the altar here. Rev. Michael Schuermann continues to serve us with the precious Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. Thanks be to God for sending workers into His harvest field!

We've been blessed with enrollment growth at our Preschool and continue to rejoice at its very positive reputation in the community. We've also been blessed to be now on the tail end of a successful capital campaign and building project, replacing the original portion of our facilities with a new wing to be completed in late Spring or early Summer of 2018. This will house classrooms, a youth room, and our preschool. And, though listed last yet of

1 first importance, we continue to benefit from God's gracious giving of His Word and Sacrament to us on a weekly
2 basis.

3 **Immanuel Lutheran Church, Riverton IL.**

4 Rev. Michael Koschmann has served Immanuel Lutheran Church in Riverton for 30 years. He says
5 attendance is down from when he started there, but he is grateful for the faithful who continue to come and receive
6 the gifts given by our Lord and Savior. And for this he is eternally grateful. Immanuel Lutheran church also
7 continues to partner with Concordia Lutheran Church in Springfield where Rev. Koschmann also serves.

8 **Trinity Lutheran Church Taylorville IL**

9 This past triennium saw the congregation gathering around the Word and Sacrament. We hosted the
10 Springfield East & West Circuit LWML rally. Once a year we hosted an evening with a missionary. We supported
11 the Lutheran Hour on WLUI and most recently have begun hosting the broadcast of the Gospel of Jesus on WTIM
12 879 am 96.1 FM Taylorville.

13 Our preschool continues to reach out to the community along with our day care, TLC ChildCare*PLUS*. The
14 inspirational booklet committee has made and given out over 350 booklets to those in the hospital, nursing homes,
15 Ronald McDonald House and so many other care units. The Prison ministry at Taylorville Correctional Center
16 continues to reach inmates with Bible Studies, the Sacrament and chapel services. Our afterschool catechizing
17 classes reaches students from third grade all the way up to High School.

18 So, the work of spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ continues here in Taylorville. God bless our efforts
19 in serving others and bringing glory to Jesus Christ.

20 **Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Rochester IL**

21 Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Rochester is thankful to the Lord for continuing to serve His saints
22 through His means of Baptism and the Lord's Supper as well as through Absolution forgiving us of our sins. The
23 church continues to support the Rochester food pantry for those in need. We are sad to report Good Shepherd
24 Lutheran Church Preschool closing at the end of this school year. Since the fall of 1973 the preschool has
25 successfully prepared the three and four-year old's in the community for furthering their educations and sharing with
26 them God's Word. The saints continue to be blessed by the Lord and they continue to be a blessing to their
27 neighbors.

28 **Trinity Lutheran Church, Edinburg IL**

29 Members of the Trinity Lutheran Church of Edinburg are enjoying their new addition and elevator that was
30 dedicated in August of 2015. Also a number of members are assisting with a once per week after school program on
31 Thursdays similar to a summer VBS event with a teaching, recreation and snack time. Approximately 35 students
32 attend each week. Trinity actively supports the local food pantry as well as other Edinburg Ministerial Activities.
33 One of the families of our congregation has started a Halfway Home (The Sharpe House in Taylorville) for men
34 recovering from drug and alcohol addiction. The ladies of the congregation meet twice per month to make quilts for
35 those in need. We give thanks for God's continued blessings here at Trinity.

36 **Concordia Lutheran Church Springfield IL**

37 Concordia Lutheran Church-School-Preschool is blessed to have been teaching and preaching in the
38 Springfield's south side since 1931. Concordia was started by the Concordia Seminary students as a school, which
39 eventually formed it's own congregation. Today we are blessed to still be operating as a church, a school and a
40 preschool. We are currently served by Pastor James Hennig, who has been preaching the gospel here at Concordia
41 since 2005 and assisted by Pastor Michael Koschmann from Riverton. We serve the community by having our food
42 pantry available, free clothing give-away in the summer, and regular blood drives. Our school sends chapel
43 offerings to missions such as the Comfort Dogs and Camp CILCA. Our Ladies Aide also sends quilts to groups
44 supporting those less fortunate. We feel blessed by God at Concordia for the ability to share the love of God since
45 1931 and we look forward to many more years of God allowing us the opportunity to do the same.

46 **Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Springfield, IL**

47 This past triennium saw the congregation celebrate our 175th anniversary of gathering around Word and Sacrament.
48 Our day school principal took a Call to work at the district office and our associate pastor took a Call to a
49 congregation in Missouri. God has blessed us by filling both of those vacancies. We have also been blessed in a

number of other ways at our church, day school and preschool. Some of those blessings include renovation and addition projects to our church and school campuses. We pray that God will continue to guide, direct and bless our efforts going into the future!

Springfield West Circuit – Rev. Jeffrey Gross, Circuit Visitor

Our Lord Jesus Christ, His Gospel of Peace, and His Proclamation in the Word of God have blessed and united our Circuit parishes throughout the 2015-2018 Triennium. Our parishes, pastors, teachers, and individual saints have been blessed by our Lord's Spirit through His Word, the unifying blessing of Holy Baptism, gathering for the Lord's Supper, and works of love toward one another and our fallen world. The people of our parishes individually and as congregations have been comforted and strengthened by Christ's Good News. We are further blessed to meet together with our beloved brothers- and sisters-in-Christ of the Springfield East Circuit of our District. In our schools the young have been raised in the training, comfort, and admonition of the Lord by the Principals, Pastors, teachers and helpers who serve the Lord.

Together we celebrated the 500th Anniversary of the beginning of the Reformation of the Church. Our parishes each had celebrations and observances to remember and recommit ourselves to the Holy Spirit's re-opening of the Gospel in the original Holy Scriptures to Dr. Luther. We thanked our Lord Jesus Christ that, in accord with His Father's Will, He led Dr. Luther and the other Lutheran Reformers to comfort God's People with the pure, joyous Gospel message once again. We likewise drew comfort in the proper, truly "evangelical" celebration of Holy Baptism, the Lord's Supper, and the precious gift of Absolution. On October 22, 2017, we were blessed by Dr. Daniel Preus as he led our dual-circuit Reformation celebration at Good Shepherd, Sherman. A great time was literally had by all during and after the wonderful Reformation Service.

We also gathered for the blessings of Christ's love in our many groups and associations. Lutheran High School and our parochial schools all had sports, scholastic, and youth activities in great abundance. Lutheran Laymen's League and our Lutheran Women's Missionary League chapters not only were a source of mutual comfort and consolation among the members, but their many charitable works and projects here and abroad also marked these past three years. By God's blessings, we grew together in Faith, Hope, and Love.

Springfield West Circuit is currently blessed with no Pastoral vacancies, so that God's Lambs are cared for through the gift of the Pastoral Ministry. We welcomed Pastor Aaron Hauser to Our Savior, Springfield, as now-Senior Pastor Josh Traxel's Associate Pastor. We also welcomed Pastor Josh Theilen as new director of Camp CILCA, where he has rejuvenated the camp's programs and outreach. Retired Pastors Bob Barth and Rich Harre still serve parishes during vacancies and emergencies. Pastor Wayne Hoffman of late has been a wonderful blessing at Concordia Village as interim chaplain since Rev. Chris Nilges took a call to another LSS retirement home in Missouri. Other emeriti pastors also continue to serve our two circuits. Pastor Tom Radtke continues to serve, as does Rev. Michael Bahr, filling in for our pastors preaching and teaching. Pastor Mike Strong also serves a local LCMS parish in his retirement. We've also been blessed by the presence and prayers of Pastors Fred Campbell, Donald Garvue, Jim Weis, and Harold Woodworth.

In our parishes, Our Savior—Springfield and their school continue their proclamation of the Good News as they welcomed Pastor Aaron Hauser to join Pastor Josh Traxel. OS maintains wonderful programs on the west side of Springfield.

At St. John's—Chatham, the Lord has greatly blessed His flock during the past three years. He has graciously enabled us to call our District President, Rev. Mark A. Miller, to serve as Assistant Pastor. His pastoral heart, solid preaching of the Gospel and depth of Biblical knowledge are greatly appreciated. by the congregation and senior pastor, Rev. Clarence Rogers. Three retired pastors have also joined St. John's since the last convention: Rev. Wayne Hoffman, Rev. Robert Barth, and Rev. Fred Campbell. They are also a great blessing to this congregation and the District as they proclaim the Gospel and administer the sacraments among us and throughout the District as they are able.

Preschool teacher Mrs. Tina McRae resigned at the end of the current school year to attend to her family. She served as preschool teacher for ten years and will be greatly missed. Her faithfulness in teaching and ministering to these little ones and their families has brought the saving Gospel of Jesus Christ in to the homes of over two hundred families. While she will be missed, her departure has provided the congregation with the opportunity to re-

1 evaluate their entire youth ministry from preschool through college. As a result, the congregation has decided to call
2 a commissioned minister to lead St. John's youth program.

3 Since the 2015 convention, St. Johns has purchased a new Allen organ and installed a much-needed new
4 sound system. Both of these have been a great benefit to worship services. The Lord has also increased the number
5 of believers at St. Johns through confirmations (2-youth, 6- adult), 17 baptisms (combined child and adult), and 21
6 transfers. For all these blessings St. John's gives thanks to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory.

7 On our south side, Trinity Lutheran Church—Auburn has been blessed to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus
8 Christ in the community for over 64 years. In the past Triennium, Trinity set a mission emphasis of "Reaching Out
9 with Jesus' Love," developing a new heart-shaped logo with a cross at its center to promote the theme. They've
10 formed a Ministry Planning Committee that has taken on the task of contacting delinquent members with the hope of
11 reconnecting them to Trinity or to encourage them to find a church home if they are out of the area. Trinity gave
12 away and had its vacant parsonage moved off site to make way for future building. Their building committee is
13 finalizing plans to present to their voters which includes a new larger multi-purpose room, new kitchen, larger
14 preschool room, and also a sanctuary refurbishment as well as repurposing other rooms/offices once the addition
15 gets built. This building project will accommodate many ministry needs that have been identified, including benefits
16 to their half-day preschool as well as the before- and after-school program. Pastor Marty Kaufmann has faithfully
17 led Christ's flock at Auburn since Pastor Harre's retirement five years ago.

18 To the north and northwest of Springfield, Immanuel—Athens continues to proclaim the Gospel faithfully
19 in that Menard County community through their people and their Pastor, Rev. Richard Becker. Bethlehem—
20 Petersburg has finished an all-round building rejuvenation the past few years. They're also expanding their internet
21 and social media outreach as they serve their community with God's blessings. Bethlehem has now been served by
22 Pastor Gross for thirteen years, as he approaches his 30th year as a Pastor in 2019.

23 To the west, in 2016, Zion Lutheran Church celebrated 50 years since the consolidation of St. Johns—
24 Pleasant Plains, Immanuel—Farmingdale, and a number of members from Zion—Newmansville, which resulted in
25 the formation of Zion Lutheran Church, Pleasant Plains. Zion is served well by Pastor Donald Pritchard.

26 Not far away, St. John's—New Berlin has begun new digital outreach programs and expanded community
27 outreach, with Pastor David Benning caring for Christ's Lambs. David's youthful energy and enthusiasm, and his
28 tech savvy, have benefitted both his parish and circuit.

29 Farthest west in our circuit, September 7, 2014 was a special day for Christ Lutheran Church Waverly.
30 There was an anniversary service of thanksgiving. The parish celebrated 75 years of God's Amazing Grace.
31 The sermon text was 2 Corinthians 4:13-15. The speaker was President Mark Miller. Christ Lutheran Church was
32 established on February 5, 1939. On the day of their celebration, they had both a morning service and the
33 anniversary afternoon service. Rev. Keith R. Pereira has been the Pastor there since August 1985. Praise GOD for
34 His amazing grace.

35 So, we in Springfield West thank our Lord for His grace and mercy these past three years. We also thank
36 the CID staff and President for their help. We cherish our close ties with Springfield East, and our work together
37 with other parishes of our District and Synod. We are boldly confident that in Christ Jesus we can do all things
38 through Him Who strengthens us, both now and unto the glorious Day of the Resurrection to come!
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41 **Tazewell Circuit – Rev. Thomas Heren, Circuit Visitor**

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43 The Tazewell Peoria Circuits continue to meet monthly sharing in worship, study and fellowship.

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45 There are currently no vacancies in the Tazewell Circuit.

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47 The following pastoral changes have occurred in the last triennium:

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49 Leaving Circuit:

- 50 • Rev. Kevin Bueltmann, St. John's Green Valley accepted call to Kalispell MT in July 2017.
 - 51 • Rev. Mark Anderson, Bethel Morton accepted call to La Vista NE in March 2018.
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New to Circuit:

- Rev. Simeon Raddatz (candidate) to Trinity Lutheran Church, Pekin in August 2017.

Other:

- Rev. Rodger Abatie, Trinity Lutheran, Pekin – emeritus.

St. John's, Pekin

Began broadcasting our service on the radio with WVEL, Peoria in August 2017.

Added a part-time membership secretary this January to help facilitate ministry to inactive members.

Bethel, Morton

Completion of new sanctuary, classroom and administrative offices at location of school at 325 E. Queenwood in Morton in September 2015.

DCE Jonathan Guse accepted call to Bethel, April 2018.

St. Peter's, East Peoria

St. Peter's Lutheran Church, of East Peoria, celebrated Pastor Mews' 15th year anniversary in the ministry in August 2017 with a breakfast and recognition of that milestone during worship services that weekend.

St. Peter's Lutheran Church also sent mission ministry teams to Uganda as part of "Hearts and Hope for Uganda" and to Haiti.

St Peter's Lutheran Church also hosted the 2016 CID Fall Pastor Conference.

During this time, the congregation began a Preschool committee and has begun to take steps to open up St. Peter's Lutheran Preschool in September of 2018.

Buildings improvement continue with bleachers for our multi-purpose room, renovation of the basement into an adult Bible Class room, new sound system for the church and new carpeting throughout the church and offices.

St. John's, Green Valley

Completed building addition of entry way and Welcome Center around September 2016.

Pastor Kevin Bueltmann accepted a call in June 2017 to Kalispell, MT.

Celebrated our 140th year in 2017

Trinity, Pekin

Continued Revitalization Effort with the Central Illinois District.

Vacancy of almost 1 1/2 years after retirement of Rev. Rodger Abatie in May 2016.

Celebrated the congregation's 75th Anniversary in September 2017 with Rev. Thomas Heren, son of congregation as guest preacher.

Ordination and Installation of Rev. Simeon Raddatz, 2017 Concordia Seminary St. Louis graduate.

Our Savior, Washington

Completed 13,000 sq. ft addition of Fellowship Hall, conference room, six classrooms, kitchen and covered entryway. Building renovation of offices, youth room, preschool classrooms, church offices and narthex.

Celebrated 50th Anniversary in November 2015 with the Rev. Dr. Glenn Nielsen of Concordia Seminary in St. Louis as the guest preacher.

1 Celebrated 15 years anniversary of DCE Carissa Hippen in ministry and at Our Savior in June 2017.

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3 Celebrated Rev. Heren's 10 years at Our Savior in July 2017.

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8 **Congregational Constitutions and District Handbook Committee Report**

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10 After a thorough search of our records, the Constitutions and Bylaws of the following
11 congregation have been reviewed and approved by the CID Congregational Constitutions and District
12 Handbook Committee and the CID Board of Directors since the 2015 District convention:

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14 1) Broadlands, Immanuel January 2017
15 2) Buckley, St. John May 2018
16 3) Danvers, Zion November 2015
17 4) East Moline, Cristo Rey November 2017
18 5) East Moline, St. John May 2018
19 6) Galesburg, Mt. Calvary May 2018
20 7) Geneseo, St. John January 2016
21 8) Hoopeston, Good Shepherd November 2017
22 9) Minier, Good Shepherd May 2016
23 10) Normal, Christ January 2016
24 11) Peoria, Redeemer March 2016
25 12) Quincy, St. James March 2018
26 13) Sherman, Good Shepherd September 2016
27 14) Springfield, Trinity January 2016
28 15) Taylorville, Trinity March 2016
29 16) Urbana, Trinity September 2016
30 17) Waverly, Christ September 2016
31 18) Wheeler, St. John September 2017

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33 In Christ's service,
34 Rev. Mark Eddy
35 Chairman of the Congregational Constitutions and District Handbook Committee
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Report of the 2018 Nominations Committee

Nominations for District President

The procedures for the nomination of the District President (2015 CID Bylaw 2.40 a. and b.) have been followed.

2.40 Nomination for President

- a. Advance Nominating Ballot: Five months before the regular election each congregation holding voting membership in the District shall receive from the Secretary of the District an official nominating ballot on which to nominate one or two candidates for President. The congregation's ballot shall be signed by the chairman and secretary of the congregation. The ballot, duly filled in and signed, must be returned to the Secretary of the District at least eight weeks prior to the convention at which the election will be held in order to be counted.
- b. Notice of Nomination for President: The Secretary of the District shall notify the five candidates who received the highest number of nominations for the office of President (provided they received at least 5% of the total nominations submitted), but the number of nominating votes shall not be revealed. Such nominees who for good and sufficient reasons will not be able to serve in this particular full-time office shall so inform the Secretary of the District at least five weeks prior to the convention. Should any of the five nominees decline the nomination, the Secretary of the District shall notify the nominee receiving the next highest number of votes (as long as it is at least 5% of the total nominations submitted).

Nomination ballots were received from 40 congregations. All ballots were validly attested by the signatures of two congregational officers, so no ballots were spoiled.

With 40 ballots received, the number of nominations to qualify for the ballot is two.

The qualifying nominee is **Mark Miller** with 37 nominations.

Other nominees who received a qualifying number of nominations but declined nomination: **Kent Tibben** (3 nominations), **Daniel Bishop** (2 nominations).

Other nominees who received only one nomination, thus did not qualify for the ballot: **Karl Eckhoff, Thomas Heren, Rick Milas, Clarence Rogers, Ken Schurb, Daniel Smith, James Wright**

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Michael Mohr
Central Illinois District Secretary

Nominations for and Election of the Two Vice-Presidents

The procedures for conducting the primary election for the nomination of candidates for the offices of Vice-President (2015 Bylaws 2.41, 2.42, and 2.43) will be followed.

2.42 Nominations for Vice-Presidents

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

2.43 Election of Vice-Presidents

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

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

2.44 Ranking of the Vice-Presidents

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

Nominations for Other Officers

The procedures for conducting the Nominations for Other Officers (2015 Bylaw 2.46a; CEF Bylaw 5.24 A) are not in full compliance. We were unable to fill all the allotted positions as provided in the Bylaws. Those deficiencies are noted in the following section listing the nominees, by inserting the words *No Candidate* in the appropriate places.

The procedures for conducting the Nominations for Other Officers (2015 CID Bylaw 2.46 b, c; CEF Bylaw 5.24 B, C) are in compliance.

Nominees

Secretary – Clergy (1)

Mark Eddy
Michael Mohr

Assistant Secretary – Clergy (1)

Jason Braaten
James Stuenkel

Treasurer – Layman (1)

Dale Dirks
Danny Magelitz

Financial Secretary – Layman (1)

James Frazee
Matthew Putnam

Board of Directors – Teachers (2)

Jill Gerberdig
Nathan Landskroener
No Candidate
No Candidate

Board of Directors – Laymen (4)

Tom Blessman
William Denham
Wayne Dietrich
Roger Garlisch
Larry Marxman
Aaron Schroeder
Jon Schroeder
Larry Wachtel

Board of Directors – Clergy (4)

Jason Braaten
Robert Bruer
Michael Burdick
Joseph Burns
Pablo Dominguez
Peter Glock
Rick Milas
Michael Schuermann

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Clergy (2)
Jeffrey Caithamer
Timothy Hahn
James Hennig
Kent Umbarger

Lay – Attorney (1)

Edward Schoenbaum
No Candidate

Nominations Committee for 2021

District Convention

Clergy (2)

Jeffrey Caithamer
Peter Glock
Timothy Hahn
Michael Koschmann

Teachers (2)

Elizabeth Crawford
Shawn Hoffmann
Sandy Spitz
Dan Yagow

Laymen (2)

Renata Anderson
Tom Blessman
Roger Garlisch
Matthew Putnam

Nominations for Circuit Counselor to be Ratified by District Convention

Altamont	David Speers	Mattoon	John Sharp
Bloomington North	Bruce Scarbeary	Peoria	Mark Nelson
Bloomington South	Chad Lueck	Quincy	Michael Burdick
Champaign	<i>TBD</i>	Rock Island	Robert Hagen
Iroquois	Timothy Hahn	Shelby	Jason Rensner
Decatur	Robert Bruer	Springfield E.	Samuel Janssen
Effingham	Stephen Gillet	Springfield W.	Jeffrey Gross
Jacksonville	Gene Stratman	Tazewell	Jeffrey Anderson
Lincoln	Kevin Wendorf		

You will be asked to nominate one pastor from the Eastern Region and one from the Western Region for Vice President. Pastors in each region are listed below. By-Law 2.12 stipulates that the Vice President must reside in his respective region at the time of election; all Emeriti and Candidates who live outside the CID are not on this Nominating ballot.

CLERGY ROSTER - CENTRAL ILLINOIS DISTRICT
EASTERN REGION

BACKHUS, Robert	Effingham (EMERITUS)
BAGWELL, Jerry	Vandalia (EMERITUS)
BAHR, Michael	Good Shepherd, Sherman
BARTH, Robert	New Berlin (EMERITUS)
BECKER, Richard	Immanuel, Athens
BECKER, Steven	St. Paul, Strasburg
BELL, Larry	Peace, Thomasboro
BENNING, David	St. John, New Berlin
BLOMQUIST, Rodney	Trinity, Taylorville
BOYLEN, Shawn	Trinity, Urbana (Associate)
BRAATEN, Jason	Immanuel, Tuscola
BROWN, Earl	Effingham (EMERITUS)
BRUER, Robert L.	Mt. Zion, Mt. Zion
BUELTMANN, David J.	Concordia, Decatur
BUELTMANN, Keith	Risen Savior, Buffalo
CAITHAMER, Jeffrey	St. John, Champaign
CALLAHAN, Phillip	Good Shepherd, Hoopeston
CLUVER, Joel A.	Latham (EMERITUS)
CRUIKSHANK, Thomas	Decatur (EMERITUS)
DAMERY, Michael	Decatur (EMERITUS)
EHLERS, Donald	Champaign (EMERITUS)
FELDMANN, Michael	Salem, Salem (Associate)
FORTKAMP, Gary D.	Effingham (EMERITUS)
FRANK, Robert	Savoy, IL
FRAZEE, Joshua	Immanuel, Shobonier
GALL, Theodore C.	St. John, Effingham
GEARIG, Mark	St. Paul, Decatur (Associate)
GIBBS, Karl	Our Savior, Milford
GILLET, Stephen P.	St. John, Dieterich
GROSS, Jeffrey	Bethlehem, Petersburg
HAHN, Timothy	Trinity, Cissna Park
HAUSER, Aaron	Our Savior, Springfield (Associate)
HARRE, Richard	Auburn (EMERITUS)
HARTER, Jeffrey	Concordia Village, Springfield
HEIDLE, Michael	Immanuel, Danville
HELMKAMP, E. Wade	Shelbyville (EMERITUS)
HEMENWAY, Paul	Trinity, Springfield
HENNIG, James	Concordia, Springfield
HINRICHS, Brett	Mt. Calvary, Decatur
HOEHLER, David	St. Paul, Shobonier
HOFFMAN, Wayne	Springfield (EMERITUS)
HOLMES, Jonathan	Trinity, Springfield
HOLTZ, Alan	St. Peter (EMERITUS)
HOOVER, Kenneth	Immanuel, Charleston
JACOBSEN, Adam	St. John, Mattoon
JANSSEN, Samuel	Good Shepherd, Rochester
JUKOLA, Matthew	Trinity/Our Savior, Casey/Robinson
KAUFMANN, Martin	Trinity, Auburn
KLOEPPING, Michael	Lebanon (EMERITUS)
KLUG, Jerry L.	Paris (EMERITUS)

CLERGY ROSTER - CENTRAL ILLINOIS DISTRICT
EASTERN REGION (continued)

KNIPPA, Erich	Lawrenceville (EMERITUS)
KOSCHMANN, Michael A.	Immanuel, Riverton
LOVE, Donald	Calvary, Watseka
MANLEY, Marcus	Bethlehem/Zion Altamont
MCGHGHY, Paul G.	Sullivan (EMERITUS)
MCPIKE, Jeffrey	Philo, IL
MEYER, Douglas E.	Salem, Salem
MILAS, Rick R.	University, Champaign
MILLER, Mark A.	St. John, Chatham
MOHR, Michael W.	Holy Cross, Vandaliz
MONTGOMERY, Matthew	St. Paul, Sadorus
O'BRIEN, Terrance	St. Paul, Pana
OFFERMANN, Wray A.	Decatur (EMERITUS)
OHLWINE, Arthur	Decatur, IL
OSCHWALD, Joel	Springfield, IL
PEREIRA, Keith	Christ, Waverly
PETERSON, Ivan	Decatur (EMERITUS)
PODOLL, Lynn A.	Thomasboro (EMERITUS)
PRITCHARD, Donald	Zion, Pleasant Plains
RADTKE, Thomas G.	Springfield (EMERITUS)
RAY, Adam	St. John, Decatur
REIMNITZ, Wesley	Springfield (EMERITUS)
RENSNER, Jason E.	Faith, Shumway
ROGERS, Clarence	St. John, Chatham
ROSS, Bernard	Immanuel, Altamont (Associate)
SCHUERMANN, Michael	Good Shepherd, Sherman
SCHURB, Ken	Springfield
SEIDENSTRICKER, Michael	Newton (EMERITUS)
SHARP, John	Immanuel, Broadlands
SMITH, Dan	Grace, Paris
SPEERS, David R.	St. Paul, Altamont
SPIPKER, Gaylord	Trinity, Edinburg
STOERGER, Michael	St. Paul, Woodworth
STROHSCHIEIN, Glenn	Sullivan (EMERITUS)
STUCKWISCH, Don	Milford (EMERITUS)
STUENKEL, James	Sherman (EMERITUS)
THEILEN, Joshua	Camp CILCA, Cantrall
TIBBEN, Kent A.	Trinity, Danville
TRAXEL, Joshua	Our Savior, Springfield (Associate)
TRICKEY, Eric	St. Paul, Decatur
TRICKEY, Gary	Decatur (EMERITUS)
VERSEMANN, Matthew	Trinity, Decatur
WEAVER, David	Trinity, Stewardson
WEAVER, Gerry	Stewardson (EMERITUS)
WOODWORTH, Harold	Springfield (EMERITUS)
WRIGHT, James	Immanuel, Altamont
WYCKOFF, J. Kevin	St. John, Buckley

**CLERGY ROSTER - CENTRAL ILLINOIS DISTRICT
WESTERN REGION**

ABATIE, Rodger	Pekin (EMERITUS)
ANDERSON, Jeffrey	Bethel, Morton
ASTROWSKI, Leonard	Immanuel, Rock Island
BATCHELOR, James	St. Paul, Manito
BENKE, Richard	Morton (EMERITUS)
BERNDT, Matthew	Trinity, Manito
BISHOP, Daniel J.	St. John, Pekin
BLUMENKAMP, Edwin	Quincy (EMERITUS)
BOEHNE, Jonathan	Trinity, El Paso
BRECHBUHL, Peter R.	Jacksonville (EMERITUS)
BRINKMAN, Wayne	Morton (EMERITUS)
BURDICK, Michael H.	Immanuel, Macomb
BURNS, Joseph	Our Redeemer, Eureka
BUSHRE, Christopher	St. John, Geneseo
CUNNINGHAM, Kirk	Good Shepherd, Clayton
DIERKS, Andrew	Trinity, Arenzville
DISBRO, Roger	Peoria (EMERITUS)
DOMINGUEZ, Pablo	Christ the King, East Moline
DOUBLESTEIN, Philip	Redeemer, Peoria (Associate)
DUMER, Lester	Concordia, Warsaw
DUNLAP, David	Christ, Clinton
ECKARDT, Burnell F.	St. Paul, Kewanee
ECKHOFF, Karl	Christ, Peoria
EDDY, Mark R.	Zion, Taylor Ridge
EDEN, Martin	Our Redeemer, Quincy
EHLERS, David	Normal, IL
EVENSON, Douglas	St. John's, Beardstown
FIEBERKORN, Michael	St. James, Quincy
FITZNER, Timothy	Christ, Normal (Associate)
GLOCK, Peter M.	Zion, Wenona
GOETZ, Lawrence	Peoria (EMERITUS)
GRIEVE, Michael	Holy Cross, Golden
GRUDEN, Mark	St. John, Washburn
HAGEN, Robert E.	Trinity, Coal Valley
HAYDEN, Steven	St. John, Quincy
HEREN, Thomas	Our Savior, Washington
HUEHN, Jonathan	Christ, Normal (Associate)
JENSEN, William	Wittenberg, Normal
JOHNSON, John	Christ, Mason City
KARSTEN, Wilfred	Holy Cross, Moline
KESSELMAYER, Darwood	Pekin (EMERITUS)
KINNEE, L. Earl	Peoria, IL
KNIEF, Louis	Peoria (EMERITUS)
LAKAMP, Bruce	Pekin (EMERITUS)
LATZKE, Jeremy	St. Paul, Chenoa
LAUX, John	Our Redeemer, Jacksonville
LESEMANN, Brian A.	St. John, Bath
LIESE, Michael D.	St. Paul, Brimfield
LIKENESS, David A.	Washington (EMERITUS)
LONG, Barry A.	Mt. Calvary, Peoria

CLERGY ROSTER - CENTRAL ILLINOIS DISTRICT
WESTERN REGION (continued)

LUBKEMAN, August	Bloomington (EMERITUS)
LUECK, Chad D.	Good Shepherd, Bloomington
MATZKE, Marvin	Normal (EMERITUS)
MEWS, Kurt	St. Peter, East Peoria
MEYER, Kendall	St. John, Quincy (Associate)
MILLER, Ronald C.	Peoria (EMERITUS)
MUELLER, Stephen	Concordia, Geneseo
MURDOCK, Cecil	Hampton (EMERITUS)
NELSON, Mark	Trinity, Peoria
NEWELL, William	Trinity, Bloomington (Associate)
OLANDER Charles	Zion, New Holland
ORR, William	Salem, Jacksonville
PETERS, Mark D.	Faith, Lincoln
PETERS, Michael	St. John, Secor
PETERSON, Ivan	Bloomington (EMERITUS)
PHILLIPS, Thomas	Christ, Jacksonville
RADDATZ, Simeon	Trinity, Pekin
REMPFER, Marlin R.	St. James, Quincy (Assistant)
RIEMER, Frederick	Jacksonville (EMERITUS)
SAEGER, Lawrence	Quincy (EMERITUS)
SANSOM, James Christopher	St. John, Green Valley
SCARBEARY, Bruce W.	Trinity, Roanoke
SCHMIDT, Justin	Christ, Delavan
SENER, John	Metamora (EMERITUS)
SIMMINGER, K. Michael	Quincy (EMERITUS)
SOMMERER, Steven	Mt. Calvary, Galesburg
SOUTHWARD, Stephen	St. Paul, Pittsfield
SPAETH, David	Pekin (EMERITUS)
STRATTMAN, Gene A.	St. Paul, Chapin
STROM, Terry A.	Trinity, Bloomington (Associate)
SYNOTT, Matthew	Trinity, Peoria (Associate)
THOMPSON, Mark	Zion, Lincoln
UMBARGER, Kent A.	St. John, East Moline
WAGNER, Ronald	Roanoke (EMERITUS)
WEEKS, Peter	Our Redeemer, Bloomington
WEGENER, Kenneth	Peoria (EMERITUS)
WENDORF, Kevin	St. Paul, Havana
WESELOH, Melvin	Minier (EMERITUS)
WIRSING, Thomas C.	Trinity, Bloomington
WRIGHT, Gary A.	Zion, East Moline
ZIMMERMAN, Frank W.	Zion, Danvers

President

Rev. Mark A. Miller, St. John, Chatham

- C: Pastor, Immanuel, Laurel NE/St. Paul, Carroll NE 83-89; First, East Grand Forks MN 89-91; St. John, Pekin, Associate Pastor 91-94, Senior Pastor 94-12, St. John, Chatham, Assistant Pastor, 15-present
- D: Wayne Zone Pastoral Advisor (NE) LWML 86-89; Crookston Zone Pastoral Advisor (MNN) LLL 89-91; Sec'y/Treas. Wayne Circuit Pastors Conference (NE) 85-89; secretary Nebraska Confessional Lutherans 85-89; Crookston Circuit Counselor (MNN) 91; Sec'y Peoria/Tazewell Joint Circuit Conference 93-96, 99-00; Mission Manual Committee-Chairman 97; CID Floor Committee-Chairman 94, 97; delegate 95, 04, 10 Synodical Conventions; District/Synodical Reconciler 99-12 (synodical training 99, 05, 11); member of LCMS Floor Committee No. 5-Higher Education 95; LCMS Floor Committee 2013, 2015 National Missions chair; Synodical Doctrinal Review 95-01; CID Nominations Committee secretary 00, advisory member 03, chairman 12; participant Theological Convocations 02 and 05 Scottsdale AZ; CID Mission Commission 94-97, 03-09, chairman 06-09; Evangelism Commission 00-03, 09-12, chairman; CID Congregational Revitalization Team (synodical training Sept. 08) 08-present; First Vice President CID, 00-06; Second Vice President 09-12; Chairman, CID BOD 00-06; Parish Pastor Member CID BOD 06-09; and Board Chaplain, 06-12; member, CID Archives Board 10-present; NLSA Accreditation Team Member Concordia, Peoria 11, CID President 12-present.
- O: Laurel NE School District AIDS Policy Comm. 88; Baritone, Peoria Area Civic Chorale 00-12
- * Walking together in Christ's Mission is the only reason to have an organization such as the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod. That is, we are preaching and teaching the same Biblical doctrine and speaking the same Gospel of Jesus Christ for the saving of many souls. Even in these challenging days when it appears that no one much cares for the institutional church our charter is still to faithfully proclaim, in season and out, the saving deeds of our God by which He brings us out of darkness into His marvelous light. Our focus is on our partnership in this Gospel in which the cross and empty tomb are the prime features of our common faith. Jesus Christ was, is, and always will be the foundation, keystone, and cornerstone on and from which His church is built! He must increase!

We have enjoyed relative calm and peace in our District thanks to our True and Triune God. To Him alone goes the glory! We stand united on the Bible and our Confession which points us to "nothing except Jesus Christ and Him crucified." I pray that we might never take His bounty for granted or grow complacent in His abundant blessing of us.

I am willing and able to be used by our gracious and benevolent God in whatever capacity would be most beneficial to Him and His church, even as I pray that the Lord continues to equip me for the tasks that lay ahead while maintaining in me a deep spirit of humility. I am worthy of none of the things I have received from Him neither this office nor my salvation!

Secretary

(One clergymen to be elected)

Rev. Mark Eddy, Zion, Taylor Ridge

- C: Pastor, Trinity, Hartford, SD, 83-86; Faith, Shumway IL, 86-91; Holy Cross Golden IL 91-01; Holy Cross and St. Paul, Golden and Bowen IL, 01-06
- D: SD District Youth Ministry Task Force, secretary (2 yrs.); Zone LLL pastoral advisor 85-86, 92-99, 02-06; CID Evangelism Comm. (3 yrs.); Synodical Convention Delegate 98, 01, 04, 07; CID Convention Constitution Matters floor committee member 94, chairman 97; CID Convention resolution editorial committee member 00, 03, 06; CID Convention resolution editor 09, 12, 15; Quincy Circuit Visitor 97-03; CID Youth Bible Bowl coordinator 98 – present; CID Board of Directors 06-12; CID Congregational Constitutions and District Handbook Committee chairman 12-present.
- O: Beecher City, IL Schools community advisory committee 89-91
- * As God gives ability: listen closely, write correctly, evaluate biblically, and serve evangelically.

Rev. Michael Mohr, Grace, Strasburg

- C: Pastor, Grace, Strasburg IL, 98 – 18; Holy Cross, Vandalia IL, 18 - present
- D: Pastor's Conference Committee 99-00; Shelby Circuit Visitor 00-06; District Convention Floor Committee member 03; Event Organizer, CID Day at the Ballpark 99-14; Chairman, Central Illinois District Centennial Anniversary Committee 07, Assistant Secretary CID 09-15; Secretary, CID 15- present
- O: Treasurer, Helping Hands Ministerial Alliance 98-present; Youth Director, Thrivent Chapter 03-04; Special Chapter, Chapter 05 –06; President, Thrivent Chapter 07 – present; Member, MAPPING the Future of Strasburg (Community Strategic Planning) 07 – present; Chairman, Public School Strategic Planning Steering committee 08 –09, Chairman, Family Life Center Board of Directors 11-13
- * I have been blessed to be able to serve the District as current Secretary. While my primary role as Secretary is to chronicle the events and actions of the Board, I also contribute to the discussion and analysis of the group as

appropriate as we help guide and direct the people of God in the Central Illinois District to fulfill their vocations as His baptized and redeemed children.

Assistant Secretary
(One clergymen to be elected)

Rev. Jason Braaten, Immanuel, Tuscola

- C: Major Gift Fundraiser, Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne, IN 07-10
- D: CID Pastors Conference Committee 11-12
- O: Tuscola Library Board 12-present; Tuscola Rotary Club, president 16-17, vice president 15-16, secretary 12-13; Tuscola Community Foundation 15-present; LCMS contract writer, Stewardship 13-present; Logic Instructor, Wittenberg Academy 13-present
- * I have a deep love for Christ, His Word, and His Church, a love that seeks the truth and desires to share it. I have an abiding respect for our Lutheran heritage and the rich theological tradition in doctrine and practice bequeathed to us from our Lutheran forefathers, a respect that I seek to impart in those around me. But not every challenge we face is addressed in this rich tradition, yet it informs how we meet and answer them. We ought not change for the sake of change.
As a former fundraiser and recruiter for Concordia, Ft. Wayne, I learned the delicate art of facing conflict and difficult situations – temporal and spiritual – in a pastoral, caring, biblical, and honest manner. This means that I do not shy away from conflict and am not afraid to ask difficult questions or make tough decisions so that the truth may be heard, souls comforted, families and faith restored, and the Church further united.
As LCMS Lutherans, we have much to be thankful for. If I can be an agent, beyond my call as a parish pastor, to hand down the great gifts we have received, I am eager to serve.

Rev. James Stuenkel, Emeritus

- C: Teacher, St. Paul, Brookfield IL 72-78; DCE St. John, East Moline, 78-80; Good Shepherd, Sherman 80-17.
- D: Circuit Visitor, Springfield East Circuit CID, CID Board of Directors, CID Mission Commission, CID Stewardship Commission, CID Revitalization Committee.
- O: Springfield Lutheran High School, Chaplain, Board of Education, Board of Directors.
- * Having been a pastor in the Central Illinois District for over 30 years, I am thankful for the District's past mission endeavors and hope to help continue our District proclaiming Christ crucified and risen in all we do.

Treasurer
(One laymen to be elected)

Dale Dirks Our Savior's, Springfield

- Certified Public Accountant, Self-employed Tax Accountant and Grain Farmer
- C: Immanuel, Athens – Treasurer, Sunday School Superintendent/teacher.
- D: CID Treasurer 15-present.
- O: Active in local professional organizations.
- * Accounting, business, and perspective from past experiences. History with many tax-exempt organizations as accountant/auditor. My wife and I have 3 children and 5 grandchildren in CID churches and schools. Raised in the strong Lutheran heritage. Many local business and professional contacts.

Danny Magelitz Salem, Jacksonville

- Certified Public Accountant with American Lung Association, Springfield
- C: Elder, Deacon, Sunday School Teacher, Chairman, Christian Education Committee, Day School Committee, Evangelism, Board of Elders, Secretary.
- D: CID Church Extension Fund 03-15; Camp CILCA Treasurer 11-17; CID Finance and Management Committee 15-present; CID LLL Treasurer 08-10; CID LLL District vice president West region 12-16; Zone LLL Secretary/Treasurer, 25 yrs.
- O: Accounting – Enrolled Agent EA.
- * My goal is – in whatever office the Lord wants me to serve – to make a difference, to make things better, and to facilitate God's word in any way that I can.

Financial Secretary
(One laymen to be elected)

James Frazee, St. John, Beardstown

- Thrivent Financial Representative retired
- C: President, Vice President, Elder
- D: Financial Secretary 06-12; Finance and Management Committee 12-present
- O: Treasurer for the Havana Park District 83-88
- * I have already served two full terms in this position. I know the responsibilities of this position and worked to fulfill them. In view of the CID's present financial situation, we need to address both the income and the expense sides of the ledger. I've worked extensively with managing budgets during my 20 years of banking experience.

Matt Putnam, Bethlehem, Altamont

- President, Putnam Trucking, Inc.
- C: School Board, 6 years; Treasurer, 9 years; Elder, 10 years
- D: Board of Directors, layman, 06-09, 12-15; CID Finance and Management, 2 terms; CID Evangelism, 1 term
- * Prior and present experience on the CID Board of Directors and its committees, business background, prayer, and encouragement.

Board of Directors
(Four Parish Pastors to be elected)

Rev. Jason Braaten, Immanuel, Tuscola

- C: Major Gift Fundraiser, Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne, IN 07-10
- D: CID Pastors Conference Committee 11-12
- O: Tuscola Library Board 12-present; Tuscola Rotary Club, president 16-17, vice president 15-16, secretary 12-13; Tuscola Community Foundation 15-present; LCMS contract writer, Stewardship 13-present; Logic Instructor, Wittenberg Academy 13-present
- * I have a deep love for Christ, His Word, and His Church, a love that seeks the truth and desires to share it. I have an abiding respect for our Lutheran heritage and the rich theological tradition in doctrine and practice bequeathed to us from our Lutheran forefathers, a respect that I seek to impart in those around me. But not every challenge we face is addressed in this rich tradition, yet it informs how we meet and answer them. We ought not change for the sake of change.
- As a former fundraiser and recruiter for Concordia, Ft. Wayne, I learned the delicate art of facing conflict and difficult situations – temporal and spiritual – in a pastoral, caring, biblical, and honest manner. This means that I do not shy away from conflict and am not afraid to ask difficult questions or make tough decisions so that the truth may be heard, souls comforted, families and faith restored, and the Church further united.
- As LCMS Lutherans, we have much to be thankful for. If I can be an agent, beyond my call as a parish pastor, to hand down the great gifts we have received, I am eager to serve.

Rev. Robert Bruer, Mt. Zion, Mt. Zion

- C: St John, Rushville, 82-90; Mt Sterling, 87-90; St. Peter, Newell, IA, 90-96; Concordia, Decatur, 90-15, Mt. Zion, Mt. Zion, 16 – present
- D: Decatur Circuit Visitor 16 – present; Gatepost Editor, 00-10; Communications Committee, Delegate – 3 Synodical conventions; LLL Zone Advisor 89-9-, 91-96; LWML Zone Advisor
- O: President & Treasurer, Decatur Civil War Round Table 04-present; District Secretary Circle K(College Kiwanis) 67-69; Student Voting Delegate Oakland University College of Arts and Sciences 68-69; Lutheran School Association, Decatur Pastoral Advisor
- * I have no preconceptions or agenda than to faithfully serve.

Rev. Michael Burdick, Immanuel, Macomb

- C: Good Shepherd, Marshall, MN, 88-97
- D: Synod Convention delegate, 95, 13; CID Conference Committee, 09-11; COD "Millions for Missions" Committee; MNS LWML District Pastoral Counselor, 96-97; Quincy Circuit Visitor, 15 - present
- O: Marshall, MN, Parks, Recreation & Community Education Board Chairman, 93-96; Boy Scouts of America, Cubmaster, Scoutmaster, Chaplain at Jamboree, 95-10; Quality of Life Youth Task Force, 14 – present; Macomb Area Christian Ministerial Association, 97 – present; WIU Christian Campus Ministries Committee Chair, 05 – 15; Birthright of Macomb Board, 98- present, Chair, 16 – present; Certified Chaplain, Macomb Police Department
- * Commitment to faithfulness to the Word and Sacraments, like all of our current BOD members and nominees. I also can bring the experiences of a unique town-gown ministry. In Macomb I've been privileged and responsible to serve

the people of “Forgottonia” for over twenty years – the millennials of the campus and the full spectrum of county residents. I’ll strive to remain a faithful pastor, by God’s grace.

Rev. Joseph Burns, Our Redeemer, Eureka

- D: Circuit Visitor, 12 - present
- O: District Chairman- Iowa Physical Therapy Association 84-88; Treasurer – Iowa Physical Therapy Association, 88 – 92; Board Member - Maple Lawn Homes, Eureka, 11 – 15;
- * I have a background of serving on the boards listed above which helps me understand the challenges of day to day operations in an organization such as the Central Illinois District – LCMS. I also have the background of owning and managing a business with 50+ employees (Eastern Iowa Therapeutics). I understand the budgetary process of a multi-million-dollar organization and the challenges that presents. I also have a great love for our Lord, our Synod, and our District, and would enjoy the opportunity to serve in this way.

Rev. Pablo Dominguez, Christo Rey, East Moline

- C: Vicar/Pastor (bi-vocational), El Sembrador, Monterrey, Mexico 96-02
- D: CID Missionary at Large, 02-18; Latino Outreach assist, Beardstown, 12-present; CID Evangelism Commission, 15-present; Vice President of the V National Hispanic Lutheran Convention of the LCMS 12-15
- O: Spanish Bible Study Volunteer, East Moline correctional Center, 06-present; Volunteer Chaplain – Illini Hospital, Silvis, 08-present; Saturday Radio Broadcast 03-18
- * I give God the praise and glory for giving me the privilege of sharing the true teachings of God’s Word and the Lutheran Confessions. God brought me to CID to share the great news of love and salvation through Jesus Christ to the Hispanic community. In his faithfulness, He has provided me with spiritual gifts to serve Him and His church—and I am looking forward, with His guidance, to grow and fulfill His perfect plan for the BOD.

Rev. Peter Glock, Zion, Wenona and St. Paul’s, Varna

- C: Zion/St. Paul’s, Wenona/Varna, 95-present; Zion/Immanuel, Claire City, SD/ Lidgerwood, ND, 91-95
- D: CID representative to the Board of Trustees of Lutheran Child and Family Services of IL, 99-15; District Conference Planning Committee – two terms; LWML Zone Pastoral Counselor – two terms; District PALS coordinator; Presenter for workshops introducing the Lutheran Service Book
- O: President, Wenona Ministerium, 97-present
- * I have been a pastor in the Central Illinois District for twenty-three years. During this time, I have known and valued dozens of pastoral colleagues. I have known the people in the leadership of the district for that same amount of time. I have seen the alarming trends of decreased membership over these years, especially in the last decade. I believe that my overall knowledge of the Central Illinois District in the past can help me as I join with others to make difficult decisions regarding the district’s future.

Rev. Rick Milas, University, Champaign

- C: Christ, Clinton, 79-86; University Lutheran Chapel, Milwaukee, WI, 86-89; St. Paul, West Allis, WI, 89-91, Immanuel, DeKalb, 91-94; University, Champaign, 94-present
- D: LCMS International Student Ministry Committee (recruiting students for church work); Camp CILCA Board; LLL Lincoln Zone Pastoral Advisor; District Worship Committee; Congregational Life Commission; Education Commission; Evangelism commission, 03; District Assistant Secretary, 03-08; District Secretary, 08-05; District Board of Directors, 15-present
- O: Kiwanis; Wisconsin, Chicago, Central Illinois, and Champaign Herpetological Societies; Volunteer field work for the Wisconsin and Illinois Departments of Natural Resources; currently assist with local scuba diving projects and activities.
- * We are truly blessed to have a Synod and District rooted in Holy Scripture and the Lutheran Confessions. Serving in our District over the years I have seen how the many facets of its work center around the good news of salvation by God’s grace through faith in Jesus. With God’s help I would serve faithfully in the work of our District as it supports and encourages congregations in the ministry of the Gospel for strengthening members and reaching out to those who do not believe.

Rev. Michael Schuermann, Good Shepherd, Sherman

- C: Our Redeemer, Dallas TX 10-12
- D: Member, Secretary through Chairman, of CID Pastors’ Conference Committee, 13 – 15; Chaplain, Springfield Lutheran High School: 14-17; Board of Directors, Springfield Lutheran High School, 13 – 17
- O: Board of Directors, Lutheran Legacy, 08 – present
- * I believe that I have administrative gifts that allow me to have a clear overview of the information put before me. With a changing pattern of giving within our congregations thus affecting the operation of the District, I believe that this will help me contribute to guiding the District toward whatever viable, sustainable ways of operating are necessary.

(Two parish teachers)

Jill Gerberding, Our Savior, Springfield

- C: Principal, Our Savior, Springfield. 03 - present
* I am a strong believer in Lutheran education in helping the roots of a child's faith grow deeper in Christ. Lutheran schools are one of our biggest evangelism tools to reach young parents and families. In serving at Our Savior's Lutheran Church and School for the past 15 years, I feel I have a good perspective of how our Lutheran schools currently do and will reach out to fill family spiritual and educational needs. To serve in ministry in our Lutheran schools, in any position, is an opportunity to share Christ's love.

Nathan Landskroener, St. James, Quincy

- C: Teacher, S. Paul, San Diego, CA; Grace, Sandy UT; St. John, Bakersfield, CA; First Good Shepherd, Las Vegas, NV, Principal/Teacher, St James, Quincy
D: CID Board of Directors, 14 – present
O: Lutheran Education Association, member
* Being in Lutheran schools for 36 I would be able to bring a school perspective as part of the Board of Directors and the CID.

(Four Laymen to be elected)

Tom Blessman, St Paul's, Havana

- C: Elder, Sunday School Superintendent, Sunday School Teacher, Finance Committee
D: CID LLL District President; CID LLL District Vice President; CID LLL Zone 8 President; CID LLL Zone 8 Vice President; CID LLL Zone 8 Secretary/Treasurer
* I most definitely know what living by grace is by being a great sinner. Sainthood by my own works is impossible. I know what it is like to be on the outside looking in, being raised a Southern Baptist. I know what a rich theology that LCMS has to share.

William A. Denham III, Trinity, Springfield

- Retired
C: Board of Deacons 83-84; Chair, Board of Deacons 85-88; Congregational Secretary 89-92; Board of Christian Stewardship 95-present; Facilitator of numerous adult Bible studies, ongoing
D: CID Board of Directors 15-present
O: Research Economist, State of Illinois 80-02; Volunteer – Dana-Thomas House State Historic Site 82-present; Sales Associate – Eastern National Museum Store at the Lincoln Home National Historic Site 03 – 13
* I think a good grasp of LCMS doctrine and practice, and a commitment to the LCMS definition of stewardship as being a “free and joyous activity” involving “all of life and life's resources” and that Scripture is the sole norm and rule of doctrine, conduct and behavior. Finally, I bring a certain breadth of congregational and secular experience, more so, now, after three years of experience on the District Board of Directors and its Stewardship Commission.

Wayne Dietrich, Bethel, Morton

- Retired
C: Elder, Evangelism Board Chairman, Youth Board
D: Mission Commission, Board of Directors, Camp CILCA Board, Nominations Committee, 15
O: Youth Baseball and Soccer – Board member and coach
* Willingness to serve – Love for my Savior, Church, and Synod – being retired also gives the time to serve whenever I am needed.

Roger Garlisch, St. Luke, San Jose

- C: Elder, Chairman, Vice Chairman, Sunday School Superintendent
D: Vice President CID LLL, President, CID LLL, 12 – 17

Larry Marxman, Immanuel, Riverton

- Retired Administrator, State of Illinois, Department of Agriculture, Meat and Poultry Inspections, farmer, part-time Cabinetworks, Marketing Manager
C: Board of Elders, 84-present; Congregational President, several terms, (Immanuel); Board of Elders, Congregational Secretary, (St. John's, Effingham)
D: Delegate to District meetings; Delegate to National Convention
O: Agriculture: 60-82, served in multiple leadership positions in agriculture-related organizations, such as 4-H, FFA, Farm Service Agency, Effingham County Fair Board, and University of Illinois Extension, including Council Chair and

Chair of the Building committee to build a multi-office building, University of Illinois Agronomy Advisory Board, Illinois Department of Agriculture Ag Export Committee, and the Illinois Department of Agriculture People-to-People tour to Austria, Poland, Soviet Union, Hungary, and Switzerland.

Sangamon Thrivent Board, including Vice Chair and Chair; Sangamon County Animal Control Board, 11-15;

Sangamon County Sheriff's Police Academy, Executive Committee; Heartville Water Board, 76-82

- * First, I have a deep commitment to serving the Lord. I believe in and support the tenets of the Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod. I have experience in serving in a large, growing congregation as well as more recent experience in supporting an aging congregation struggling to maintain its viability. I believe that it takes a team to get a job done. I also believe that open and civil communication is key to problem solving. Finally, I am hardworking, dedicated, and committed to service.

Aaron Schroeder, Our Savior's, Springfield

Illinois State Police, ISA 11

- C: Executive Director 12- present; Director of Missions and Evangelism 10-11; ALIS School Board chairman; Chair of Youth Board; Chair of Parish Education Board; Chair of Public Relations Board; Chair of Christian Formation Board
- D: CID Board of Directors 15-present
- O: Commission on the City of Springfield Historic Sites 16-present;
- * Assist in making congregations aware of all the District has to offer; Continued support of the Central Illinois District; Assist in evangelism ministries of the District

Jon Schroeder, St John, Champaign

C: Financial Secretary, Elder, and President, St. Paul, Sadorus

D: Lay delegate to CID convention representing Champaign Circuit

O: Commissioner Champaign County Zoning Board of Appeals 89-99; Commissioner of Champaign County Forest Preserve 99-03; Champaign County Board, 03-16; Board Member Premiere Cooperative Grain, 96-04

- *Leadership, experience, and knowledge to help forward the Great Commission of our Lord to the masses in the CID.

Larry Wachtel, St Paul, Altamont

Retired

- C: Social Chairman 12-16, Good Shepherd, Sherman IL, Elder 04-08 09-12 Good Shepherd; Immanuel Lutheran, Macomb IL Elder & Head Elder 80-96; Delegate to CID Convention from Immanuel Lutheran, Macomb, IL twice in 80's; Delegate to CID Convention from Good Shepherd, Sherman in 12, 15; Circuit Delegate to LCMS Convention, 13
- D: Secretary Camp CILCA Board of Directors 12-18
- O: President of Illinois Association Extension Agents, 4-H, 77; President of Illinois International Farm Youth Exchange Association, 77; Treasurer 2000-present; Newsletter Editor 76-Present; National Chairman of Professional Improvement Committee of National Associations Extension 4-H Agents 75; Chairman of Policy and Resolutions Committee 82 and 83; National secretary of National IFYE Association, 89; Registration Chairman of National IFYE Conference, 00; Served as Jr. Leader in Local 4-H Club and held offices for President, Vice President, Secretary and Reporter during 4-H Membership, 55-64
- * I could draw on my experiences as an Elder in two different small congregations to help make decisions on the Board. Also, as a 6-year Camp CILCA Board member I could share the needs of the Camp as it is an important part of the CID Ministry. My leadership in my Professional Associations and Alumni Associations will aid me in working on the Board.

Nominations Committee for the 2021 Central Illinois District Convention **(Two parish pastors to be elected)**

Rev. Jeffrey Caithamer, St John, Champaign

C: Light of the Valley, Valley Center, CA 06-09

D: Secretary/Treasurer of the Champaign Circuit 16-present

- * I could provide a well-rounded variety of names for the various positions available in the district.

Rev. Peter Glock, Zion, Wenona

C: Zion/St. Paul's, Wenona/Varna, 95-present; Zion/Immanuel, Claire City, SD/ Lidgerwood, ND, 91-95

D: CID representative to the Board of Trustees of Lutheran Child and Family Services of IL, 99-15; District Conference Planning Committee – two terms; LWML Zone Pastoral Counselor – two terms; District PALS coordinator; Presenter for workshops introducing the Lutheran Service Book

O: President, Wenona Ministerium, 97-present

- * I have been a pastor in the Central Illinois District for twenty-three years. During this time I have known and valued dozens of pastoral colleagues. I have known the people in the leadership of the district for that same amount of time. I

have seen the alarming trends of decreased membership over these years, especially in the last decade. I believe that my overall knowledge of the Central Illinois District in the past can help me as I join with others to make difficult decisions regarding the district's future.

Rev. Timothy Hahn, Trinity, Cissna Park

C: Faith Lutheran Church, Flora, IL 02-11

D: Circuit Visitor 2016-present; LWML District Counselor 2016-present

* I believe that with the talents that God has given me, I will be able to give insight, assistance, and direction to either the Constitution Committee or the Nominations Committee.

Rev. Michael Koschmann, Immanuel, Riverton

C: St. John, Effingham 81-87

D: Circuit Visitor, LLL pastoral Advisor, CID Archives Board

(Two teachers to be elected)

Elizabeth Crawford, St John, Champaign

C: Teacher St. John, Berlin, WI 08-13, Bethlehem; Kennewick, WA 07 – 08

O: Secretary, Green Lake County Thrivent Board, Green Lake, WI, 12

* I am willing to work with other members of our district to find people who are willing and able to serve the church.

Shawn Hoffmann, Trinity, Bloomington

C: Principal of Lutheran Day School, Trinity Bloomington

D: Communication Board, 13 – present; Camp CILCA Board of Directors

* I have been a member of our district for 24 years, developing relationships with teachers, administrators, DCE's, and Pastors. I believe my ability to communicate well and form relationships will contribute to this position as we look to find and nominate the best people for serving God's people throughout our district for a variety of needs.

Sandy Spitz, Immanuel, Loda

C: Teacher since 02, Executive Director since 09, Christ Lutheran High School, Buckley, Treasurer- Parent/Teacher League; St. John's Lutheran School, Buckley 12-13, Secretary, Immanuel Church Council 95-96

D: Secretary/Treasurer – Central Illinois District Administrators' Conference, 14-present

* I bring with me a love for our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and a desire to serve Him by serving others. I am a creative thinker and a quick learner, and am not afraid of challenges.

Dan Yagow, Trinity, Danville

C: St John, Champaign 90-13, St Peter, St Peter, teacher/principal 13-17

D: CID Board of Directors, Commissioned 03-09, Nominations Committee 15

O: Lutheran Education Association member 81-present, CID Teachers' Conference, Vice President 00-02

* I would share my willingness to serve the Lord and my dedication to the Central Illinois District.

(Two laymen to be elected)

Renata Anderson, Bethel, Morton

D: CID Educational Commission

* I do believe that I have some knowledge of the abilities of some of our church/school workers in CID and could possibly make suggestions to help fill various positions.

Tom Blessman, St Paul's, Havana

C: Elder, Sunday School Superintendent, Sunday School Teacher, Finance Committee

D: CID LLL District President; CID LLL District Vice President; CID LLL Zone 8 President; CID LLL Zone 8 Vice President; CID LLL Zone 8 Secretary/Treasurer

* I most definitely know what living by grace is by being a great sinner. Sainthood by my own works is impossible. I know what it is like to be on the outside looking in, being raised a Southern Baptist. I know what a rich theology that LCMS has to share.

Roger Garlisch, St. Luke, San Jose

C: Elder, Chairman, Vice Chairman, Sunday School Superintendent

D: Vice President CID LLL, President, CID LLL, 12 – 17

Matt Putnam, Bethlehem, Altamont

President, Putnam Trucking, Inc.

C: School Board, 6 years; Treasurer, 9 years; Elder, 10 years

D: Board of Directors, layman, 06-09, 12-15; CID Finance and Management, 2 terms; CID Evangelism, 1 term

* Prior and present experience on the CID Board of Directors and its committees, business background, prayer, and encouragement.

Congregational Constitution, Bylaws and Handbook Committee
(Two clergymen to be elected)

Rev. Jeffrey Caithamer, St John, Champaign

C: Light of the Valley, Valley Center, CA 06-09

D: Secretary/Treasurer of the Champaign Circuit 16-present

* I can contribute a thoughtful consideration of constitutional matters and can provide a fairly objective and analytical point-of-view.

Rev. Timothy Hahn, Trinity, Cissna Park

C: Faith Lutheran Church, Flora, IL 02-11

D: Circuit Visitor 2016-present; LWML District Counselor 2016-present

* I believe that with the talents that God has given me, I will be able to give insight, assistance, and direction to either the Constitution Committee, the Nominations Committee or both.

Rev. James Hennig, Concordia, Springfield

C: Trinity, Rock Springs, WY 94-98; St. Peter, Prairietown, IL 98-05

D: WY District Youth Board 97-98; SID Mission Partnership with Lutheran Church South Africa 02-05

* I believe my contribution to this committee would be found in helping to maintain a conservative, confessional, Biblical understanding of the organizational structure of the church

Rev. Kent Umbarger, St John, East Moline

C: Trinity, Roanoke, IL; Concordia, Decatur

D: CID Board of Directors, 2 terms; Congregational Life, 5 years; Stewardship Commission, 8 years; District convention Floor Committee, 3 times; Church Workers Conference Committee, 3 years; Youth Committee, 7 years; Family Life committee, 2 years; Youth Gathering Committee, 2 years; Synod Convention Delegate, 2 times; LCMS Congregational Services Conference, 2 years

O: Roanoke Rotary Club, past President; Confessional Lutheran Forum of Central Illinois Steering Committee; Crisis Intervention Counselor for School District; Advisor to Lutherans for Life chapter; QC Lutheran High School Association, member, secretary, president; Chaplain Illinois Hospital; Chaplain East Moline Police Department; Associate Chaplain Illinois Fraternal Order of Police; International Conference of Police Chaplains

* I have served in many secretarial positions for boards and commissions. I would hope to apply those organizational skills in reviewing proposed constitutions and constitutional revisions. I am committed to our Lutheran Confessions and in full agreement with Walther's writings regarding the Church and her ministry. I would diligently seek to steer congregations to honor these teachings seek conformity with the constitution of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod.

(Lay – Attorney, one to be elected)

Ed Schoenbaum, Trinity, Springfield

C: Chair, Board of Education, same time as Congregational Board of Directors

D: Chair CID Human Care Committee 93-02; Chair, Congregational Constitutional Committee 06-12; Wittenberg Cabinet 15-16; Reconciler 14-present

O: American Bar Association: Judicial Division, Chair, Lawyers Conference 84-85; National Conference of Administrative Law Judges, Chair 98-99; Delegate om ABA House of Delegates 00-05; Administrative Law Section Chair, State Administrative Law and Budget Officer 13-17; Senior Lawyer Division, Chair 12-13; Illinois State Bar Association: Administrative Law Section Chair; Bench and Bar Section Chair 08-09; Senior Lawyer Section Chair 15-16; Government Bar Association of Illinois, President 96-97, 08-09

* I could contribute greatly because I previously served on this committee for two three year terms. In addition to my Juris Doctor I have a M.Div. and M.P.A.

CID Endowment Fund Board of Trustees
(Elect 1 layman & 4 others who may be lay members, clergy or teacher)

David Busby, Lay, Immanuel, Altamont

- C: Elder, Good Shephard, Marion, IL
O: Assistant Scoutmaster, Boy Scout Troop 3, Effingham; Treasurer, Boy Scout Troup 42, Marion, IL
* I hold a CPA certificate issued in Missouri and have earned an MBA from Washington University, St Louis, Mo. I believe that my financial acumen would allow me to serve Christ by assisting the district in good stewardship of endowment funds.

Elizabeth Crawford, Commissioned, St John, Champaign

- C: St. John, Berlin, WI 08-13, Bethlehem, Kennewick, WA 07 – 08
O: Secretary, Green Lake County Thrivent Board, Green Lake, WI, 12
* I am willing to work with other members of our district to find people who are willing and able to serve the church. I have been a recipient of a similar type of scholarship from the district I grew up in and understand the importance of financially supporting our church workers.

Rev Karl Eckhoff, Christ, Peoria

- C: St Peter, Waterville, MN/Bethlehem, Elysian MN, 90 – 98; Zion, Paullina, IA 98- 05
D: District Committees MN South and Iowa West for youth and missions; Synod and District convention delegate; LWML and LLL Pastoral Advisor; CID Camp CILCA Board, member and Chair
O: Waseca Area Hospice Board, MN; County 4H board; Peoria's Neighborhood House Board; Lutheran Hillside Village of Peoria, Board member
* As noted above, I have served on a number of community and church administrative boards that have developed, promoted, and operated endowments; including Lutheran Churches and Schools. I have experience in investing funds and determining how income from such funds can be best distributed.

Rev. Martin Eden, Our Redeemer, Quincy

- C: Immanuel, Mellon WI 95-04, St. Paul, Pana IL 04-09.
D: Board of Continuing Education North Wisconsin District 97-04, Camp CILCA Board 08-09; CID Endowment Board 15-present.
* I worked for AAL 90-91 and have an interest in economics and finance. Good stewardship is important for the future of our church.

Rochelle Funderburg, Lay, St. John, Champaign

- C: Zion, New Holland, former member; LWML member
O: Practicing lawyer for over 30 years; Assistant City Attorney, Champaign 88-96; Coles County Business and Professional Women 81 – 85; Coles County Coalition Against Domestic Violence; Coles and Jefferson County Bar Associations; Mt. Vernon Jr. Women's Club, Junior League, Champaign/Urbana; Champaign County Bar Association 88-present; Association's Board of Governors 95; Board of Trustees Champaign Public Library, present; President of the Champaign County Humane Society, present.
* I will gladly serve in this position if called upon by God to do so. I graduated from the University of Illinois in 1981 with a JD and have practiced law ever since, advising clients on a multitude of issues, including fiduciary duties. I have served on a number of boards of not-for-profits and am familiar with the requirements of fiduciaries as well as investment standards. I would serve the Endowment Funds with the principles of Christian stewardship and the goals of the LCMS.

Richard McMullen, Lay, Concordia, Geneseo

- Retired Medical and Health Care Management from UnitedHealthcare/John Deere Health, Moline, Professional Management Midwest 77-97
C: Concordia, Geneseo: Evangelism, Deacon, Chairman 13-14, President 07-08, St. Paul, Council Bluffs, IA: 81-98, Evangelism, Stewardship, Deacon, President,
D: Delegate to Iowa West District Convention, CID Convention 00, 12, Delegate to 81, 01 Synodical Convention, CID Endowment Fund Board 2012-present, Chair 2015.
O: Operational Excellence, Quality Process Management, American Society for Quality, UnitedHealthcare Certified Operational Excellence. Management responsibilities: financial administration, economic analysis, retirement planning, tax management, financial planning.
* More than 40 years leadership experience evaluating business situations and making recommendations for improvements, financial planning, as well as my business consulting background will enable me to approach events with the CID Endowment Fund with objective and critical thinking, large private trust trustee.

Cheryl Stickel Neal, Lay, Trinity, Springfield

- Vice President and Senior Wealth Advisor PNC Bank
- C: Numerous ad hoc committees 84-87, Board of Christian Education 88-89, Choir, Trinity Foundation Board of Directors 12-present.
- D: Adjudication Commission 86-91, Secretary, Foundation for Excellence at Lutheran High School, Trustee and Secretary 86-99, Trustee CID Endowment Fund 12-present.
- O: Secretary, Sangamon County Bar Association 96, Member, Illinois State Bar Association, Central Illinois Women's Bar Association, Christian Legal Society 84-present, President, Sangamon Valley Estate Planning Council, 00-02, Family Service Center Board of Directors 86-89
- * Blessed with analytical skills, faithful attendance and reliable decision maker. B.A. in Accountancy, 81; Juris Doctorate, 84; Admitted to Illinois Bar, 84; Chosen by peers as a Leading Lawyer, 09 – present, and received highest rating by peers in Martindale-Hubbell; Experience in private practice law, 84-14, concentrating in civil practice, estate planning, probate and trust administration and litigation; PNC Bank Vice President, present; Senior Estate Settlement Advisor, 15 – present.

John Rodenburg, Lay, Trinity, Springfield

- Former Managing Director, Federated Funeral Directors
- C: Board of Elders, 78-84; Chairman, Board of Elders, 80-84; Board of Director TLC, 80-88; Vice President, 85-86; President, 87-88, 14 – present; Board of Christian Education, 90-14; Delegate to CID Convention, 88; Chairman Pastoral Call Committee, 07-08, 11-12; Co-chair Building Campaign, 13,16
- D: Chairman, First Lutheran High School Building Campaign, 82; Board of Directors Lutheran Retirement Center, 90- 94; Treasurer, Lutheran Retirement Center, 93-94; Delegate to Synodical Convention, 92; Chair, Finance & Mgt Commission, 00-03; CID Stewardship Commission, 06; LCMS Theological Conference, Phoenix, 06; Treasurer, CID, 94-00, 03-09; CID Board of Directors, 94-09; CID Endowment Fund, 09-18
- O: Director Museum of Funeral Customs, 07-08, Advisory Board Member, Illinois State Historical Society, 11-12; Director Lutheran Bible Translators, 14-19
- * As a recently retired financial advisor, and CPA, I have the knowledge needed for this position. Also, as a former CID Treasurer, I know the history of our Endowment, and the nuts and bolts of our bookkeeping system. We need the endowment to help make professional church work education affordable for CID members. Finally, if elected, I have a willingness to serve the Lord in this manner.

Jerilyn Rogers, Lay, St. John, Chatham

- C: Board of Christian Education, Lutheran High Foundation, Bookkeeper, Sunday School Teacher, VBS Director, Choir Director, LWML, several positions, including being zone president
- O: Secretary, Friends of the Chatham Library 10-present; Publicity, Friends of the Chatham Library, co-chair 06-10
- * I have a willingness to serve. I have been serving a similar position for Lutheran High School in Springfield for over a year, and I feel I have the ability to understand requests that come to the endowment fund.

Glenn Rollins, Commissioned, Trinity, Springfield

- Principal, Lutheran High School, Springfield
- C: Minneapolis Lutheran High, Bloomington MN 89-95; Luther East, Lansing IL 95-00; Faith Lutheran High School, Las Vegas, NV 00-07; Concordia Academy, Bloomington MN 07-09; Lion's Gate Academy, Bloomington MN 09-10; Lutheran High, Kansas City, MO 10-12; Valley Lutheran School, Cedar Falls IA 12-15.

Central Illinois District
2018 Nominations Committee
Rev. James Wright, Chairman
Mrs. Martha Milas, Secretary
Rev. Clarence Rogers
Mr. John Jacobs
Mr. Raymond Stuckemeyer
Mr. Thomas Stuenkel

**The Nominations Committee
Central Illinois District, LC-MS Convention, July 8—10, 2018**

FLOOR NOMINATIONS for Elected Positions & Biographical Sketch of Nominee

Name: _____ **For the Position of:** _____

Street or P.O. Box _____ City _____ Zip _____

Email Address _____

I agree to have my name placed in nomination for the position stated above and, if elected, I will serve.

Signature: _____

CLERGY, TEACHER, or LAYMEMBER

Brief Biographical Sketch of Nominee for Elected Position

(Use back side of this form if additional space is needed)

Member of Congregation _____ City _____

Place of Employment _____

Title or Position _____

Past and/or Present Position/Offices held in your congregation. Dates, if known

Past and/or Present Position/Offices held in District/Synod. Dates, if known

Past and/or Present Positions/Offices held in city, state, voluntary and professional organizations. Dates, if known

What do you believe you could contribute to this position if elected?

Note: Following Bylaw requirements, there are no nominations taken from the floor for District President and there is a special process for nominations for Vice Presidents.

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2 *Resolved*, That the convention give expression to this thanksgiving by singing the first stanza of “Now
3 Thank We all our God.”
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5 Now thank we all our God
6 With hearts and hands and voices,
7 Who wond’rous things has done,
8 In Whom His world rejoices;
9 Who from our mothers’ arms
10 Has blest us on our way
11 With countless gifts of love
12 And still is ours today.
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16 RESOLUTION R2018-01-03

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18 **To Commend Lutherans for Life**
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20 Overture O2018-01-07
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22 WHEREAS, Lutherans for Life is a pan-Lutheran organization serving the congregations of The
23 Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod; and
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25 WHEREAS, Lutherans for Life has attained Recognized Service Organization status within The
26 Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod; and
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28 WHEREAS, Lutherans for Life advocates for people at all stages of life through various educational and
29 service activities; and
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31 WHEREAS, Lutherans for Life is organized at the local level in chapters organized within congregations
32 or groupings of congregations; therefore be it
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34 *Resolved*, That we commend Lutherans for Life for its efforts; and be it further
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36 *Resolved*, That we encourage each Circuit within the Central Illinois District to have at least one
37 Lutherans for Life chapter; and be it further
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39 *Resolved*, That we give thanks and praise to God for the work of Lutherans for Life by standing and
40 singing the Common Doxology; and be it finally
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42 *Resolved*, That we memorialize the Synod to adopt the above resolution.
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1 RESOLUTION R2018-01-04

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3 **To Commend LCMS Life Ministry**
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5 Overture O2018-01-08
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7 WHEREAS, LCMS Life Ministry has conducted National Life Conferences in conjunction with the
8 March for Life in 2013, 2015, and 2017; and
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10 WHEREAS, LCMS Life Ministry is preparing a National Life Conference in conjunction with the March
11 for Life in January of 2019; and
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13 WHEREAS, LCMS Life Ministry has prepared an informational campaign known as Eyes of Life
14 (eyesoflife.org) that help each person see how all life is a sacred, valued gift from God; and
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16 WHEREAS, LCMS Life Ministry is working closely with the newly formed Lutheran Center for
17 Religious Liberty to advocate for life-affirming policies and practices within the civil realm; therefore
18 be it
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20 *Resolved*, that we, the Central Illinois District in convention assembled, commend LCMS Life
21 Ministry for its work in advocating for the life, dignity and health of all people from conception to
22 natural death, especially mothers, unborn children, those who are gravely ill, and those who are dying;
23 and be it further
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25 *Resolved*, that we encourage each Circuit of the Central Illinois District to send at least one pastor, one
26 lay adult, and one youth representative to the 2019 Life Conference; and be it further
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28 *Resolved*, that we encourage each congregation of the Central Illinois District to avail themselves of
29 the resources available through eyesoflife.org to encourage their members toward a more life-affirming
30 outlook; and be it further
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32 *Resolved*, that we encourage each congregation of the Central Illinois District to utilize the work of the
33 Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty in effecting change toward more civilly righteous policies and
34 practices in our federal, state, and local governments; and be it finally
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36 *Resolved*, that we memorialize the Synod to adopt the above resolution.
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1 RESOLUTION R2018-01-05

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3 **To Confess and Reaffirm Six-Day Creation and the Official Position**
4 **of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod**
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6 Overture O2018-01-20
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8 WHEREAS, The Holy Scriptures teach that God is the Creator of all that exists (Genesis 1:1; Psalm
9 33:6, 9; Hebrews 11:3; Colossians 1:16; John 1:1-4); and

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11 WHEREAS, Genesis 1 and 2 details the creation of the world by God in six days, each of which
12 consisted of 24 hours; and

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14 WHEREAS, The Holy Scriptures are inspired by God the Holy Spirit, are without error and infallible
15 (John 10:35, 2 Timothy 3:16-17, 2 Peter 1:21); and

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17 WHEREAS, The Scripture teaches that Adam was a real man and it is the consequence of his sin that
18 death has come into the world, (Romans 5:12-19); and

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20 WHEREAS, Theistic evolution or old earth creationism which teaches that God used an evolutionary
21 process to create mankind and that death is a natural occurrence, not the result of Adam's sin, is in
22 direct contradiction to the teaching of the Holy Scripture; and

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24 WHEREAS, The official position of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod regarding creation is, “We
25 teach that God has created heaven and earth, and that in the manner and in the space of time recorded
26 in the Holy Scriptures, especially Gen. 1 and 2, namely, by His almighty creative word, and in six
27 days. We reject every doctrine which denies or limits the work of creation as taught in Scripture. In our
28 days it is denied or limited by those who assert, ostensibly in deference to science, that the world came
29 into existence through a process of evolution; that is, that it has, in immense periods of time, developed
30 more or less of itself. Since no man was present when it pleased God to create the world, we must look
31 for a reliable account of creation to God's own record, found in God's own book, the Bible. We accept
32 God's own record with full confidence and confess with Luther's Catechism: ‘I believe that God has
33 made me and all creatures.’” (*A Brief Statement of the Doctrinal Position of the Missouri Synod*,
34 1932), therefore be it

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36 *Resolved*, That the Central Illinois District confess and reaffirm that God created the world in six days,
37 each of which consisted of 24 hours; and be it further

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39 *Resolved*, That the Central Illinois District confess and reaffirm that Adam was a real man and that it is
40 the consequence of his sin that death has come into the world; and be it further

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42 *Resolved*, That the Central Illinois District confess and reaffirm that theistic evolution or old earth
43 creationism which teaches that God used an evolutionary process to create mankind and that death is a
44 natural occurrence, not the result of Adam's sin, and is in direct contradiction to the teaching of Holy
45 Scripture and be it further
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1 *Resolved*, That the Central Illinois District confess and reaffirm the official position of The Lutheran
2 Church—Missouri Synod regarding creation, “We teach that God has created heaven and earth, and
3 that in the manner and in the space of time recorded in the Holy Scriptures, especially Gen. 1 and 2,
4 namely, by His almighty creative word, and in six days. We reject every doctrine which denies or
5 limits the work of creation as taught in Scripture. In our days it is denied or limited by those who
6 assert, ostensibly in deference to science, that the world came into existence through a process of
7 evolution; that is, that it has, in immense periods of time, developed more or less of itself. Since no
8 man was present when it pleased God to create the world, we must look for a reliable account of
9 creation to God's own record, found in God's own book, the Bible. We accept God's own record with
10 full confidence and confess with Luther's Catechism: ‘I believe that God has made me and all
11 creatures.’” (*A Brief Statement of the Doctrinal Position of the Missouri Synod*, 1932); and be it finally
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13 *Resolved*, That the Central Illinois District send this resolution as an overture to the 2019 convention of
14 The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.
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18 **RESOLUTION R2018-01-06**
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20 **To Address the Role of Laity in the Church Specific to Lay Readers/Lectors in the Public Service**
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22 Overtures O2018-01-04 and O2018-01-18

23 WHEREAS, “There are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the
24 same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in
25 everyone” (1 Corinthians 12:4-6); and
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27 WHEREAS, God has blessed His people with numerous spiritual gifts as “one body . . . [with] many
28 members, and the members do not all have the same function” but have “gifts that differ according to
29 the grace given to us” (Romans 12:4-6); and
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31 WHEREAS, There are numerous ways for the laity to participate in the spreading of the Word in various
32 extensions of the Office of the Public Ministry; and
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34 WHEREAS, The public reading of Scripture is listed by St. Paul as one of Bishop Timothy’s official
35 duties as pastor (1 Timothy 4:13, cf. Acts 13:15); and
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37 WHEREAS, Many congregations in the LCMS have accepted the practice of women speaking the
38 Scripture lessons to the congregation; and
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40 WHEREAS, God created man first and then the woman (Gen. 2; 1 Tim. 2:13); and

41 WHEREAS, On the basis of this order of creation God commands women not to teach or to exercise
42 authority over men in the churches, but to remain silent and learn in quietness and all submission,
43 which St. Paul explains as follows:

44 "Let a woman learn in silence with all submission. And I do not permit a woman to teach or to
45 have authority over a man, but to be in silence. For Adam was formed first, then Eve. And
46 Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived, fell into transgression. Nevertheless

1 she will be saved in childbearing if they continue in faith, love, and holiness, with self-control."
2 (1 Tim. 2:11-15 NKJV) and as follows:

3 "Let your women keep silent in the churches, for they are not permitted to speak; but they are to
4 be submissive, as the law also says. And if they want to learn something, let them ask their own
5 husbands at home; for it is shameful for women to speak in church." (1 Cor. 14:34-35 NKJV);
6 and

7 WHEREAS, "Learn in quietness and all submission" and "they are not permitted to speak" explicitly
8 exclude women from speaking the Scripture lessons to the whole congregation in the divine service;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, The Commission on Theology and Church Relations (CTCR) document of 1985, entitled
11 "Women in the Church: Scriptural Principles and Ecclesial Practice," says on page 45 that there is no
12 apostolic prohibition of women reading the lessons in the public service, and

13 WHEREAS, 1989 Synod Res. 3-14 states that the "lay reading of Scriptures . . . lie in the area of
14 Christian judgment" (1989 *Proceedings*, 118); and

15 WHEREAS, While circumstances may arise when lay men may and even must read the lessons before
16 the congregation in place of the pastor, the Scriptures specifically prohibit women from this task based
17 on the order of creation; therefore be it

18 *Resolved*, That the Central Illinois District of the LCMS call on the CTCR to revisit the 1985 CTCR
19 document "Women in the Church: Scriptural Principles and Ecclesial Practice," specifically regarding
20 the practice of women reading the Holy Scriptures publicly before the congregation; and be it further

21 *Resolved*, That Central Illinois District of the LCMS call on the CTCR to revisit the issue of whether
22 the public reading before the congregation constitutes an official duty and authoritative act of the
23 pastoral office in view of 1 Timothy 4:13; and be it further

24 *Resolved*, That the Central Illinois District of the LCMS ask the Synod to reconsider 1989 Res. 3-14;
25 and be it further

26 *Resolved*, That the Central Illinois District of the LCMS affirm that the men, as heads of their own
27 households, should be the leaders in their congregations; and be it finally

28 *Resolved*, That the Central Illinois District of the LCMS call on its president and pastors to study
29 together and teach their congregations what the Scriptures teach about the roles of men and women in
30 the home, the church, and society, that we might gain a better understanding and stronger agreement
31 on what God's Word says concerning our various stations in life.

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35 RESOLUTION R2018-01-07

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37 **To Commend LERT (Lutheran Early Response Teams)**

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39 Overture O2018-01-14

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41 WHEREAS, There are now many Lutheran Early Response Teams (LERT) in the Central Illinois
42 District; and

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2 WHEREAS, The members of these teams have received specific training from trained LCMS church
3 workers, lay persons, and from emergency service professionals; and
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5 WHEREAS, These teams are recognized by the Illinois Emergency Management Agency, Federal
6 Emergency Management Agency, and United States Forest Service, and they are utilized by over
7 twenty Illinois emergency management coordinators; and
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9 WHEREAS, Natural disasters occur in our fallen world, causing great loss of human life, personal well-
10 being, property, and homes throughout the United States; and
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12 WHEREAS, Our Lord commands us to befriend and assist our neighbors who are in need; and
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14 WHEREAS, Compassionate human care of all people gives Christians opportunity to show the love of
15 our Lord Jesus Christ; therefore be it
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17 *Resolved*, That the church workers, congregations, and schools of the Central Illinois District be
18 encouraged to support LERT through their prayers, their involvement as appropriate in training and
19 deployment, their efforts to increase public awareness of LERT, and their financial offerings; and be it
20 further
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22 *Resolved*, That the LERT team members be encouraged and supported by their congregations and
23 schools so they can be readily available when called to respond to disasters; and be it finally
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25 *Resolved*, That the Central Illinois District in convention, recognize, thank, and praise God for Stephen
26 Born, District Coordinator of LERT; Cynthia Steinwedel, Regional Coordinator; and Randy Wolf,
27 Regional Coordinator and former District Coordinator; and all who work to train, implement, deploy,
28 and support LERT teams.
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33 RESOLUTION R2018-01-08
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35 **To Authorize Experiment in Cooperative Efforts with Southern Illinois District**
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37 Overture O2018-01-05
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39 WHEREAS, The Synod has divided itself into Districts with the expectation that within these Districts
40 not only does ecclesiastical supervision occur, but congregational services are also provided (e.g.,
41 Stewardship); and
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43 WHEREAS, It might be in the interests of good stewardship of District resources if the Central Illinois
44 District (CID) were to cooperate with a neighboring District in providing certain congregational
45 services; and

WHEREAS, Broadly speaking, the congregations of the Southern Illinois District (SID) have circumstances resembling those of the CID; therefore be it

Resolved, That the CID Board of Directors petitions the 2018 CID convention to authorize it, the CID Board of Directors, during the 2018-21 triennium to explore with SID ways in which the two Districts might cooperate in providing congregational services, experiment in such cooperative efforts, and report back to the 2021 CID convention.

RESOLUTION R2018-01-09

To Comply with 2004 Res. 4-11 “To Assure Uniformity in Articles of Incorporation”

Overture O2018-01-16

WHEREAS, the Synod in convention has stated that all district governing documents should be uniform and in conformity with the Synod’s governing documents and resolutions [2016 LCMS *Handbook* 1.5.3.6, 2016 Res. 9-02A, 2004 Res. 4-11]; and

WHEREAS, the CID Board of Directors has approved these amendments and revisions; and

WHEREAS, the LCMS Commission on Constitutional Matters [Op. 18-2874] has approved these revisions and declared the 2018 articles in compliance; therefore be it

Resolved, that the Central Illinois District in convention ratify the amended and revised **2018** Articles of Incorporation.

2015 ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

ARTICLE I NAME, DURATION, REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT

1. The name of the corporation shall be: **The Central Illinois District of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod**, a not-for-profit corporation.
2. The period of duration of the corporation is perpetual.
3. The address of the registered office of the corporation is **1850 N. Grand Ave. West, Springfield, Illinois 62702-1626**
4. The registered agent of the corporation is the Attorney of the Central Illinois District.

ARTICLE II CONFESSIONS AND OBJECTIVES

1 The objectives of this corporation shall be to unite in a corporate body for religious, educational,
2 and benevolent purposes, the members of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod residing within the
3 bounds of the Central Illinois District, as now constituted, who accept the Scriptures of the Old and
4 New Testaments as the written Word of God and the only rule and norm of faith and practice, and who
5 remain true to, and acknowledge as a true exhibition of sound Christian doctrine, all the Symbolical
6 Books of the Evangelical Lutheran Church as they are contained in the Book of Concord of 1580, to
7 wit, the three Ecumenical Creeds (the Apostolic, The Nicene, and the Athanasian), the Unaltered
8 Augsburg Confession, the Apology of the Augsburg Confession, the Smalcald Articles, Luther’s Large
9 Catechism, Luther’s Small Catechism and the Formula of Concord, for the purposes of continuing and
10 perpetuating the good work of disseminating the Gospel in accordance with the established doctrine of
11 The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod through religious, educational, and charitable means.

12 13 **ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP**

14 15 **A. General Members**

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17 The membership of the District consists of all those members of The Lutheran Church—Missouri
18 Synod (congregations, ministers of religion—ordained and ministers of religion—commissioned, as
19 defined by the Constitution and Bylaws of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod) who have been
20 received into the District at the time of joining the Synod, who have been transferred from another
21 District, or who have been assigned to the District by the Synod. Termination of membership in the
22 Synod terminates membership in the District.

23 24 **B. Voting Members**

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26 All organized congregations that have joined The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod and are
27 within the bounds of the Central Illinois District as now or hereafter defined by the Synod hold voting
28 membership.

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30 At the meetings of the District of the Synod every such congregation or multiple-congregation
31 parish is entitled to two votes, one of which is to be cast by the pastor and the other by the lay delegate
32 elected and confirmed by said congregation or multiple-congregation parish. These shall be the voting
33 representatives.

34 35 **C. Advisory Members**

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37 Advisory members only are those members of the Synod listed as advisory members in the
38 Constitution of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod in Article V “Membership,” section B.
39 “Advisory Members.”

40 41 **ARTICLE IV POWERS**

1 The District shall have legal powers to receive, acquire, hold, manage, control, sell, mortgage,
2 lease or otherwise dispose of real and personal property and franchise as hereafter may be acquired by
3 this corporation in the interest of its work.

4 [2018 Revised] **ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**
5 **OF**
6 **THE CENTRAL ILLINOIS DISTRICT**
7 **OF THE**
8 **LUTHERAN CHURCH — MISSOURI SYNOD**
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10 **ARTICLE I NAME, DURATION, REGISTERED OFFICE, AND AGENT**
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- 12 a. The name of this corporation shall be “The Central Illinois District of The Lutheran Church--
13 Missouri Synod.”
14 b. The period of duration of the corporation is perpetual.
15 c. The address of the registered office of this corporation as of September 2017 is 1850 N. Grand
16 Avenue W., Springfield, Illinois 62702-1626.
17 d. The registered agent of this corporation is David Rolf, 1 N. Old State Capitol Plaza #200,
18 Springfield, Illinois 62705.
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20 **ARTICLE II OBJECTIVES**
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22 The objectives of this corporation shall be to carry out within the Central Illinois District the objectives
23 of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.
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25 **ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP**
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27 The membership of this corporation is the congregations, and the ordained and commissioned ministers
28 of religion of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod who have affiliated with this district.
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30 The voting power of this corporation resides in the congregations which are members of the corporation.
31 These congregations exercise this voting power through the accredited pastoral and lay delegates of those
32 same congregations of the Synod that have affiliated with this district.
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34 **ARTICLE IV MEETINGS**
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36 This corporation shall have general meetings of its members in the years prescribed by the Constitution
37 and Bylaws of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. Special meetings may be called in such manner as
38 may be provided by the Synod.
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40 **ARTICLE V OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS**
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- 42 a. The officers of this corporation shall consist of a president, vice-presidents as specified by the
43 bylaws of this corporation, a secretary, a treasurer and such others as bylaws may identify.
44 b. The board of directors of this corporation shall be of the size and composition as shall be
45 determined in the bylaws of this corporation.
46 c. The officers and members of the board of directors shall be elected at the general meetings of this
47 corporation for such terms as shall be specified by the bylaws of this corporation and shall serve
48 until their successors are duly elected and have qualified.
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50 **ARTICLE VI PROPERTY**

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2 This corporation shall have power to acquire by gift, grants, demise, devise, bequest, purchase, or
3 otherwise, property of every kind and description, real, personal, or mixed; to hold and use such property
4 and deal with, or dispose of, any or all such property by sale, exchange, or gift, when necessary or expedient
5 to carry out the objectives of the corporation; provided that all such property shall be acquired, dealt with, or
6 disposed of in a manner not in conflict with the laws of the State of Illinois or the laws of any state in which
7 said property is located.
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9 **ARTICLE VII CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS**

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11 a. The Constitution of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod is also the Constitution of this
12 corporation.
13 b. The Bylaws of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod shall primarily be the Bylaws of this
14 corporation. This corporation may adopt additional bylaws that are not in conflict with the
15 Constitution, Bylaws, and resolutions of the Synod.
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17 **ARTICLE VIII DISSOLUTION**

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19 a. In the event this corporation is dissolved or its existence otherwise terminates or is terminated, after
20 the payment of the debts of the corporation, all right, title, and interest in and to its property,
21 whether tangible or intangible and whether real or personal, shall thereupon automatically vest in or
22 be transferred to the Synod, and this corporation covenants and agrees to execute and deliver to the
23 Synod such documents and instruments and to take such other and further actions as the Synod may
24 deem reasonably necessary or desirable, in order to evidence and give full effect to the foregoing.
25 This provision may not be altered or deleted without the approval of or the Board of Directors of the
26 Synod.
27 b. If, however, on the date of such proposed dissolution, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, a
28 Missouri Corporation, or its successor, is no longer in existence, the assets of the corporation may
29 be distributed to any other Section 501(C)(3) organization as designated by the Board of Directors.
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31 **ARTICLE IX RELATIONSHIP TO THE SYNOD**

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33 This corporation, as part of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, acknowledges its allegiance to the
34 Synod and to the convention of the Synod. It submits to the authority of the Synod and the convention. It
35 accedes, recognizes, and accepts the doctrine taught and practiced in the Synod (Art. II) and also the
36 Articles of Incorporation, Constitution, and Bylaws of the Synod, as currently in effect and as may hereafter
37 be amended from time to time.
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- 39 a. In the event of any conflict or inconsistency between the organizational documents of this
40 corporation and the Articles of Incorporation, Constitution, or Bylaws of the Synod, as may
41 hereafter be amended from time to time, the Articles, Constitution, or Bylaws of the Synod shall
42 control and govern.
43 b. This provision may not be altered or deleted without the approval of the Board of Directors of the
44 Synod.
45 c. Neither The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod nor The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod
46 Incorporated is responsible for the debts or other obligation of this corporation nor do they represent
47 or endorse the fiscal solvency of this corporation.
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49 **ARTICLE X AMENDMENTS**

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1 Amendments to these Articles of Incorporation may be made at any time at a regularly called meeting of
2 this corporation by a majority of the voting delegates present at such meeting, provided such amendments
3 are not inconsistent with the Constitution or the laws of the United States or the State of Illinois or the
4 Constitution or Bylaws of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and with prior approval of the
5 Commission on Constitutional Matters of the Synod.
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9 RESOLUTION R2018-01-10

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11 **To Amend Bylaw 2.33**
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13 Overture O2018-01-13
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15 WHEREAS, District Bylaws currently call upon the District Board of Directors to “appoint a Social
16 Ministry Committee consisting of two clergymen, one teacher, and two laymen”; and
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18 WHEREAS, National Synod nomenclature has for some years used the term “Human Care” instead of
19 “Social Ministry”; and
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21 WHEREAS, The prospect of empaneling the most qualified committee members is increased if the
22 Board of Directors has somewhat greater flexibility in its choice of personnel; therefore be it
23

24 *Resolved*, That District Bylaw 2.33.a. be amended as follows:

25 a. Membership: The Board of Directors shall appoint a ~~Social Ministry~~ *Human Care* Committee
26 consisting of two ~~clergymen~~ *ordained church workers from the Synod roster*, one ~~teacher~~
27 *commissioned church worker from the Synod roster*, and two ~~laymen~~ *one layperson, and a fifth*
28 *member who is either a layperson or a commissioned church worker from the Synod roster.*

29 Approved by LCMS CCM
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32 RESOLUTION R2018-010-11
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34 **To Approve the Updated Articles of Incorporation for Camp CILCA**
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36 Overture O2018-01-17
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38 WHEREAS, Camp CILCA’s Board of Trustees has updated the Camp’s Articles of Incorporation as they
39 seek 501(c)3 status with the IRS and RSO recognition with The Lutheran Church— Missouri Synod,
40 therefore be it

41 *Resolved*, That the Central Illinois District in convention approve their updated revision of their
42 Articles of Incorporation as stated in Article VI of said document.
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1 **Central Illinois Lutheran Camp Association**

2 **Articles of Incorporation**

3 **Article I**

4 **Name**

5 The name of this corporation shall be the Central Illinois Lutheran Camp Association.

6 **Article II**

7 **Purpose**

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9 The Central Illinois Lutheran Camp Association is hereby organized by The Central Illinois
10 District of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod and the Central Illinois District of the Lutheran
11 Laymen's League for the purpose of furthering the work of the church through an organized Lutheran
12 center and camp.

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14 To this end, the association shall establish, maintain and operate a Lutheran center and camp,
15 together with the necessary facilities therefore at 4124 Camp CILCA Road, Cantrall, Sangamon
16 County, wherein Christian education and fellowship and the safeguarding of the spiritual, intellectual,
17 social and physical welfare of the members of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod shall be the
18 program.

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20 Said corporation is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, and educational purposes,
21 including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt
22 organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of
23 any future federal tax code.

24 **Article III**

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27 Any by-laws, rules and regulations adopted by the Association shall not be in conflict or
28 inconsistent with the doctrines and practices of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, nor with the
29 provisions of this Constitution.

30 **Article IV**

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33 No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its
34 members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the corporation shall be authorized
35 and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and
36 distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article Second hereof. No substantial part of
37 the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to
38 influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the
39 publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any
40 candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the corporation shall
41 not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from federal
42 income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any
43 future federal tax code, or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under section
44 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

1 **Article V**

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3 In the event of dissolution, for any reason whatsoever, the assets of the Association shall be and
4 become the property of The Central Illinois District of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod upon
5 the assumption of all outstanding liabilities then existing the Association, by The Central Illinois
6 District of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. Should The Central Illinois District of The
7 Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod no longer be in existence, all assets shall be and become the
8 property of The Lutheran Church— Missouri Synod upon the assumption of all outstanding liabilities
9 then existing the Association, by The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

10 Any assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a Court of Competent Jurisdiction of
11 Sangamon County, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said
12 Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.
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14 **Article VI**

15 These Articles shall be in effect upon the concurrence in its adoption by The Central Illinois
16 District of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod and the Central Illinois District of the Lutheran
17 Laymen’s League.

18 In the event the Lutheran Laymen’s League fails to concur, then it may be adopted by the Board of
19 Directors of The Central Illinois District of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, or by Resolution
20 presented to the convention of the District.
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24 RESOLUTION R2018-01-12

25
26 **To Engage C-WOWs in the Circuits of our District**

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28 Overture O2018-01-21, Report of Administrative Assistant to the President for Missions, Evangelism,
29 Stewardship, and Human Care
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31 WHEREAS, Witness (telling the Good News about Jesus) is important for all Christians within their
32 respective callings in life; and
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34 WHEREAS, Outreach (congregations leading people from initial contact to the ministry of Word and
35 Sacrament) is important for all congregations; and
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37 WHEREAS, Encouragement for witness and outreach is helpful for members of the District; and
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39 WHEREAS, Resources for witness and outreach are useful for members of the District; and
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41 WHEREAS, Visitation circuits are networks of congregations walking together “for mutual care,
42 support, advice, study, ecclesiastical encouragement, service, coordination, resources, and counsel”
43 (Synod Bylaw 5.1.1); and
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1 WHEREAS, The CID Evangelism Commission has recently approved a description for an unofficial
2 position, “Circuit Witness and Outreach Worker” (C-WOW), recommending that one of these workers
3 be appointed in each of the District’s Circuits; therefore be it

4 *Resolved*, That the District in convention endorses the position of Circuit Witness and Outreach
5 Worker; and be it further

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7 *Resolved*, That the District instructs the Circuit Visitors to bring the C-WOW position description to
8 their Circuit pastoral conferences; and be it further

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10 *Resolved*, That the District encourages the Circuit Visitors and pastors of congregations in each Circuit
11 to appoint a C-WOW in their Circuit according to the position description; and be it finally

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13 *Resolved*, That the District assigns the Evangelism Commission to report to the next District
14 convention on the implementation of C-WOWs in the Circuits of our District.

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18 RESOLUTION R2018-01-13

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20 **To Review the Recognized Service Organization (RSO) Status**
21 **of Lutheran Senior Services**

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23 Overture O2018-01-03

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25 WHEREAS, The congregations and founders of Concordia Village, Springfield, Illinois, were faithful to
26 the Scriptures, the Lutheran Confessions, and the doctrine and practice of The Lutheran Church –
27 Missouri Synod when they joined together to establish a senior living facility in Springfield, Illinois;
28 and

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30 WHEREAS, This faithfulness has been challenged repeatedly by Lutheran Senior Services (LSS) since
31 they took over ownership of Concordia Village, especially during the call processes and tenure of the
32 various chaplains who have served the residence of Concordia Village; and

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34 WHEREAS, These challenges have included repeated attempts to introduce and practice “open”
35 communion during the chapel services at Concordia Village; and

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37 WHEREAS, Concordia Village is not a congregation and therefore has no Scriptural authority to
38 administer the Lord’s Supper; and

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40 WHEREAS, The Lord’s Supper is faithfully and regularly administered to the members of our
41 congregations residing at Concordia Village by the pastor of each resident; and

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43 WHEREAS, The spiritual needs of the non-LCMS residents at Concordia Village are being addressed by
44 denominationally appropriate worship services and administration of the Lord’s Supper by the majority
45 of the other denominations having residents at Concordia Village; and

1 WHEREAS, Numerous meetings have been held by the Springfield East and West Circuit Visitors and
2 the Central Illinois District President(s) over the past six years with the members of every call
3 committee, the leadership of LSS, and the “called” chaplains to explain and reiterate our Biblical
4 objections to conducting communion services at Concordia Village, as though it were a properly
5 constituted church, as well as our Biblical objections to the unbiblical practice of “open” communion;
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8 WHEREAS, Each of these meetings has failed to convince LSS of the truth of God’s Word concerning
9 the spiritual harm they would cause the residents of Concordia Village should they begin the practice
10 of “open” communion; and
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12 WHEREAS, Similar situations have the potential to exist among the other homes administered by
13 Lutheran Senior Services; and
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15 WHEREAS, St. Paul reminds us of the dangers of communing in an “unworthy manner” in his
16 First Letter to Corinth: “He who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment on
17 himself, not discerning the body and blood of our Lord” (1 Cor. 11:29); and
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19 WHEREAS, The practice of “open” communion would actually be putting those who deny the real
20 presence of Christ’s body and blood in spiritual jeopardy; and
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22 WHEREAS, We wish to protect the consciences of LCMS members who have been properly taught
23 correct biblical communion practice; and
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25 WHEREAS, To begin an “open” communion practice at Concordia Village would take unfair advantage
26 of those seniors who are no longer able to discern the doctrinal differences among the various
27 denominations, causing them to feel compelled to do what everyone else is doing, and enticing them
28 into a unionistic worship service, which we as faithful adherents to the Scriptures and *The Book of*
29 *Concord* cannot permit; and
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31 WHEREAS, Synod Bylaw 6.2.1 (Recognized Service Organizations) instructs RSOs to respect and not
32 act contrary to the doctrine and practice of the Synod; and
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34 WHEREAS, Our Lord commands in 1 Timothy 4:16, “Keep a close watch on yourself and on the
35 doctrine. Persist in this, for by so doing you will save both yourself and your hearers” and in Romans
36 16:17, “I appeal to you brothers to watch out for those who cause divisions and create obstacles
37 contrary to the doctrine that you have been taught; avoid them,” therefore be it
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39 *Resolved*, That, in accordance with Synod Bylaw 6.2.1 (Recognized Service Organizations), the
40 Central Illinois District requests the LCMS Office of National Mission to look into the RSO status of
41 Lutheran Senior Services.
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1 RESOLUTION R2018-01-14

2
3 **To Encourage Thoughtful Planning in Budgeting for Giving**
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5 Overtures O2018-01-11 and O2018-01-15
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7 WHEREAS, The Lord teaches us to support the ministry of His Word by our offerings (Lk. 10:7, 1 Cor.
8 9:13-14, Gal. 6:6-7, 1 Tim. 5:17-18); and
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10 WHEREAS, The Lord teaches us to be generous and cheerful givers, bringing Him first-fruits offerings
11 in proportion to the way He has blessed us, and trusting in Him to supply our needs (Prov. 3:9-10, Mal.
12 3:10, Lk. 6:38, 1 Cor. 16:2, 2 Cor. 8:12, 2 Cor. 9:6-11, Phil. 4:18-19); and
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14 WHEREAS, First-fruits giving in proportion to the Lord's blessings requires a thoughtful consideration
15 of the Lord's blessings and a deliberate plan for giving, so that each may give "as he determines in his
16 heart," (1 Cor. 9:7); and
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18 WHEREAS, The Central Illinois District lives by example to her constituent congregations, offering
19 approximately one fourth of the contributions received to the broader work of the Lord through the
20 Synod at large, therefore be it

21 *Resolved*, That the congregations of the Central Illinois District and the individual members of the
22 congregations be encouraged to engage in thoughtful planning as they prepare congregational and
23 personal budgets, taking into careful consideration the rich temporal and everlasting blessings the Lord
24 has provided, as well as the ministry needs of our congregations, the Central Illinois District, and the
25 Synod at large; and be it further
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27 *Resolved*, That the congregations of the Central Illinois District be encouraged to think of their
28 contributions to the District as proportions of what they receive rather than as a fixed dollar amount;
29 and be it further

30 *Resolved*, That the individual members of the congregations of the Central Illinois District be
31 encouraged to determine in light of these considerations a generous portion of the Lord's blessings to
32 designate in their personal budgets as offerings to the Lord, and to cheerfully and trustingly bring these
33 offerings to the Lord in their congregations; and be it finally
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35 *Resolved*, That the congregations of the Central Illinois District be encouraged to determine in light of
36 these considerations a generous portion of the Lord's blessings to designate in their congregational
37 budgets as offerings to the Lord for His work in the Central Illinois District and the Synod at large, and
38 to cheerfully and trustingly remit these offerings through the office of the Central Illinois District.
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1 RESOLUTION R2018-01-15

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3 **To Recognize Service Rendered by Concordia College – Alabama**
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5 Overture LO2018-01-02
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7 WHEREAS, The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod has been actively preaching and teaching the
8 Word of God in the American South for over 140 years; and
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10 WHEREAS, The institution now known as Concordia College – Alabama was founded in Selma,
11 Alabama on November 13, 1922 to help train teachers for the various mission schools throughout the
12 American South; and
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14 WHEREAS, Concordia College – Alabama has served faithfully for nearly a century in training
15 thousands of Lutheran educators and lay people in their godly vocations; and
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17 WHEREAS, There is a time for all endeavors of man, which blossom one day and wither the next like
18 the flowers of the field, but the Word of the Lord and His work of salvation endure forever
19 (Ecclesiastes 3, Isaiah 40, James 1); and
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21 WHEREAS, Various factors have led to the decision to close Concordia College – Alabama at the end of
22 the Spring 2018 semester; and
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24 WHEREAS, The impact of Concordia College – Alabama will continue in our congregations and
25 communities through its former students; and
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27 WHEREAS, The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod, through the ongoing work of LCMS Black
28 Ministry and the Office of National Mission, continues to explore many avenues for the work of
29 sharing the Word of the Lord in the American South and throughout the African American community,
30 including such efforts as the Black Clergy Caucus, the Black Family Ministry Convocation, the Rosa
31 Young Academies, and the Lifehouse Mentoring Programs, therefore be it
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33 *Resolved*, That we, The Central Illinois District of The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod in
34 convention assembled remember and recognize with thanksgiving to God the good and godly work of
35 the many faculty and staff throughout the history of Concordia College – Alabama in the training and
36 instruction of God's Word and Christian life; and be it further
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38 *Resolved*, That we remember and recognize with thanksgiving to God the good and godly work of the
39 many alumni of Concordia College – Alabama which they have done and will continue to do in our
40 congregations and communities; and be it further
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42 *Resolved*, That we give voice to our thanks and praise to God for working through Concordia College
43 – Alabama these past 97 years, and pray His continued guidance, as we rise and sing the third stanza of
44 *Lift Every Voice and Sing* (LSB #964):
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1 *God of our weary years,*
2 *God of our silent tears,*
3 *Thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;*
4 *Thou who hast by Thy might*
5 *Led us into the light,*
6 *Keep us forever in the path, we pray.*
7 *Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met Thee;*
8 *Lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget Thee;*
9 *Shadowed beneath Thy hand,*
10 *May we forever stand,*
11 *True to our God, true to our native land.*

12 Public domain

13 and be it finally

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15 *Resolved*, That we memorialize the next regular convention of The Lutheran Church — Missouri
16 Synod to adopt the above resolution.
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20 RESOLUTION R2018-01-16

21
22 **To Encourage Study of the Heidelberg Disputation**
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24 Overture O2018-01-09

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26 WHEREAS, The theme of the 2018 Central Illinois District convention is “Nothing But Christ and Him
27 Crucified”; and
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29 WHEREAS, 2018 marks the 500th anniversary of the Heidelberg Disputation; and
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31 WHEREAS, The Heidelberg Disputation was the seminal document in the formulation of what has come
32 to be known as the “Theology of the Cross” which distinguishes orthodox Christian theology from the
33 false apostles (2 Cor. 11) proclaiming a contrary Gospel (Gal. 1); therefore be it
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35 *Resolved*, That the congregations of the Central Illinois District be encouraged to read and study the
36 Heidelberg Disputation (*Luther’s Works*, American Edition, vol. 31, pages 35-70) at some point during
37 the remainder of 2018.
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1 RESOLUTION R2018-01-17

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3 **To Commend the Organization “Doxology”**
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5 Overture O2018-01-10

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7 WHEREAS, Doxology “offers an innovative program of advanced study retreats to strengthen pastors
8 for the task of faithfully shepherding the souls entrusted to their care” (doxology.us); and
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10 WHEREAS, Doxology “provides pastors with a unique study and renewal experience rooted in the
11 classic art of the care of souls and informed by the insights of contemporary Christian psychology”
12 (doxology.us); and
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14 WHEREAS, The Doxology Classic Program includes valuable training not only for pastors, but also for
15 lay leaders in a congregation; and
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17 WHEREAS, Doxology is a Recognized Service Organization of The Lutheran Church—Missouri
18 Synod; and
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20 WHEREAS, Doxology routinely offers its Classic Program at the Chiara Center, a retreat center
21 centrally located within our Central Illinois District, therefore be it
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23 *Resolved*, That the Central Illinois District in convention encourages every congregation to participate
24 in the continued training provided by Doxology for both pastors and lay leaders; and be it further
25

26 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the District write a letter of thanks to Doxology for their service to the
27 congregations of our district; and be it further
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29 *Resolved*, That the President of the District lead the convention delegates in a prayer of thanksgiving
30 for Doxology; and be it finally
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32 *Resolved*, That we memorialize the Synod in convention to adopt a similar resolution.
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36 RESOLUTION R2018-01-18

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38 **To Decline Overture O2018-01-12**
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40 Overture O2018-01-12

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42 WHEREAS, the placement of pastoral candidates into specific calls is a complex process in which many
43 considerations are worthy of being considered; and
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1 WHEREAS, District and Synod convention floors do not commend themselves as the forums in which
2 such variables can best be taken into account for our seminary graduates and calling congregations;
3 therefore be it
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5 *Resolved*, That Overture O2018-01-12 be respectfully declined.
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9 RESOLUTION R2018-01-19
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11 **To Encourage Congregations to Consider Higher Things Events**
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13 Overture O2018-01-06
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15 WHEREAS, Higher Things has been serving the congregations of The Lutheran Church— Missouri
16 Synod for more than a decade and a half, providing youth catechetical conferences every summer since
17 2005; and
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19 WHEREAS, Higher Things currently provides regional conferences at four different university or
20 college campuses each summer; and
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22 WHEREAS, Higher Things holds various weekend retreats for junior high school aged students at local
23 congregations; and
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25 WHEREAS, Higher Things is a Registered Service Organization of The Lutheran Church — Missouri
26 Synod; therefore be it
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28 *Resolved*, that we encourage the congregations of the Central Illinois District to consider including
29 Higher Things conferences and retreats among their junior and/or senior high school youth group
30 activities; and be it finally
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32 *Resolved*, that we encourage congregations of the Central Illinois District to consider hosting a Higher
33 Things Retreat.
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1 **2018 OVERTURES – FLOOR COMMITTEE**

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3 Overture O2018-01-01

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5 **To Thank God for the Service of Mr. Glenn Goeres**

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7 WHEREAS, Scripture reminds us that “For we are co-workers in God’s service; you are God’s field,
8 God’s building.” (1 Cor. 3:9); and

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10 WHEREAS, Mr. Glenn Goeres served the Central Illinois District for 15 years as the Administrative
11 Assistant to the President – Educational and Congregational Life; and

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13 WHEREAS, At the time of his retirement in June 2016, in additional to the Central Illinois District, he
14 had served five schools in Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin, and Minnesota, therefore be it

15
16 *Resolved*, That the Central Illinois District in convention gives humble thanks to God for the service of
17 Glenn Goeres; and be it finally

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19 *Resolved*, that the convention give expression to this thanksgiving by singing the Common Doxology.

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21 Congregational Life and Education Commissions

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25 Overture LO2018-01-02

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27 **A Resolution Regarding Concordia College – Alabama**

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29 WHEREAS, The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod has been actively preaching and teaching the
30 Word of God in the American South for over 140 years; and

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32 WHEREAS, The institution now known as Concordia College – Alabama was founded in Selma,
33 Alabama on November 13, 1922 to help train teachers for the various mission schools throughout the
34 American South; and

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36 WHEREAS, Concordia College – Alabama has served faithfully for nearly a century in training
37 thousands of Lutheran educators and lay people in their godly vocations; and

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39 WHEREAS, There is a time for all endeavors of man, which blossom one day and wither the next like
40 the flowers of the field, but the Word of the Lord and His work of salvation endure forever
41 (Ecclesiastes 3, Isaiah 40, James 1); and

42
43 WHEREAS, Various factors have led to the decision to close Concordia College – Alabama at the end of
44 the Spring 2018 semester; and

1 WHEREAS, Even after this closing, the impact of Concordia College – Alabama will continue to be felt
2 in our congregations and communities for several generations to come as those shaped by God’s Word
3 within her hallowed halls continue to serve God and neighbor throughout their lives in this world; and
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5 WHEREAS, The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod, through the ongoing work of LCMS Black
6 Ministry and the Board for National Missions, continues to explore many avenues for the work of
7 sharing the Word of the Lord in the American South and throughout the African American community,
8 including such efforts as the Black Clergy Caucus, the Black Family Ministry Convocation, the Rosa
9 Young Academies, and the Lifehouse Mentoring Programs, therefore be it
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11 *Resolved*, That we, the [Central Illinois District of the] Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod in
12 convention assembled remember and recognize with thanksgiving to God the good and godly work of
13 the many faculty and staff throughout the history of Concordia College – Alabama in the training and
14 instruction of God’s Word and Christian life; and be it further
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16 *Resolved*, That we remember and recognize with thanksgiving to God the good and godly work of the
17 many alumni of Concordia College – Alabama which they have done and will continue to do in our
18 congregations and communities; and be it further
19

20 *Resolved*, That we give voice to our thanks and praise to God for working through Concordia College
21 – Alabama these past 97 years, and pray His continued guidance, as we rise and sing the third stanza of
22 *Lift Every Voice and Sing* (LSB #964)
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28 *Led us into the light,*
29 *Keep us forever in the path, we pray.*
30 *Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met Thee;*
31 *Lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget Thee;*
32 *Shadowed beneath Thy hand,*
33 *May we forever stand,*
34 *True to our God, true to our native land.*

35 Public domain

36 and be it finally
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38 *Resolved*, That we memorialize the next regular convention of the Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod
39 to adopt the above resolution.
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41 Grace Evangelical Lutheran Congregation
42 Strasburg, Illinois
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1 Overture O2018-01-03

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3 **To Review the Recognized Service Organization (RSO) Status**
4 **of Lutheran Senior Services.**
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6 WHEREAS, The congregations and founders of Concordia Village, Springfield, Illinois, were faithful to
7 the Scriptures, The Lutheran Confessions, and the doctrine and practice of the Lutheran Church –
8 Missouri Synod when they joined together to establish a senior living facility in Springfield, Illinois;
9 and
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11 WHEREAS, This faithfulness has been challenged repeatedly by Lutheran Senior Services (LSS) since
12 they took over ownership of Concordia Village, especially during the call processes and tenure of the
13 various chaplains who have served the residence of Concordia Village; and
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15 WHEREAS, These challenges have included repeated attempts to introduce and practice “open”
16 communion during the chapel services at Concordia Village; and
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18 WHEREAS, Concordia Village is not a congregation and therefore has no Scriptural authority to
19 administer the Lord’s Supper; and
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21 WHEREAS, The Lord’s Supper is faithfully and regularly administered to the members of our
22 congregations residing at Concordia Village; and
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24 WHEREAS, The spiritual needs of the non-LCMS residents at Concordia Village are being addressed by
25 denominationally appropriate worship services and administration of the Lord’s Supper by the majority
26 of the other denominations having residents at Concordia Village; and
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28 WHEREAS, Numerous meetings have been held by the Springfield East and West Circuit Visitors and
29 the Central Illinois District President(s) over the past six years with the members of every call
30 committee, the leadership of LSS, and the “called” chaplains to explain and reiterate our Biblical
31 objections to conducting communion services at Concordia Village, as though it were a properly
32 constituted church, as well as our Biblical objections to the unbiblical practice of “open” communion;
33 and
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35 WHEREAS, Each of these meetings has failed to convince LSS of the truth of God’s Word concerning
36 the spiritual harm they would cause the residents of Concordia Village should they begin the practice
37 of “open” communion; and
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39 WHEREAS, St. Paul reminds us of the dangers of communing in an “unworthy manner” in his
40 First Letter to Corinth: “He who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment on
41 himself, not discerning the body and blood of our Lord (1 Cor 11:29)”; and
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43 WHEREAS, The practice of “open” communion would actually be putting those who deny the real
44 presence of Christ’s body and blood in spiritual jeopardy; and
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1 WHEREAS, We wish to protect the consciences of our LCMS members who have been properly taught
2 the correctness of our Biblical communion practice. To harm their consciences by introducing ‘new’
3 doctrines and urging them to participate in practices they have been properly taught are harmful and
4 contrary to the Scriptures ignores our Lord’s solemn admonition: “Whoever causes one of these little
5 ones who believe in Me to sin, it would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck, and
6 he were drowned in the depth of the sea” (Mk 9:42); and

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8 WHEREAS, To begin an “open” communion practice at Concordia Village would take advantage of
9 those seniors who are no longer able to discern the doctrinal differences among the various
10 denominations, causing them to feel compelled to do what everyone else is doing, and forcing them
11 into a unionistic worship service, which we as faithful adherents to the Scriptures and The Book of
12 Concord cannot permit; and

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14 WHEREAS, Synod Bylaw 6.2.1 (Recognized Service Organizations) instructs RSOs to respect and not
15 act contrary to the doctrine and practice of the Synod; and

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17 WHEREAS, Our Lord commands in 1 Timothy 4:16, “Keep a close watch on yourself and on the
18 doctrine. Persist in this, for by so doing you will save both yourself and your hearers” and in Romans
19 16:17, “I appeal to you brothers to watch out for those who cause divisions and create obstacles
20 contrary to the doctrine that you have been taught; avoid them,” therefore be it

21
22 *Resolved*, That, in accordance with Synod Bylaw 6.2.1 (*Recognized Service Organizations*), the
23 congregations of the Springfield East and West Circuits request the President of the Central Illinois
24 District open an investigation into, or refer to the proper authority, the appropriateness of the Central
25 Illinois District and The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod continuing in a Recognized Service
26 Organization agreement with Lutheran Senior Services.

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28 Springfield East & West Circuit Forum
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32 Overture O2018-01-04
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34 **To Correct the Erroneous Practice of Women Lectors** 35

36 WHEREAS, God created man first and then the woman (Gen 2; 1 Tim 2:13); and

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38 WHEREAS, On the basis of this order of creation God commands women not to teach or to exercise
39 authority over men in the churches, but to remain silent and learn in quietness and all submission,
40 which St. Paul explains as follows:

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42 "Let a woman learn in silence with all submission. And I do not permit a woman to teach or to
43 have authority over a man, but to be in silence. For Adam was formed first, then Eve. And
44 Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived, fell into transgression. Nevertheless
45 she will be saved in childbearing if they continue in faith, love, and holiness, with self-control."
46 (1 Tim 2:11-15 NKJV) and as follows:
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1 "Let your women keep silent in the churches, for they are not permitted to speak; but they are to
2 be submissive, as the law also says. And if they want to learn something, let them ask their own
3 husbands at home; for it is shameful for women to speak in church." (1 Cor 14:34-35 NKJV);
4 and

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6 WHEREAS, "Learn in quietness and all submission" and "they are not permitted to speak" explicitly
7 exclude women from speaking the Scripture lessons to the whole congregation in the divine service;
8 and

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10 WHEREAS, Many congregations in the LCMS have accepted the practice of women speaking the
11 Scripture lessons to the congregation; and

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13 WHEREAS, The Commission on Theology and Church Relations (CTCR) document of 1985, entitled
14 "Women in the Church: Scriptural Principles and Ecclesial Practice," by claiming on page 45 that there
15 is no Apostolic prohibition of women reading the lessons in the public service, directly contradicts St.
16 Paul who says "Let your women keep silent in the churches, for they are not permitted to speak;" and

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18 WHEREAS, This practice, being contrary to the Word of God, is thereby destructive to the unity of the
19 Spirit in the bond of peace which we as Christians are to pursue; and

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21 WHEREAS, the public reading of Scripture is listed by St. Paul as one of Bishop Timothy's official
22 duties as pastor (1 Tim 4:13; cf. Acts 13:15); and

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24 WHEREAS, while circumstances may arise when laymen may and even must read the lessons before the
25 congregation in place of the pastor, the Scriptures specifically prohibit women from this task based on
26 the order of creation, therefore be it

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28 *Resolved*, That the Central Illinois District of the LCMS call on the Synod in convention to
29 commission the CTCR to revisit the 1985 CTCR document "Women in the Church: Scriptural
30 Principles and Ecclesial Practice," specifically regarding the practice of women reading the Holy
31 Scriptures publicly before the congregation; and be it further

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33 *Resolved*, That the CTCR revisit the issue of whether the public reading before the congregation
34 constitutes an official duty and authoritative act of the pastoral office in view of 1st Timothy 4:13; and
35 be it further

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37 *Resolved*, That the Central Illinois District of the LCMS affirm that the men, as heads of their own
38 households, should be the leaders in their congregations; and be it finally

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40 *Resolved*, That the Central Illinois District of the LCMS call on its president and pastors to study
41 together and teach their congregations what the Scriptures teach about the roles of men and women in
42 the home and the church, that we might gain a better understanding and stronger agreement on what
43 God's Word says concerning our various stations in life.

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45 Holy Cross Lutheran Church
46 Golden, Illinois
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Overture O2018-01-05

To Authorize Experiment in Cooperative Efforts with Southern Illinois District

WHEREAS, The Synod has divided itself into Districts with the expectation that within these Districts not only does ecclesiastical supervision occur, but congregational services are also provided (e.g., Stewardship); and

WHEREAS, It might be in the interests of good stewardship of District resources if the Central Illinois District (CID) were to cooperate with a neighboring District in providing certain congregational services; and

WHEREAS, Broadly speaking, the congregations of the Southern Illinois District (SID) have circumstances resembling those of the CID, therefore be it

Resolved, That the CID Board of Directors petitions the 2018 CID convention to authorize it, the CID Board of Directors, during the 2018-21 triennium to explore with SID ways in which the two Districts might cooperate in providing congregational services, experiment in such cooperative efforts, and report back to the 2021 CID convention.

CID Board of Directors

Overture O2018-01-06

To Commend Higher Things

WHEREAS, Higher Things has been serving the congregations of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod for more than a decade and a half, providing youth catechetical conferences every summer since 2005; and

WHEREAS, Higher Things currently provides regional conferences at four different university or college campuses each summer; and

WHEREAS, Higher Things holds various weekend retreats for junior high school aged students at local congregations; and

WHEREAS, Higher Things last held a conference within the borders of the Central Illinois District with their 2011 *Coram Deo* conference at Illinois State University in Normal; and

WHEREAS, the Central Illinois District is home to at least eight universities and colleges with on-campus housing of at least 1000 beds (the average housing needs for a Higher Things conference); and

WHEREAS, 23% of the congregations of the Central Illinois District (36) have already participated in Higher Things conferences over the past 13 years; and

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2 WHEREAS, Higher Things is a Registered Service Organization of the Lutheran Church — Missouri
3 Synod; and
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5 WHEREAS, the District Youth Committee falls under the guidance and supervision of the
6 Congregational Life Commission and District Executive Trip Rodgers, therefore be it
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8 *Resolved*, that we direct the Secretary of the District to send a letter to the Board of Directors of Higher
9 Things thanking them for their service; and be it further
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11 *Resolved*, that we encourage the congregations of the Central Illinois District to consider including
12 Higher Things conferences and retreats among their junior and/or senior high school youth group
13 activities; and be it further
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15 *Resolved*, that we encourage congregations of the Central Illinois District to consider hosting a Higher
16 Things Retreat; and be it finally
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18 *Resolved*, that CID Executive Trip Rodgers and the District Youth Committee work with Higher
19 Things Conference Executives to try to bring a regional conference to a campus of a university or
20 college in the CID at least once between 2020 and 2025.
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22 Effingham/Shelby Bi-Circuit Forum
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26 Overture O2018-01-07
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28 **To Commend Lutherans for Life** 29

30 WHEREAS, Lutherans for Life is a pan-Lutheran organization serving the congregations of the Lutheran
31 Church—Missouri Synod; and
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33 WHEREAS, Lutherans for Life has attained Recognized Service Organization status within our Lutheran
34 Church—Missouri Synod; and
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36 WHEREAS, Lutherans for Life advocates for the smallest among us through various educational and
37 service activities; and
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39 WHEREAS, Lutherans for Life is organized at the local level in chapters organized within congregations
40 or groupings of congregations, therefore be it
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42 *Resolved*, That we commend Lutherans for Life for their efforts; and be it further
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44 *Resolved*, That we encourage each circuit within the Central Illinois District to have at least one
45 Lutherans for Life chapter; and be it further
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1 *Resolved*, That we give thanks and praise to God for the work of Lutherans for Life by standing and
2 singing the Common Doxology; and be it finally

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4 *Resolved*, That we memorialize the Synod to adopt the above resolution.

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6 Effingham/Shelby Bi-Circuit Forum
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10 Overture O2018-01-08
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12 **To Commend LCMS Life Ministry**
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14 WHEREAS, LCMS Life Ministry has conducted National Life Conferences in conjunction with the
15 March for Life in 2013, 2015, and 2017; and

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17 WHEREAS, LCMS Life Ministry is preparing a National Life Conference in conjunction with the March
18 for Life in January of 2019; and

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20 WHEREAS, LCMS Life Ministry has prepared an informational campaign known as Eyes of Life
21 (eyesoflife.org) that help each person see how all life is a sacred, valued gift from God; and

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23 WHEREAS, LCMS Life Ministry is working closely with the newly formed Lutheran Center for
24 Religious Liberty to advocate for life-affirming policies and practices within the civil realm, therefore
25 be it

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27 *Resolved*, that we, the Central Illinois District in convention assembled, commend LCMS Life
28 Ministries for their work in advocating for the life, dignity and health of all people from conception to
29 natural death, especially mothers, unborn children, those who are gravely ill, and those who are dying;
30 and be it further

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32 *Resolved*, that we encourage each circuit of the Central Illinois District to send at least one pastor, one
33 lay adult, and one youth representative to the 2019 Life Conference; and be it further

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35 *Resolved*, that each congregation of the Central Illinois District avail themselves of the resources
36 available through eyesoflife.org to encourage their members toward a more life-affirming outlook; and
37 be it further

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39 *Resolved*, that each congregation of the Central Illinois District utilize the work of the Lutheran Center
40 for Religious Liberty in effecting change toward more civilly righteous policies and practices in our
41 federal, state, and local governments; and be it finally

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43 *Resolved*, that we memorialize the Synod to adopt the above resolution.
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45 Effingham/Shelby Bi-Circuit Forum
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Overture O2018-01-09

To Encourage Study of the Heidelberg Disputation

WHEREAS, The theme of the 2018 Central Illinois District Convention is “Nothing Except Jesus Christ and Him Crucified;” and

WHEREAS, 2018 marks the 500th Anniversary of the Heidelberg Disputation; and

WHEREAS, The Heidelberg Disputation was the seminal document in the formulation of what has come to be known as the “Theology of the Cross” which distinguishes orthodox Christian theology from the false apostles (2 Cor. 11) proclaiming a contrary Gospel (Gal. 1), therefore be it

Resolved, That the congregations of the Central Illinois District be encouraged to read and study the Heidelberg Disputation at some point during the remainder of 2018; and be it finally

Resolved, That a copy of the Heidelberg Disputation be reprinted in the Convention Workbook.

Effingham/Shelby Bi-Circuit Forum

Overture O2018-01-10

To Commend Doxology

WHEREAS, Doxology offers an innovative program of advanced study retreats to strengthen pastors for the task of faithfully shepherding the souls entrusted to their care; and

WHEREAS, Doxology provides pastors with a unique study and renewal experience rooted in the classic art of the care of souls and informed by the insights of contemporary Christian psychology; and

WHEREAS, The Doxology Classic Program includes valuable training not only for pastors, but also for lay leaders in a congregation; and

WHEREAS, Doxology is a Recognized Service Organization of our Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod; and

WHEREAS, Doxology routinely offers its Classic Program at the Chiara Center, a retreat center centrally located within our Central Illinois District, therefore be it

Resolved, That we, the Central Illinois District in convention, encourage every congregation to participate in the continued training provided by Doxology for both pastors and lay leaders; and be it further

1 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the District write a letter of thanks to Doxology for their service to the
2 congregations of our district; and be it further

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4 *Resolved*, That the President of the District lead the convention delegates in a prayer of thanksgiving
5 for Doxology; and be it finally

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7 *Resolved*, That we memorialize the Synod in convention to adopt the above resolution.
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9 Effingham/Shelby Bi-Circuit Forum
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13 Overture O2018-01-11
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15 **To Encourage Proportional Giving by Congregations**
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17 WHEREAS, Our Lord richly and abundantly blesses us with our daily bread; and
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19 WHEREAS, These blessings are given as a stewardship to be used to accomplish the will of our Lord in
20 our lives as we live our various vocations (e.g. father, mother, son, daughter, husband, wife, worker);
21 and
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23 WHEREAS, Part of that stewardship is the management of money; and
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25 WHEREAS, The work of the Lord in His Kingdom requires the expenditure of money; and
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27 WHEREAS, The example provided in Holy Scripture is that of proportional giving, that is – giving that
28 varies in proportion to the gifts we have received; and
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30 WHEREAS, The example of Holy Scripture describes an ordinary response to the gifts God gives as one
31 tenth of what is received; and
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33 WHEREAS, Other, greater proportions are also given as examples of thanksgiving to God for the gift of
34 His blessings; and
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36 WHEREAS, The Central Illinois District lives by example to her constituent congregations, offering
37 approximately one fourth of the contributions received to the broader work of the Lord through the
38 Synod at large, therefore be it
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40 *Resolved*, That the congregations of the Central Illinois District be encouraged to think of their
41 contributions to the District as proportions of what they receive rather than as a fixed dollar amount;
42 and be it further
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44 *Resolved*, That the congregations of the Central Illinois District be encouraged by the example of the
45 saints before us and be encouraged by the example of the District and strive towards contributing a
46 percentage toward the work of our Lord through the District and the Synod; and be it finally
47

1 *Resolved*, That all congregations and their members be encouraged to render these proportional
2 contributions not as one under compulsion, but in joyous response for all that the Lord has bestowed
3 upon us, for the Lord loves a cheerful giver (2 Cor. 9:7).
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5 Effingham/Shelby Bi-Circuit Forum
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9 Overture O2018-01-12
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11 **Toward a better way of placing Seminary Candidates**
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13 WHEREAS, the number of calling congregations now exceeds the number of available seminary
14 candidates; and
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16 WHEREAS, Due to retirements and demographics, there is no significantly positive change to these
17 numbers for the foreseeable future; and
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19 WHEREAS, The Word and sacraments are already being delivered by a called and ordained servant of
20 the Word in those congregations calling an additional pastor; and
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22 WHEREAS, (AC V & AC XIV) the Word and sacraments are not being delivered to the same degree in
23 a strictly vacant congregation; and
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25 WHEREAS, The filling of vacancies (Romans 10) puts undue hardships on the families and
26 congregations of those vacancy pastors filling said vacancies; and
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28 WHEREAS, Having vacancies in a Circuit causes stress in other congregations, as Circuits continue to
29 walk together for the mission of Christ; and
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31 WHEREAS, Winkels should be a place to help and support pastors handling new and different parts of
32 the ministry, therefore be it
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34 *Resolved*, That the Central Illinois District encourage Winkels to be faithful, open, and supportive
35 places for pastors to find help and encouragement in their various struggles; and be it further
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37 *Resolved*, That the Central Illinois District encourage congregations who are in need of additional
38 pastoral staff to consider the needs of congregations in need of a pastor; and be it finally
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40 *Resolved*, That the Central Illinois District in convention, encourage the LCMS in convention to
41 instruct the Council of Presidents, acting as the Board of Assignments, and the Placement Directors of
42 the Seminaries (who assist the Council of Presidents in assigning candidates to congregations) to give
43 all due preference to those congregations calling sole pastors from the Seminary over those
44 congregations calling an additional pastor from the Seminary.
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46 Effingham/Shelby Bi-Circuit Forum
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Overture O2018-01-13

To Amend Bylaw 2.33

WHEREAS, District Bylaws currently call upon the District Board of Directors to “appoint a Social Ministry Committee consisting of two clergymen, one teacher, and two laymen”; and

WHEREAS, National synodical nomenclature has for some years used the term “Human Care” instead of “Social Ministry;” and

WHEREAS, The prospect of empaneling the most qualified committee members is increased if the Board of Directors has somewhat greater flexibility in its choice of personnel, therefore be it

Resolved, That District Bylaw 2.33.a. be amended as follows:

a. Membership: The Board of Directors shall appoint a ~~Social Ministry~~ *Human Care* Committee consisting of two clergymen, one ~~teacher~~ *commissioned church worker from the synodical roster, and two laymen* ~~one layperson, and a fifth member who is either a layperson or a commissioned church worker from the synodical roster.~~

Social Ministry Committee
(Submitted in the committee’s behalf by Ken Schurb)

Overture O2018-01-14

To Commend LERT (Lutheran Early Response Teams)

WHEREAS, There are now many Lutheran Early Response Teams (LERT) in the Central Illinois District; and

WHEREAS, The members of these teams have received specific training from trained LCMS church workers, lay persons, and from emergency service professionals; and

WHEREAS, These teams are recognized by the Illinois Emergency Management Agency, Federal Emergency Management Agency, and United States Forest Service, and they are utilized by over 20 Illinois emergency management coordinators; and

WHEREAS, Natural disasters occur in our fallen world, causing great loss of human life, personal well-being, property, and homes throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, Our Lord commands us to befriend and assist our neighbors who are in need; and

WHEREAS, Compassionate human care of all people gives Christians opportunity to show the love of our Lord Jesus Christ, therefore be it

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2 *Resolved*, That the church workers, congregations, and schools of the Central Illinois District support
3 LERT through their prayers, their involvement as appropriate in training and deployment, their efforts
4 to increase public awareness of LERT, and their financial offerings; and be it further
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6 *Resolved*, That the LERT team members be encouraged and supported by their congregations and
7 schools so they can be readily available when called to respond to disasters; and be it finally
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9 *Resolved*, That the Central Illinois District in convention, recognize, thank, and praise God for Stephen
10 Born, District Coordinator of LERT; Cynthia Steinwedel, Regional Coordinator; and Randy Wolf,
11 Regional Coordinator and former District Coordinator; and all who work to train, implement, deploy,
12 and support LERT teams.
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14 Social Ministry Committee
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18 Overture O2018-01-15
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20 **To Encourage Thoughtful Planning in Budgeting for Giving**
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22 WHEREAS, The Lord teaches us to support the ministry of His Word by our offerings (Lk. 10:7, 1 Cor.
23 9:13-14, Gal. 6:6-7, 1 Tim. 5:17-18); and
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25 WHEREAS, The Lord teaches us to be generous and cheerful givers, bringing Him first-fruits offerings
26 in proportion to the way He has blessed us, and trusting in Him to supply our needs (Prov. 3:9-10, Mal.
27 3:10, Lk. 6:38, 1 Cor. 16:2, 2 Cor. 8:12, 2 Cor. 9:6-11, Phil. 4:18-19); and
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29 WHEREAS, First-fruits giving in proportion to the Lord's blessings requires a thoughtful consideration
30 of the Lord's blessings and a deliberate plan for giving, so that each may give "as he determines in his
31 heart," (1 Cor. 9:7), therefore be it
32

33 *Resolved*, That the congregations of the Central Illinois District and the individual members of the
34 congregations be encouraged to engage in thoughtful planning as they prepare congregational and
35 personal budgets, taking into careful consideration the rich temporal and everlasting blessings the Lord
36 has provided, as well as the ministry needs of our congregations, the Central Illinois District, and the
37 Synod at large; and be it further
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39 *Resolved*, That the individual members of the congregations of the Central Illinois District be
40 encouraged to determine in light of these considerations a generous portion of the Lord's blessings to
41 designate in their personal budgets as offerings to the Lord, and to cheerfully and trustingly bring these
42 offerings to the Lord in their congregations; and be it finally
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44 *Resolved*, That the congregations of the Central Illinois District be encouraged to determine in light of
45 these considerations a generous portion of the Lord's blessings to designate in their congregational
46 budgets as offerings to the Lord for His work in the Central Illinois District and the Synod at large, and
47 to cheerfully and trustingly remit these offerings through the office of the Central Illinois District.

Overture O2018-01-16

To Comply with 2004 Res. 4-11 “To Assure Uniformity in Articles of Incorporation”

WHEREAS, the Synod in Convention has stated that all district governing documents should be uniform and in conformity with the Synodical Handbook and Synodical Resolutions [2016 LCMS Handbook 1.5.3.6, 2016 Res. 9-02A, 2004 Res. 4-11]; and

WHEREAS, the CID Board of Directors has approved these amendments and revisions; and

WHEREAS, the LCMS Commission on Constitutional Matters [Op. 18-2874] has approved these revisions and declared the 2018 Articles in compliance, therefore be it

Resolved, that the Central Illinois District in convention ratify the amended and revised **2018** Articles of Incorporation.

2015 ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

ARTICLE I NAME, DURATION, REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT

1. The name of the corporation shall be: **The Central Illinois District of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod**, a not-for-profit corporation.
2. The period of duration of the corporation is perpetual.
3. The address of the registered office of the corporation is **1850 N. Grand Ave. West, Springfield, Illinois 62702-1626**
4. The registered agent of the corporation is the Attorney of the Central Illinois District.

ARTICLE II CONFESSIONS AND OBJECTIVES

The objectives of this corporation shall be to unite in a corporate body for religious, educational, and benevolent purposes, the members of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod residing within the bounds of the Central Illinois District, as now constituted, who accept the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments as the written Word of God and the only rule and norm of faith and practice, and who remain true to, and acknowledge as a true exhibition of sound Christian doctrine, all the Symbolical Books of the Evangelical Lutheran Church as they are contained in the Book of Concord of 1580, to wit, the three Ecumenical Creeds (the Apostolic, The Nicene, and the Athanasian), the Unaltered Augsburg Confession, the Apology of the Augsburg Confession, the Smalcald Articles, Luther’s Large Catechism, Luther’s Small Catechism and the Formula of Concord, for the purposes of continuing and perpetuating the good work of disseminating the Gospel in accordance with the established doctrine of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod through religious, educational, and charitable means.

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2 **ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP**
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4 **A. General Members**
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6 The membership of the District consists of all those members of The Lutheran Church—Missouri
7 Synod (congregations, ministers of religion—ordained and ministers of religion—commissioned, as
8 defined by the Constitution and Bylaws of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod) who have been
9 received into the District at the time of joining the Synod, who have been transferred from another
10 District, or who have been assigned to the District by the Synod. Termination of membership in the
11 Synod terminates membership in the District.
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13 **B. Voting Members**
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15 All organized congregations that have joined The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod and are
16 within the bounds of the Central Illinois District as now or hereafter defined by the Synod hold voting
17 membership.
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19 At the meetings of the District of the Synod every such congregation or multiple-congregation
20 parish is entitled to two votes, one of which is to be cast by the pastor and the other by the lay delegate
21 elected and confirmed by said congregation or multiple-congregation parish. These shall be the voting
22 representatives.
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24 **C. Advisory Members**
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26 Advisory members only are those members of the Synod listed as advisory members in the
27 Constitution of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod in Article V “Membership,” section B.
28 “Advisory Members.”
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30 **ARTICLE IV POWERS**
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32 The District shall have legal powers to receive, acquire, hold, manage, control, sell, mortgage,
33 lease or otherwise dispose of real and personal property and franchise as hereafter may be acquired by
34 this corporation in the interest of its work.
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[2018 Revised] **ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**
OF
THE CENTRAL ILLINOIS DISTRICT
OF THE
LUTHERAN CHURCH — MISSOURI SYNOD

ARTICLE I NAME, DURATION, REGISTERED OFFICE, AND AGENT

- a. The name of this corporation shall be “The Central Illinois District of The Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod.”
- b. The period of duration of the corporation is perpetual.
- c. The address of the registered office of this corporation as of September 2017 is 1850 N. Grand Avenue W., Springfield, Illinois 62702-1626.
- d. The registered agent of this corporation is David Rolf, 1 N. Old State Capitol Plaza #200, Springfield, Illinois 62705.

ARTICLE II OBJECTIVES

The objectives of this corporation shall be to carry out within the Central Illinois District the objectives of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP

The membership of this corporation is the congregations, and the ordained and commissioned ministers of religion of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod who have affiliated with this district.

The voting power of this corporation resides in the congregations which are members of the corporation. These congregations exercise this voting power through the accredited pastoral and lay delegates of those same congregations of the Synod that have affiliated with this district.

ARTICLE IV MEETINGS

This corporation shall have general meetings of its members in the years prescribed by the Constitution and Bylaws of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. Special meetings may be called in such manner as may be provided by the Synod.

ARTICLE V OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- a. The officers of this corporation shall consist of a president, vice-presidents as specified by the bylaws of this corporation, a secretary, a treasurer and such others as bylaws may identify.
- b. The board of directors of this corporation shall be of the size and composition as shall be determined in the bylaws of this corporation.
- c. The officers and members of the board of directors shall be elected at the general meetings of this corporation for such terms as shall be specified by the bylaws of this corporation and shall serve until their successors are duly elected and have qualified.

1 **ARTICLE VI PROPERTY**

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3 This corporation shall have power to acquire by gift, grants, demise, devise, bequest, purchase, or
4 otherwise, property of every kind and description, real, personal, or mixed; to hold and use such
5 property and deal with, or dispose of, any or all such property by sale, exchange, or gift, when
6 necessary or expedient to carry out the objectives of the corporation; provided that all such property
7 shall be acquired, dealt with, or disposed of in a manner not in conflict with the laws of the State of
8 (insert name of state where Articles are filed) or the laws of any state in which said property is
9 located.

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11 **ARTICLE VII CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS**

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13 a. The Constitution of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod is also the Constitution of this
14 corporation.

15 b. The Bylaws of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod shall primarily be the Bylaws of this
16 corporation. This corporation may adopt additional bylaws that are not in conflict with the
17 Constitution, Bylaws, and resolutions of the Synod.

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19 **ARTICLE VIII DISSOLUTION**

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21 a. In the event this corporation is dissolved or its existence otherwise terminates or is terminated,
22 after the payment of the debts of the corporation, all right, title, and interest in and to its property,
23 whether tangible or intangible and whether real or personal, shall thereupon automatically vest in or be
24 transferred to the Synod, and this corporation covenants and agrees to execute and deliver to the Synod
25 such documents and instruments and to take such other and further actions as the Synod may deem
26 reasonably necessary or desirable, in order to evidence and give full effect to the foregoing. This
27 provision may not be altered or deleted without the approval of or the Board of Directors of the Synod.

28 b. If, however, on the date of such proposed dissolution, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod,
29 a Missouri Corporation, or its successor, is no longer in existence, the assets of the corporation may be
30 distributed to any other Section 501(C)(3) organization as designated by the board of directors.

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32 **ARTICLE IX RELATIONSHIP TO THE SYNOD**

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34 This corporation, as part of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, acknowledges its allegiance to
35 the Synod and to the convention of the Synod. It submits to the authority of the Synod and the
36 convention. It accedes, recognizes, and accepts the doctrine taught and practiced in the Synod (Art. II)
37 and also the Articles of Incorporation, Constitution, and Bylaws of the Synod, as currently in effect
38 and as may hereafter be amended from time to time.

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40 a. In the event of any conflict or inconsistency between the organizational documents of this
41 corporation and the Articles of Incorporation, Constitution, or Bylaws of the Synod, as may hereafter
42 be amended from time to time, the Articles, Constitution, or Bylaws of the Synod shall control and
43 govern.

44 b. This provision may not be altered or deleted without the approval of the Board of Directors of
45 the Synod.

1 c. Neither The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod nor The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod
2 Incorporated is responsible for the debts or other obligation of this corporation nor do they represent or
3 endorse the fiscal solvency of this corporation.
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5 **ARTICLE X AMENDMENTS**

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7 Amendments to these Articles of Incorporation may be made at any time at a regularly called
8 meeting of this corporation by a majority of the voting delegates present at such meeting, provided
9 such amendments are not inconsistent with the Constitution or the laws of the United States or the
10 State of (insert state where articles are filed) or the Constitution or Bylaws of The Lutheran Church—
11 Missouri Synod, and with prior approval of the Commission on Constitutional Matters of the Synod.
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13 CID Board of Directors
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17 Overture O2018-01-17

18 **To Approve the Updated Articles of Incorporation for Camp CILCA**

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20 WHEREAS, Camp CILCA's Board of Trustees has updated the Camp's Articles of Incorporation as the
21 seek 501(c)3 status with the IRS and RSO recognition with the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod,
22 therefore be it

23 *Resolved*, That the Central Illinois District in convention approve their updated revision of their
24 Articles of Incorporation as stated in Article VI of said document.
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26 **Central Illinois Lutheran Camp Association** 27 **Articles of Incorporation**

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29 **Article I** 30 **Name**

31 The name of this corporation shall be the Central Illinois Lutheran Camp Association.
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33 **Article II** 34 **Purpose**

35 The Central Illinois Lutheran Camp Association is hereby organized by the Central Illinois District
36 of the Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod and the Central Illinois District of the Lutheran Laymen's
37 League for the purpose of furthering the work of the church through an organized Lutheran center and
38 camp.
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40 To this end, the association shall establish, maintain and operate a Lutheran center and camp,
41 together with the necessary facilities therefore at 4124 Camp CILCA Road, Cantrall, Sangamon
42 County, wherein Christian education and fellowship and the safeguarding of the spiritual, intellectual,
43 social and physical welfare of the members of the Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod shall be the
44 program.

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2 Said corporation is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, and educational purposes,
3 including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt
4 organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of
5 any future federal tax code.
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7 **Article III**

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9 Any by-laws, rules and regulations adopted by the Association shall not be in conflict or
10 inconsistent with the doctrines and practices of the Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod, nor with the
11 provisions of this Constitution.
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13 **Article IV**

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15 No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its
16 members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the corporation shall be authorized
17 and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and
18 distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article Second hereof. No substantial part of
19 the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to
20 influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the
21 publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any
22 candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the corporation shall
23 not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from federal
24 income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any
25 future federal tax code, or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under section
26 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.
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28 **Article V**

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30 In the event of dissolution, for any reason whatsoever, the assets of the Association shall be and
31 become the property of the Central Illinois District of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod upon the
32 assumption of all outstanding liabilities then existing the Association, by the Central Illinois District of
33 the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. Should the Central Illinois District of the Lutheran
34 Church—Missouri Synod no longer be in existence, all assets shall be and become the property of the
35 Lutheran Church— Missouri Synod upon the assumption of all outstanding liabilities then existing the
36 Association, by the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

37 Any assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a Court of Competent Jurisdiction of
38 Sangamon County, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said
39 Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.
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41 **Article VI**

42 These Articles shall be in effect upon the concurrence in its adoption by the Central Illinois District
43 of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod and the Central Illinois District of the Lutheran Laymen's
44 League.

1 In the event the Lutheran Laymen's League fails to concur, then it may be adopted by the Board of
2 Directors of the Central Illinois District of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, or by Resolution
3 presented to the Convention of the District.

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5 Board of Trustees, Camp CILCA
6 CID Board of Directors
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10 Overture O2018-01-18

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12 **To Address the Role of Laity in the Church Specific to Lay Readers/Lectors in the Public Service**
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14 WHEREAS, "There are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the
15 same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in
16 everyone. (1 Corinthians 12:4-6); and
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18 WHEREAS, God has blessed His people with numerous spiritual gifts as one body with many members,
19 and the members do not all have the same function... but have gifts that differ according to the grace
20 given to us (Romans 12:4-5); and
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22 WHEREAS, There are numerous ways for the laity to participate in the spreading of the Word in various
23 extensions of the Office of the Public Ministry; and
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25 WHEREAS, The public reading of Scripture is listed by St. Paul as one of Bishop Timothy's official
26 duties as pastor (1 Timothy 4:13, cf. Acts 13:15); and
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28 WHEREAS, Many congregations in the LCMS have accepted the practice of women speaking the
29 Scripture lessons to the congregation; and
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31 WHEREAS, There are numerous ways for the laity to participate in the spreading of the Word in various
32 extensions of the Office of the Public Ministry; and
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34 WHEREAS, God created man first and then the woman (Gen 2; 1 Tim 2:13); and

35 WHEREAS, On the basis of this order of creation God commands women not to teach or to exercise
36 authority over men in the churches, but to remain silent and learn in quietness and all submission,
37 which St. Paul explains as follows:

38 "Let a woman learn in silence with all submission. And I do not permit a woman to teach or to
39 have authority over a man, but to be in silence. For Adam was formed first, then Eve. And
40 Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived, fell into transgression. Nevertheless
41 she will be saved in childbearing if they continue in faith, love, and holiness, with self-control."
42 (1 Tim 2:11-15 NKJV) and as follows:

43 "Let your women keep silent in the churches, for they are not permitted to speak; but they are to
44 be submissive, as the law also says. And if they want to learn something, let them ask their own

1 husbands at home; for it is shameful for women to speak in church." (1 Cor 14:34-35 NKJV);
2 and
3 WHEREAS, "Learn in quietness and all submission" and "they are not permitted to speak" explicitly
4 exclude women from speaking the Scripture lessons to the whole congregation in the divine service;
5 and
6 WHEREAS, The Commission on Theology and Church Relations (CTCR) document of 1985, entitled
7 "Women in the Church: Scriptural Principles and Ecclesial Practice," by claiming on page 45 that there
8 is no Apostolic prohibition of women reading lessons the lessons in the public service, directly
9 contradicts St. Paul who says, "Let your women keep silent in the churches, for they are not permitted
10 to speak;" and
11 WHEREAS, "Learn in quietness and all submission" and "they are not permitted to speak" explicitly
12 exclude women from speaking the Scripture lessons to the whole congregation in the divine service;
13 and
14 WHEREAS, This practice, being contrary to the Word of God, is thereby destructive to the unity of the
15 Spirit in the bond of peace which we as Christians are to pursue; and
16 WHEREAS, Circumstances may arise when laymen may and even must read the lessons before the
17 congregation in place of the pastor, the Scriptures specifically prohibit women from this task based on
18 the order of creation, therefore be it
19 *Resolved*, That the Central Illinois District of the LCMS call on the Synod in convention to
20 commission the CTCR to revisit the 1985 CTCR document "Women in the Church: Scriptural
21 Principles and Ecclesial Practice," specifically regarding the practice of women reading the Holy
22 Scriptures publicly before the congregation; and be it further
23 *Resolved*, That the CTCR revisit the issue of whether the public reading before the congregation
24 constitutes an official duty and authoritative act of the pastoral office in view of 1st Timothy 4:13; and
25 be it further
26 *Resolved*, That the Central Illinois District of the LCMS affirm that the men, as heads of their own
27 households, should be the leaders in their congregations; and be it finally
28 *Resolved*, That the Central Illinois District of the LCMS call on its president and pastors to study
29 together and teach their congregations what the Scriptures teach about the roles of men and women in
30 the home and the church, that we might gain a better understanding and stronger agreement on what
31 God's Word says concerning our various stations in life.

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33 Rock Island Circuit Forum
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37 Overture O2018 01-19
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39 **To Thank God for the Service of the Rev. Joel Cluver**
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41 WHEREAS, Scripture exhorts us to "remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God"
42 (Hebrews 13:7); and

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2 WHEREAS, The Rev. Joel Cluver served the Central Illinois District for 24 years as Administrative
3 Assistant to the President, and during that time rendered service to the District's work in Missions,
4 Evangelism, Human Care, and Stewardship, preaching as well as coordinating and administering; and
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6 WHEREAS, At the time of his retirement in September 2017 he was the longest-serving mission
7 executive of all the mission executives in the 35 districts of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod,
8 therefore be it
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10 *Resolved*, That the Central Illinois District in convention gives humble thanks to God for the service of
11 the Rev. Joel Cluver; and be it finally
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13 *Resolved*, That the convention give expression to this thanksgiving by singing the first stanza of the
14 hymn "Now Thank We All our God."
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16 Mission Commission
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20 Overture O2018-01-20
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22 **To Confess and Reaffirm Six-Day Creation and the Official Position**
23 **of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod**
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25 WHEREAS, The Holy Scriptures teach that God is the Creator of all that exists, (Genesis 1:1; Psalm
26 33:6,9, Hebrews 11:3, Colossians 1:16, John 1:1-4); and
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28 WHEREAS, Genesis 1 and 2 details the creation of the world by God in six days, each of which
29 consisted of 24 hours; and
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31 WHEREAS, The Holy Scriptures are inspired by God the Holy Spirit, are without error and infallible
32 (John 10:35, 2 Timothy 3:16-17, 2 Peter 1:21); and
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34 WHEREAS, The Scripture teaches that Adam was a real man and it is the consequence of his sin that
35 death has come into the world, (Romans 5:12-19); and
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37 WHEREAS, Theistic evolution or old earth creationism which teaches that God used an evolutionary
38 process to create mankind and that death is a natural occurrence, not the result of Adam's sin, is in
39 direct contradiction to the teaching of the Holy Scripture; and
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41 WHEREAS, The official position of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod regarding creation is, "We
42 teach that God has created heaven and earth, and that in the manner and in the space of time recorded
43 in the Holy Scriptures, especially Gen. 1 and 2, namely, by His almighty creative word, and in six
44 days. We reject every doctrine which denies or limits the work of creation as taught in Scripture. In our
45 days it is denied or limited by those who assert, ostensibly in deference to science, that the world came
46 into existence through a process of evolution; that is, that it has, in immense periods of time, developed
47 more or less of itself. Since no man was present when it pleased God to create the world, we must look

1 for a reliable account of creation to God's own record, found in God's own book, the Bible. We accept
2 God's own record with full confidence and confess with Luther's Catechism: 'I believe that God has
3 made me and all creatures.'” (A Brief Statement of the Doctrinal Position of the Missouri Synod,
4 1932), therefore be it

5
6 *Resolved*, That the Central Illinois District confess and reaffirm that God created the world in six days,
7 each of which consisted of 24 hours; and be it further

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9 *Resolved*, That the Central Illinois District confess and reaffirm that Adam was a real man and that it is
10 the consequence of his sin that death has come into the world; and be it further

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12 *Resolved*, That the Central Illinois District confess and reaffirm that theistic evolution or old earth
13 creationism which teaches that God used an evolutionary process to create mankind and that death is a
14 natural occurrence, not the result of Adam’s sin, and is in direct contradiction to the teaching of Holy
15 Scripture and be it further

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17 *Resolved*, That the Central Illinois District confess and reaffirm the official position of the Lutheran
18 Church-Missouri Synod regarding creation, “We teach that God has created heaven and earth, and that
19 in the manner and in the space of time recorded in the Holy Scriptures, especially Gen. 1 and 2,
20 namely, by His almighty creative word, and in six days. We reject every doctrine which denies or
21 limits the work of creation as taught in Scripture. In our days it is denied or limited by those who
22 assert, ostensibly in deference to science, that the world came into existence through a process of
23 evolution; that is, that it has, in immense periods of time, developed more or less of itself. Since no
24 man was present when it pleased God to create the world, we must look for a reliable account of
25 creation to God's own record, found in God's own book, the Bible. We accept God's own record with
26 full confidence and confess with Luther's Catechism: 'I believe that God has made me and all
27 creatures.'” (A Brief Statement of the Doctrinal Position of the Missouri Synod, 1932); and be it further

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29 *Resolved*, That the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod also confess and reaffirm its official position
30 regarding creation; and be it finally

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32 *Resolved*, That the Central Illinois District send this resolution as an overture to the 2019 Convention
33 of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.

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35 Quincy Circuit Forum

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39 Overture O2018-01-21

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41 **To Engage C-WOWs in the Circuits of our District**

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43 WHEREAS, Witness (telling the Good News about Jesus) is important for all Christians within their
44 respective callings in life; and

1 WHEREAS, Outreach (congregations leading people from initial contact to the ministry of Word and
2 Sacrament) is important for all congregations; and

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4 WHEREAS, Encouragement for witness and outreach is helpful for members of the District; and

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6 WHEREAS, Resources for witness and outreach are useful for members of the District; and

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8 WHEREAS, Visitation circuits are networks of congregations walking together “for mutual care,
9 support, advice, study, ecclesiastical encouragement, service, coordination, resources, and counsel”
10 (Synod Bylaw 5.1.1); and

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12 WHEREAS, The CID Evangelism Commission has recently approved a description for an unofficial
13 position, “Circuit Witness and Outreach Worker” (C-WOW), recommending that one of these workers
14 be appointed in each of the District’s Circuits, therefore be it

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16 *Resolved*, That the District in convention endorses the position of Circuit Witness and Outreach
17 Worker; and be it further

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19 *Resolved*, That the District instructs the Circuit Visitors to bring the C-WOW position description to
20 their circuit pastoral conferences; and be it further

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22 *Resolved*, That the District encourages the Circuit Visitors and pastors of congregations in each Circuit
23 to appoint a C-WOW in their Circuit according to the position description; and be it finally

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25 *Resolved*, That the District assigns the Evangelism Commission to report to the next District
26 convention on the implementation of C-WOWs in the Circuits of our District.

Appendix: Position Description

Circuit Witness and Outreach Worker (C-WOW)

In general:

The Circuit Witness and Outreach Worker is a pastor or other synodically rostered church worker chosen by the Circuit Visitor or the pastors of the Circuit's churches to assist with witness and outreach efforts, promoting such efforts on a Circuit-wide basis and in the various congregations of the Circuit. This is an unofficial position within the Synod and District. Its responsibilities largely consist in serving as liaison between the District Evangelism Commission and Evangelism executive on one hand and the Circuit and its congregations on the other hand. Circuit Witness and Outreach Workers need to be acquainted with resources available to congregations from the Synod and the District, and it is important that they can give some of their time to their work with congregations and their Circuit as a whole.

Goal:

Assist congregations in positioning themselves for Christ's mission and actually taking up that mission. Help congregations cultivate a life together that both welcomes strangers and encourages witness and outreach.

Terms:

Witness – individual telling of the Good News about Jesus by a Christian to an unchurched person.

Outreach – organized efforts by congregations to lead unchurched people from initial contact with the church and her members to Word and Sacrament ministry.

Responsibilities of a C-WOW:

1. **Circuit Gatherings:** Encourage and provide resources for the discussion of witness and outreach at gatherings of circuit personnel, e.g., Circuit Pastoral Conferences ("Winkels"), Circuit Forums, Circuit Convocations, etc.
2. **News:** Serve as a communication link within the Circuit for news of especially noteworthy witness and outreach efforts taking place among the Circuit's congregations. Transmit such reports to the District Evangelism executive.
3. **Resourcing:** inform the circuit, its congregations, pastors, and other church leaders concerning witness and outreach resources provided by the District and Synod, including demographic studies available from the District.
4. **Witness:** Encourage and help equip congregations to prepare their members for witness within their own callings in life. (The Synod's "Every One His Witness" basic and context modules can be of great help.)
5. **Outreach:** Encourage and assist circuit congregations both to develop a deliberate outreach approach and to extend their outreach efforts to people with whom they presently have little or no contact. (The Synod's reVitality workshop "Connect to Disciple" can be of great help.)
6. **Training:** Conduct or facilitate training sessions for witness and outreach as needed within their circuits.

Resources for C-WOWs:

- 1 A. Annual one-day training event, perhaps supplemented by occasional additional training
2 opportunities
3 B. Monthly e-mail updates from District Evangelism Executive, 9 or 10 times a year
4 C. Personal consultation, as needed, with District Evangelism Executive
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6 *Approved by CID Evangelism Commission, Jan. 30, 2018*
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10 Overture LO2018 01-22
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12 **To Appoint a Task Force for review of the 2010 Synodical Restructuring**
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14 WHEREAS, The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod in Convention in 2010 adopted several Resolutions
15 that made significant changes to the governance structure of the Synod, upon recommendation of a
16 Blue Ribbon Task Force on Synod Structure and Governance; and
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18 WHEREAS, In the period leading up to the 2013 Synod Convention, the work of restructuring directed
19 by the 2010 Convention Resolutions was undertaken and completed; and
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21 WHEREAS, During the past two triennia (2013-2016, 2016-present) the Synod has operated under the
22 new structure, giving sufficient time for a reasoned and thoughtful evaluation of the effects of such
23 structure in practice, and providing valuable insight as to the advantages of and areas for improvement
24 upon the changes adopted in 2010 as they have been put into operation; and
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26 WHEREAS, Our Synod, her congregations, and the Church in the United States in general have seen
27 dramatic demographic and financial shifts since the initiation of the restructuring study in 2007; and
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29 WHEREAS, God has given us the gift of “reason and all our senses,” including the ability to determine
30 whether and how changes planned beginning in 2007, enacted in 2010, carried out from 2010-2013,
31 and in effect for the past two triennia, have proven successful to support the mission of the Synod in
32 bringing the Gospel to the people of the United States and likewise in mission to the world, as well as
33 continuing to meet the changing needs of the Synod given the demographic and societal changes
34 currently occurring; and
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36 WHEREAS, It is now appropriate, as a best practice and for effective stewardship, to study whether
37 additional improvements or adjustments could be made to such changes to enhance the efficient
38 governance of our Synod consistent with our mission of sharing the Gospel and supporting fellow
39 congregations in their Word and Sacrament ministry, therefore be it
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41 *Resolved*, That the Central Illinois District of the Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod ask the 2019
42 LCMS Convention to appoint a Task Force to review the 2010 Synod restructuring and how that
43 restructuring has worked out, with said Task Force to consist of the Synod President and First Vice
44 President, the Chief Administrative Officer of the Synod, a District President from each of the Regions
45 of Synod to be appointed by the Council of Presidents, and both an ordained minister and a layman

1 from each region of the Synod to be appointed by the Synod Vice-President for their region; and be it
2 further
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4 *Resolved*, That the aim of the Task Force shall be to assess the effectiveness of the restructuring in
5 maintaining Synod's ability to carry out her objectives as outlined in Article III of the Synod's
6 Constitution; and be it finally
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8 *Resolved*, That the Task Force make recommendations to the 2022 Synod Convention for any helpful
9 and effective changes to be made to the Synod's structure so that we as the Synod may continue to be
10 effective in the Article III Objectives.
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12 Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
13 Sherman, IL
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CID Endowment Fund, Inc.
Board of Directors 2015-2018

Mr. Richard McMullen, Chairman
Ms. Cheryl Stickel Neal, Vice Chairman
Rev. Martin Eden
Mr. Robert Ervin
Mr. John Rodenburg, Secretary, Treasurer

Nominees for CID Endowment Fund: Board of Directors

(Five people to be elected, Biographical Information found under Nominations, C-16-17)

Mr. David Busby
Ms. Elizabeth Crawford - Commissioned
Rev. Karl Eckhoff
Rev. Martin Eden
Ms. Rochelle Funderburg
Mr. Richard McMullen
Ms. Cheryl Stickel Neal
Mr. John Rodenburg
Mrs. Jerilyn Rogers
Mr. Glenn Rollins - Commissioned

Report to the 5th Regular Convention Central Illinois District Endowment Fund, Inc.

The 2015 convention elected Rev. Martin Eden, Mr. Robert Ervin, Mr. Richard McMullen, Ms. Cheryl Neal, and Mr. John Rodenburg to the Board of Trustees. The board elected the following officers at their first meeting after the convention: Mr. Richard McMullen, Chair, Ms. Cheryl Neal, Vice-Chair, and Mr. John Rodenburg, Secretary/Treasurer.

The Board met 12 times during the triennium. During this period the board met in person at the CID office in Springfield, and via teleconferences for special and regular meetings.

Actions by the Board:

1. Review bylaws
2. Major task to review investment opportunities in light of continuing lower average interest rates on our CID Church Extension Fund certificate of deposit (CD) investments commensurate with our mission to grow principal and income to supplement scholarship funding and our responsibility as fiduciaries is to invest in a broad spectrum of investments
3. Investment options reviewed:
 - a. LCMS Foundation
 - b. Lutheran Legacy Foundation
 - c. Self-investing through mutual funds
 - d. Use of other money manager such as bank trust department
 - e. No change

The Board has operated throughout the 2015 to 2018 triennium within the current Bylaws.

The Board's review of the current bylaws indicated several areas in need of revision. The Board continues to work on additional revisions for proposed draft Bylaws. Any revision adopted by the Board of Trustees will require ratification by a future convention.

As the Board reviewed investment options, it became apparent that the board needed an Investment Policy Statement (IPS) to guide thinking and planning for all investments regardless of which of the above options was ultimately adopted. The board initiated and adopted an IPS in August 2016. The IPS established a range of investment categories, i.e. minimum and maximum percentage of total investments for each class of investments. The IPS is reviewed at each board meeting for needed revision based on current circumstances.

Presentations from the following organizations were reviewed and considered before adoption of ISP and investment options:

1. LCMS Foundation
2. Lutheran Legacy Foundation

3. Merrill Lynch
4. PNC Investments
5. Illinois National Bank

In May 2016 the board approved the investment of \$50,000 with Lutheran Legacy Foundation (LLF) which also provided a match of \$10,000, for combined investment of \$60,000. In early 2018 an additional \$10,000 was invested with LLF which was matched with \$5,000 for a total of \$15,000 at that time. Total investment at LLF - \$75,000.

In August 2016 the board approved the Illinois National Bank (INB) to act as the investment advisor for the Endowment Fund. Two board members recused themselves from this vote so as to remove any question of bias in the decision. The three remaining board members voted unanimously in the favor of the INB. The board based its selection on a number of criteria, including fees, fiduciary capacity, ease of doing business, professionalism, and the ability to make investment requests. A management agreement with INB was signed on August 17, 2016.

The board approved investing up to \$500,000 with the INB. On August 22, 2016, \$449,684.86 was liquidated from CID CEF CDs and delivered to INB.

In the last triennium the Endowment Fund has supplemented CID Scholarship funds by \$55,584 or approximately 20% of the \$287,818 total scholarships awarded during this period.

Currently the Endowment Fund continues to work toward increased returns on our investments while validating the investment mixes with our established ISP. Our primary source of new funds is through CID Endowment Sunday, the first Sunday in May each year.

We thank those who have contributed to the Endowment Fund during this triennium. We ask you to assist us by informing your members of the opportunity to support the future of our future pastors and teachers through gifts to the Endowment Fund.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard McMullen, Chair
Central Illinois District Endowment Fund, Inc.

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May 11, 2018

To the Board of Directors of the
Central Illinois District of the
Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod
Church Endowment Fund

We have audited the financial statements of the Central Illinois District of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod Church Endowment Fund, for the year ended December 31, 2017 and have issued our report thereon dated May 11, 2018. Professional standards require that we provide you with information about our responsibilities under generally accepted auditing standards, as well as certain information related to the planned scope and timing of our audit. We have communicated such information in our letter to you dated April 16, 2018. Professional standards also require that we communicate to you the following information related to our audit.

Significant Audit Findings

Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. The significant accounting policies used by the Central Illinois District of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod Church Endowment Fund, are described in Note 2 to the financial statements. No new accounting policies were adopted and the application of existing policies was not changed during 2017. We noted no transactions entered into by the Organization during the year for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. All significant transactions have been recognized in the financial statements in the proper period.

Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management in performing and completing our audit.

Corrected and Uncorrected Misstatements

Professional standards require us to accumulate all known and likely misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that are trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. Management has corrected all such misstatements. In addition, none of the misstatements detected as a result of audit procedures and corrected by management were material, either individually or in the aggregate, to the financial statements taken as a whole.

Disagreements with Management

For purposes of this letter, professional standards define a disagreement with management as a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, that could be significant to the financial statements or the auditor's report. We are pleased to report that no such disagreements arose during the course of our audit.

Management Representations

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the management representation letter dated May 11, 2018.

Management Consultations with Other Independent Accountants

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters, similar to obtaining a "second opinion" on certain situations. If a consultation involves application of an accounting principle to the Organization's financial statements or a determination of the type of auditor's opinion that may be expressed on those statements, our professional standards require the consulting accountant to check with us to determine that the consultant has all the relevant facts. To our knowledge, there were no such consultations with other accountants.

Other Audit Findings or Issues

We generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, with management each year prior to retention as the Organization's auditors. However, these discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship and our responses were not a condition to our retention.

This information is intended solely for the use of the Board of Directors and management of the Central Illinois District of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod Church Endowment Fund and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Very truly yours,

Estes, Bridgewater & Ogden

Certified Public Accountants
Springfield, Illinois

CENTRAL ILLINOIS DISTRICT ENDOWMENT FUND, INC.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND
INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

**FOR THE YEARS ENDED
DECEMBER 31, 2017 AND 2016**

Central Illinois District Endowment Fund, Inc.

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Independent Auditor's Report

To the Board of Trustees of
Central Illinois District Endowment Fund, Inc.

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Central Illinois District Endowment Fund, Inc. which comprise the statement of financial position as of December 31, 2017 and 2016, and the related statements of activities and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatements, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risk of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Central Illinois District Endowment Fund, Inc. as of December 31, 2017 and 2016, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Estes, Bridgewater & Ogden

Certified Public Accountants
Springfield, Illinois

May 11, 2018

Central Illinois District Endowment Fund, Inc.
STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION
December 31, 2017 and 2016

Statement 1

<u>Assets</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 8,461	\$ 5,893
Investments	<u>1,185,471</u>	<u>1,064,826</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$1,193,932</u>	<u>\$1,070,719</u>
 <u>Liabilities and Net Assets</u> 		
LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable	\$ 16,250	\$ 21,137
NET ASSETS		
Temporarily restricted.....	621,318	493,218
Permanently restricted	<u>556,364</u>	<u>556,364</u>
Total net assets.....	<u>1,177,682</u>	<u>1,049,582</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	<u>\$1,193,932</u>	<u>\$1,070,719</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

Central Illinois District Endowment Fund, Inc.
STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES
For the Years Ended December 31, 2017 and 2016

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Temporarily Restricted</u>	<u>Permanently Restricted</u>	<u>2017 Total</u>
SUPPORT AND REVENUES				
Contributions.....	\$ -	\$ 2,192	\$ -	\$ 2,192
Investment income - net.....	-	143,530	-	143,530
Net assets released from restrictions.....	<u>17,622</u>	(<u>17,622</u>)	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total support and revenues.....	<u>17,622</u>	<u>128,100</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>145,722</u>
EXPENSES				
Program services.....	15,190	-	-	15,190
Administrative expenses.....	<u>2,432</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,432</u>
Total expenses	<u>17,622</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>17,622</u>
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	-	128,100	-	128,100
NET ASSETS - BEGINNING OF YEAR.....	<u>-</u>	<u>493,218</u>	<u>556,364</u>	<u>1,049,582</u>
NET ASSETS - END OF YEAR	\$ <u>-</u>	\$ <u>621,318</u>	\$ <u>556,364</u>	\$ <u>1,177,682</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Temporarily Restricted</u>	<u>Permanently Restricted</u>	<u>2016 Total</u>
SUPPORT AND REVENUES				
Contributions	\$ -	\$ 11,743	\$ -	\$ 11,743
Investment income - net.....	-	30,545	-	30,545
Net assets released from restrictions.....	<u>16,391</u>	(<u>16,391</u>)	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total support and revenues.....	<u>16,391</u>	<u>25,897</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>42,288</u>
EXPENSES				
Program services.....	16,391			16,391
Administrative expenses.....	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total expenses	<u>16,391</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>16,391</u>
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	-	25,897	-	25,897
NET ASSETS - BEGINNING OF YEAR.....	<u>-</u>	<u>467,321</u>	<u>556,364</u>	<u>1,023,685</u>
NET ASSETS - END OF YEAR.....	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 493,218</u>	<u>\$ 556,364</u>	<u>\$1,049,582</u>

Central Illinois District Endowment Fund, Inc.
STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
For The Years Ended December 31, 2017 and 2016

Statement 3

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:		
Change in net assets	\$128,100	\$ 25,897
Unrealized (gains) losses on investments	(117,832)	(13,391)
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash provided by (used for) operating activities:		
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable	(4,887)	17,451
Total cash flows provided by (used for) operating activities	<u>5,381</u>	<u>29,957</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:		
Purchase of investments	(205,497)	(528,780)
Sale of investments	<u>202,684</u>	<u>469,934</u>
Total cash flows provided by (used for) investing activities	(2,813)	(58,846)
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	2,568	(28,889)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS – BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>5,893</u>	<u>34,782</u>
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS – END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 8,461</u>	<u>\$ 5,893</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

Central Illinois District Endowment Fund, Inc.
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
For the Years Ended December 31, 2017 and 2016

NOTE 1 – ORGANIZATION

The Central Illinois District Endowment Fund, Inc. ("CID Endowment Fund") is a not-for-profit corporation organized to provide a separate entity to accept, invest, and distribute income from gifts and bequests that are permanently restricted and/or restricted as to use for the programs of the Central Illinois District of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt religious organization. The CID Endowment Fund is established exclusively for the benefit of the Central Illinois District and its members' churches.

The mission of the CID Endowment Fund is to promote and encourage Christian Stewards through special gifts and bequests. These funds will be used to further the Lord's work primarily in the areas of scholarship for the education of full time church workers and other mission's of the Central Illinois District.

NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A summary of the Organization's significant accounting policies consistently applied in the preparation of the accompanying financial statements follows:

Basis of Accounting - Assets, liabilities, revenue and expenses are recognized on the accrual basis of accounting.

Investments - Investments consist of certificates of deposit, mutual funds and equities. Certificates of deposit are carried at cost, which is equal to market value and mutual funds and equities are carried at market value. The investment in the Lutheran Legacy fund is carried at market value.

Cash and Cash Equivalents - For purposes of the cash flow statements, cash includes amounts deposited in a checking account. The Organization considers all highly liquid investments with a maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents. There were no cash and cash equivalents at December 31, 2017 and 2016.

Estimates - The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly actual results could differ from those estimates.

Basis of Financial Statement Presentation - An organization is required to report information regarding its financial position and activities according to three classes of net assets: unrestricted net assets, temporarily restricted net assets, and permanently restricted net assets.

Expense Allocation - The costs of providing various programs and activities have been summarized on a functional basis in the statement of activities. Accordingly, certain costs have been allocated among the programs and supporting services benefited.

Central Illinois District Endowment Fund, Inc.
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
For the Years Ended December 31, 2017 and 2016

NOTE 3 – INVESTMENTS

Investments are stated at market value and consisted of the following at December 31,:

	<u>2017</u>		<u>2016</u>	
	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Market Value</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Market Value</u>
Cash Equivalents.....	\$ 6,335	\$ 6,335	\$ 108,182	\$ 108,182
Certificates of Deposit	519,137	519,137	538,465	538,465
Lutheran Legacy Foundation.....	62,915	72,952	60,933	61,150
Mutual Funds	222,322	262,447	90,266	89,402
Equities.....	<u>243,500</u>	<u>324,600</u>	<u>253,590</u>	<u>267,627</u>
Totals	<u>\$1,054,209</u>	<u>\$1,185,471</u>	<u>\$1,051,436</u>	<u>\$1,064,826</u>

Investment income and expenses consisted of the following at December 31,:

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Interest & dividends income.....	\$ 24,508	\$ 18,658
Realized gains	6,552	438
Unrealized gains	117,832	13,391
Investment fees	(<u>5,362</u>)	(<u>1,942</u>)
Net investment income	<u>\$ 143,530</u>	<u>\$ 30,545</u>

NOTE 4 – FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

Fair value is defined as the exchange price that would be received for an asset or paid to transfer a liability (exit price) in the principal or most advantageous market for the asset or liability in an orderly hierarchy, which requires an entity to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs when measuring fair value. The standard describes three levels of inputs that may be used to measure fair value:

Level 1 – Inputs are based on unadjusted quoted market prices within active markets.

Level 2 – Inputs are based primarily on quoted prices for similar assets in active or inactive markets.

Level 3 – Unobservable inputs that are supported by little or no market activity and that are significant to the fair value of the assets or liabilities.

Central Illinois District Endowment Fund, Inc.
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NOTE 4 – FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS, Continued

Fair value measured on a recurring basis at December 31, 2017 and 2016 are as follows:

	<u>Fair Value</u>	<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 3</u>
<u>December 31, 2017</u>				
Certificates of Deposit	\$ <u>519,137</u>	\$ <u>-</u>	\$ <u>519,137</u>	\$ <u>-</u>
Mutual Funds:				
Mid Cap Growth	48,178	48,178	-	-
Small Cap Core	23,003	23,003	-	-
Large Cap Core	37,506	37,506	-	-
Large Growth World	52,997	52,997	-	-
Large Cap Growth	<u>100,763</u>	<u>100,763</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Mutual Funds	<u>262,447</u>	<u>262,447</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Equities:				
Large Cap Growth	26,517	26,517	-	-
Large Cap Core	135,456	135,456	-	-
Large Cap Value	98,157	98,157	-	-
International	42,145	42,145	-	-
Large Foreign Blend	<u>22,325</u>	<u>22,325</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Equities	<u>324,600</u>	<u>324,600</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Lutheran Legacy Foundation Investments	<u>72,952</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>72,952</u>	<u>-</u>
Totals	1,179,136	\$ <u>587,047</u>	\$ <u>592,089</u>	\$ <u>-</u>
Cash Equivalent:				
Federated Government Obligations Fund	<u>6,335</u>			
TOTAL INVESTMENTS	<u>\$1,185,471</u>			

Central Illinois District Endowment Fund, Inc.
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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NOTE 4 – FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS, Continued

	<u>Fair Value</u>	<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 3</u>
<u>December 31, 2016</u>				
Certificates of Deposit	\$ <u>538,465</u>	\$ <u>-</u>	\$ <u>538,465</u>	\$ <u>-</u>
Mutual Funds:				
Mid Cap Growth	29,791	29,791	-	-
Small Cap Core	19,788	19,788	-	-
Large Growth World	<u>39,822</u>	<u>39,822</u>	-	-
Total Mutual Funds	<u>89,401</u>	<u>89,401</u>	-	-
Equities:				
Large Cap Core	75,531	75,531	-	-
Large Cap Value	152,627	152,627	-	-
International	19,404	19,404	-	-
Large Foreign Blend	<u>20,066</u>	<u>20,066</u>	-	-
Total Equities	<u>267,628</u>	<u>267,628</u>	-	-
Lutheran Legacy Foundation Investments	<u>61,150</u>	-	<u>61,150</u>	-
Totals	956,644	<u>\$ 357,029</u>	<u>\$ 599,615</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Cash Equivalent:				
Federated Government Obligations Fund	<u>108,182</u>			
TOTAL INVESTMENTS	<u>\$1,064,826</u>			

NOTE 5 – TAX STATUS

The Central Illinois District Endowment Fund, Inc., is exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

The Organization is not involved in activities unrelated to its exempt status; therefore, there is no tax on unrelated business income at December 31, 2017 and 2016.

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NOTE 6 – TEMPORARILY AND PERMANENTLY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS

Temporarily restricted net assets consist of contributions received from congregations designated for the scholarship fund and the investment income earned from the permanent fund.

Contributions received during the year were \$2,192 and the balance at December 31, 2017 and 2016 was \$621,318 and \$493,218, respectively.

Permanently Restricted Net Assets consisted of the following at December 31, 2017 and 2016:

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
General Fund.....	\$100,000	\$100,000
CID Scholarship Fund	404,754	404,754
Meseke Scholarship Fund.....	6,000	6,000
Christ Peoria Scholarship Fund	23,110	23,110
Dr. A. Mueller Memorial Fund	<u>22,500</u>	<u>22,500</u>
 Total	 <u>\$556,364</u>	 <u>\$556,364</u>
 Net Assets Released From Restrictions:		
Student Aid Contribution	\$ 15,190	\$ 16,391
Administrative Expenses.....	<u>2,432</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>\$ 17,622</u>	<u>\$ 16,391</u>

NOTE 7 – CONCENTRATION OF CREDIT RISK

Financial instruments, which potentially subject the organization to concentration of credit risk, include cash and investments. The organization places its temporary cash with creditworthy, high quality financial institutions.

Investments with the Central Illinois District – Church Extension Fund (CEF) of \$519,137 and the Lutheran Legacy Foundation of \$72,952 are not SIPC or FDIC-insured bank deposit accounts, and repayment of principal and interest is dependent upon the general financial condition of CEF. Management has reviewed the financial condition of the CEF and is satisfied that deposits are secure despite lack of regulatory insurance coverage.

Central Illinois District Endowment Fund, Inc.
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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NOTE 8 – ENDOWMENT

The CID's Endowment Fund consists of five individual funds established primarily for scholarship purposes. The funds are all donor-restricted endowment funds. As required by GAAP, net assets associated with endowment funds are classified and reported based on the existence or absence of donor-imposed restrictions.

The Board of Trustees of the CID Endowment Fund has interpreted Illinois' Uniform Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act (UPMIFA) as requiring the preservation of the fair value of the original gift as of the gift date of the donor-restricted endowment funds absent explicit donor stipulations to the contrary. As a result of this interpretation, the CID Endowment Fund classifies as permanently restricted net assets (a) the original value of gifts donated to the permanent endowment, (b) the original value of subsequent gifts to the permanent endowment, and (c) accumulations to the permanent endowment made in accordance with the direction of the applicable donor gift instrument at the time the accumulation is added to the fund. The remaining portion of the donor-restricted endowment fund that is not classified in permanently restricted net assets is classified as temporarily restricted net assets until those amounts are appropriated for expenditure by the organization in a manner consistent with the standard of prudence prescribed by UPMIFA. In accordance with UPMIFA, the organization considers the following factors in making a determination to appropriate or accumulate appreciation of donor-restricted endowment funds:

- (1) The duration and preservation of the endowment fund
- (2) The purposes of the organization and the endowment fund
- (3) General economic conditions
- (4) The effects of inflation or deflation
- (5) The expected total return from investments
- (6) Other resources of the organization
- (7) The investment policy of the organization

Central Illinois District Endowment Fund, Inc.
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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NOTE 8 – ENDOWMENT, cont'd.

**Endowment Net Asset Composition by Type of Fund
as of December 31, 2017**

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Temporarily Restricted</u>	<u>Permanently Restricted</u>	<u>Total</u>
Donor-restricted endowment funds	\$ <u> - </u>	\$ <u>314,521</u>	\$ <u>556,364</u>	\$ <u>870,885</u>

**Changes in Endowment Net Assets
for the Year Ended December 31, 2017**

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Temporarily Restricted</u>	<u>Permanently Restricted</u>	<u>Total</u>
Endowment net assets, beginning of year	\$ -	\$ 186,422	\$ 556,364	\$ 742,786
Investment return:				
Investment income	-	143,530	-	143,530
Contributions	-	2,191	-	2,191
Appropriation of endowment assets for expenditure	<u> - </u>	(<u>17,622</u>)	<u> - </u>	(<u>17,622</u>)
Endowment net assets, end of year	\$ <u> - </u>	\$ <u>314,521</u>	\$ <u>556,364</u>	\$ <u>870,885</u>

Central Illinois District Endowment Fund, Inc.
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
For the Years Ended December 31, 2017 and 2016

NOTE 8 – ENDOWMENT, cont'd.

**Endowment Net Asset Composition by Type of Fund
as of December 31, 2016**

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Temporarily Restricted</u>	<u>Permanently Restricted</u>	<u>Total</u>
Donor-restricted endowment funds	\$ <u> -</u>	\$ <u>186,422</u>	\$ <u>556,364</u>	\$ <u>742,786</u>

**Changes in Endowment Net Assets
for the Year Ended December 31, 2016**

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Temporarily Restricted</u>	<u>Permanently Restricted</u>	<u>Total</u>
Endowment net assets, beginning of year	\$ -	\$160,525	\$556,364	\$716,889
Investment return:				
Investment income	-	30,545	-	30,545
Contributions	-	11,743	-	11,743
Appropriation of endowment assets for expenditure	<u> -</u>	(<u>16,391</u>)	<u> -</u>	(<u>16,391</u>)
Endowment net assets, end of year	\$ <u> -</u>	\$ <u>186,422</u>	\$ <u>556,364</u>	\$ <u>742,786</u>

Central Illinois District Endowment Fund, Inc.
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
For the Years Ended December 31, 2017 and 2016

NOTE 8 – ENDOWMENT, cont'd.

**Description of Amounts Classified as Permanently Restricted Net Assets and
Temporarily Restricted Net Assets (Endowment Only)**

	<u>December 31,</u>	
	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Permanently Restricted Net Assets		
(1) The portion of perpetual endowment funds that is required to be retained permanently either by explicit donor stipulation or by UPMIFA	\$556,634	\$556,364
Total endowment funds classified as permanently restricted net assets	<u>\$556,634</u>	<u>\$556,364</u>
Temporarily Restricted Net Assets		
(1) Term endowment funds	\$ -	\$ -
(2) Income from perpetual endowment funds subject to purpose restrictions	<u>314,521</u>	<u>186,422</u>
Total endowment funds classified as temporarily restricted net assets	<u>\$314,521</u>	<u>\$186,422</u>

Funds with Deficiencies

From time to time, the fair value of assets associated with individual donor restricted endowment funds may fall below the level that the donor or UPMIFA requires the CID Endowment Fund to retain as a fund of perpetual duration. In accordance with GAAP, deficiencies of this nature are reported in unrestricted net assets. There were no such deficiencies at December 31, 2017 and 2016.

Return Objectives and Risk Parameters

The CID Endowment Fund has adopted investment and spending policies for endowment assets that attempt to achieve a maximum total return to fund the CID Endowment Fund's objective of providing student aid while assuming a prudent degree of risk. Endowment assets include those assets of donor-restricted funds that the CID Endowment Fund must hold in perpetuity or for a donor-specified period(s). Under this policy, as approved by the Board of Trustees, the endowment assets are invested in a manner to achieve a maximum return consistent with reasonable risk as defined by current industry practices and standards.

Central Illinois District Endowment Fund, Inc.
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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NOTE 8 – ENDOWMENT, cont'd.

Strategies Employed for Achieving Objectives

To satisfy its long-term rate-of-return objectives, the CID Endowment Fund relies on a total return strategy in which investment returns are achieved through both capital appreciation (realized and unrealized) and current yield (interest and dividends). The CID Endowment Fund targets a diversified asset allocation that places a greater emphasis on domestic equity-based investments to achieve its long-term return objectives within prudent risk constraints.

Spending Policy and How the Investment Objectives Relate to Spending Policy

The CID Endowment Fund has a policy of appropriating for distribution each year earnings accumulated on investments. In establishing this policy, the CID Endowment Fund considered the long-term expected return on its endowment. Accordingly, over the long term, the CID Endowment Fund expects the current spending policy to allow its endowment to grow. This is consistent with the organization's objective to provide student aid while assuming a prudent degree of risk.

NOTE 9 – RELATED PARTY TRANSACTION

At the end of December 31, 2017 and 2016, there were balances due to the Central Illinois District-LCMS of \$15,190 and \$20,077, respectively.

The balances due were for contributions to the Central Illinois District – LCMS which were for Student Aid expenses.

NOTE 10 – SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

The Organization reviewed events for inclusion in the financial statements through May 11, 2018, the date through which subsequent events have been evaluated and the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

**8th Regular Convention
Central Illinois District
Church Extension Fund**

Agenda

Call to Order	President Kevin Schultz
Opening Prayer	Rev. Terry O'Brien
Minutes of the 7 th Regular Convention	President Kevin Schultz
Report of the President	President Kevin Schultz
Resolutions	President Kevin Schultz
Slate of Candidates	President Kevin Schultz
Report of Executive Director	Christine Anderson
Additional Floor Actions	President Kevin Schultz
Installation of new Board	CID Pres. Rev. Mark Miller
Closing Prayer	Rev. Terry Strom

**CENTRAL ILLINOIS DISTRICT
CHURCH EXTENSION FUND
7th REGULAR CONVENTION
JULY 6, 2015**

MINUTES

The convention was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by President Kim Kleinschmidt.

Trustee Rev. Olander opened the convention with prayer.

Pres. Kleinschmidt reminded the convention that the 2012 convention passed a resolution authorizing the CEF Board of Trustees to approve the minutes of the 2012 convention. The minutes of the 2012 convention were approved by the CEF Board.

President Kleinschmidt then gave his report, supplementing the report made public in the convention manual. He outlined the work and successes of the Fund for the past three years.

The resolution to make the recommended changes to the Extension Fund By Laws was presented for discussion and action. Following brief discussion and one friendly correction, the resolution was passed by voice vote.

The slate of candidates for the Church Extension board of Trustees was then presented. A request for nominations from the floor was made and none were offered. Since the slate consisted of the required seven minimum members, and the requirement for at least two clergy was met, Pres. Kleinschmidt entertained a motion from the floor to accept the slate as presented, by acclamation. A motion to that effect was made and seconded, and passed by voice vote unanimously. The slate was unanimously elected by voice vote.

Executive Director Dave Rohe then gave his report covering the past three years and how the Fund met the many guidelines used to measure the Fund. He also offered some vision for the Fund moving into the next triennium.

Dave then presented the David L. Goldhammer Award For Outstanding Service to Carol Radtke. She was given the award for her service as Secretary/Treasurer during some most difficult times at CEF.

Kim then presented service recognition plaques to the three members leaving the Board. Rev. Olander and Danny Magelitz received theirs for twelve years of service attaining term limits and therefore being unable to run again. Herb Krueger received his award for six years of service.

President Kleinschmidt then requested a resolution from the floor authorizing the Board of trustees to approve the minutes of the convention at their next regular meeting. The motion was made, seconded and passed to allow this action.

Central Illinois District President Mark Miller then installed the members of the Board of Trustees: President, Kevin Schultz, Vice president Kim Kleinschmidt, Secretary/Treasurer Cheryl Martin, Trustees Rev. Steph Gillet, Rev. Terry Strom, Rev. Terry O'Brien, and Dale Wolff.

A motion was made from the floor to adjourn the convention. Motion was seconded and passed.

Rev. Gillet closed with prayer.

The convention adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted
David H. Rohe
Executive Director

Central Illinois District Church Extension Fund (“CEF”)

July 2018

President’s Report:

Before we discuss the performance of the CEF since the last convention, we need to look back in history.

In late 2003, the CEF Board hired David Rohe to lead the organization. At that time, CEF had a capital base of \$4.4 million and a capital to asset ratio of 9.70%. The LCMS Board of Church Extension recommends a church extension fund have a capital to asset ratio above 11.0%. Under Dave’s capable leadership, CEF’s capital base has more than doubled and our capital to asset ratio is a robust 25%. This financial strength protects our investors and provides funds to help the Central Illinois District grow. We wish Dave a happy retirement and our many thanks for his leadership the last fifteen years.

The CEF has also been blessed, as Susan Short has been instrumental in the successful transition to new leadership. The Board appreciates her expertise and dedication to the mission of CEF. Her many talents help keep the CEF’s operating expenses low, adding to the profitability of the CEF.

In April, the Board hired Christine Anderson as CEF’s new Executive Director. Chris was formerly the Director of Finance for H.D. Smith, LLC. Her extensive management experience

and support of the CEF mission will be a great asset, as we continue to help churches grow God's kingdom in Central Illinois.

Please take a moment to welcome Chris, as she works to grow and expand your CEF. She will be reaching out to each of you, to explore ways that CEF may be able meet your specific needs.

The last three years have been very rewarding, as CEF has been able to approve loan commitments in excess of \$15 million, to fifteen churches and schools in the Central Illinois District. The CEF Board has continued the interest rebate program, returning \$150,000 last year to eligible borrowers. This interest rebate effectively reduced the overall cost to borrow money from the CEF to less than 3.50%. As of this writing, the National Prime interest rate is 4.75%. The Board and the CEF staff work diligently to provide our borrowers the lowest possible interest rate, freeing up money that can be put to other uses in your churches.

Even after the interest rebates, the CEF remains a profitable organization. In addition to strengthening our capital position the Board has used our profits to make grants to organizations within the Central Illinois District. In the last three years, the Board has approved nearly \$250,000 in grants and scholarships. This includes \$125,000 that the CEF provided to the Central Illinois District to award scholarships to seminary and undergraduate students.

The Board takes its responsibility to safeguard our investor's money very seriously. We take care to evaluate every new loan opportunity and am pleased to report that we have virtually no delinquency issues. This speaks very well of our borrower's ability to manage their budgets and service their debt. The CEF has a large investment in the Lutheran Church Extension Fund ("LCEF") in St. Louis. This investment is not insured, but the Board reviews their annual audits and believes the risk to the CEF is acceptable. This investment helps the LCEF fund churches and schools across the country. All other assets of the CEF are bank deposits and insured by the FDIC.

The CEF has been blessed with Trustees that have different skill sets that work well together to advance the work in God's kingdom. We look forward to working with each of you to help your organization grow and prosper.

God's Blessings
Kevin E. Schultz

CENTRAL ILLINOIS DISTRICT CHURCH EXTENSION FUND, INC.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES 2015-2018

Mr. Kevin Schultz – President

Mr. Kim Kleinschmidt – Vice President

Mrs. Cheryl Martin – Secretary/Treasurer

Rev. Stephen Gillet – Trustee (2015-August 2017)

Mr. Darin Gehrke – Trustee (August 2017-December 2017)

Rev. Terry O'Brien – Trustee

Rev. Terry Strom – Trustee

Mr. Dale Wolff - Trustee

Church Extension Fund Nominations

CEF President

(One person to be elected)

Mr. Kevin Schultz, Good Shepherd, Sherman

C: Chairman Board of Elders, Good Shepherd; former Chairman of congregation

D: CEF, 2009 to Present

O: Hickory Point Bank, Senior Vice President, Commercial Banking Trustee; Village of Sherman, Illinois, 2007-Present; Springfield Chamber of Commerce; American Business Club of Springfield.

- I have over 30 years of banking experience, currently as Senior Vice President for Hickory Point Bank. My extensive background in commercial lending and cash management should be of benefit to CEF.

CEF Vice President

(One person to be elected)

Rev. Terry Strom – Trinity Bloomington

C: Congregations served: Trinity, Bloomington, May 2015 to present; Trinity Urbana, 2006 to 2015; Trinity Cissna Park, April 1997 – 2006; El Buen, McAllen, Texas, 1995-1997; Treasurer, Peace Lutheran Church, 1984-1990.

D: CID Special Loan Committee; Circuit Counselor, Danville Circuit, 2001 – 2006; Circuit Counselor, Champaign Circuit, 2008 – 2012; various floor committees for CID Conventions; LWML CID Pastoral Counselor, 4 years; LWML Zone Pastoral Counselor; Pastoral Delegate LCMS Convention, 2004 and 2010. CEF Board of Trustees, 2012 to Present.

O: Vice President, Board of Directors, Prairieview Lutheran Nursing Home, 6 years; Treasurer, Cissna Park Community Library Board, 8 years; Chairman, Citizen's Advisory Council of Cissna Park School, 4 years; Mentor, Urbana School District, 5 years.

- I have been a member of the CID all but 2 years of my life when I served the congregation in McAllen, Texas. I am a second career pastor. My first career was in the accounting field. My last job before entering the ministry was as vice president/comptroller for a credit union (seven years). We must be cautious during these difficult financial times and as many churches are shrinking in size, yet we need to look for new ways to help fund the mission. If elected, I will serve with love, wisdom, and faith provided by the grace of God.

Secretary/Treasurer
(one person to be elected)

Mrs. Carol Radtke

- C: Serve on Finance Committee, volunteer as School Comptroller, as well as in other areas.
- D: Served on the Lutheran Church Extension Fund Board of Directors from 2010 – 2017. Served the CEF from approximately 1987 to 2010 as member of Board of Trustees or Audit Committee.
- O: Retired from banking and public accounting. Positions included President of a small savings bank, as well as Sr. Vice President/Chief Financial Officer of other area community banks. Have CPA designation and am licensed in Illinois. Currently, provide accounting/consulting services to banks and other businesses.
- I have 30 years of banking experience that included overseeing lending, interest rate risk management, investments, and financial reporting. Serving until recently on the LCEF Board of Directors has provided new insight into ways the CID-CEF can help our congregations and workers, while providing a means for our investors to help in this endeavor.

Clergy
(One to be elected)

Rev. Terrence E. O'Brien – Pastor, St. Paul Lutheran Church, Pana, Illinois

- C: Pastor, St. Paul Lutheran Church, Pana, Illinois, July 2009 to present; Seminary graduate 2009; Trinity Lutheran Church, Springfield, Asst. Secretary, Chairman, Trinity Athletic Committee, Living Word Lutheran Church, Woodlands, Texas, Assimilation Team.
- D: District Endowment Fund Board, 2012 - 2015; Church Extension Fund Board 2012-Present.
- O: Prior to entering seminary (Fort Wayne) I was employed for 33 years by the Franklin Life Insurance Company (later American General Life) in a management position for advertising, promotions and public relations. I also served as a Board member, Loan Officer and Publicity Director of the Franklin Life Employees Credit Union for approximately ten years. I served on a three-person loan committee and was responsible for reviewing and approving/denying all loan applications submitted to the Credit Union. During these years, I had extensive experience with management of loan activities in a successful institution. Other past volunteer activities include serving in multiple roles for the United Way and membership in Springfield Chamber of Commerce committees.

CEF Trustees
(Three to be elected)

Mr. Dale Wolff - Lifelong member of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Altamont, Illinois,

C: President and Elder, Immanuel Altamont; Altamont Lutheran Interparish School Board, President.

D: CID Educational Endowment Committee; Agricultural Missionary for Lutheran Church of Venezuela, 1970-72; Church Extension Fund Board, 2012 to present.

O: Effingham County Asst. States Attorney, 1977-1978; Effingham Title Company, Owner and title examiner, 1983-2006; Illinois Land Title Association, State President 1995-96; Effingham Chamber of Commerce, past President; Effingham County Vision 2020 Facilitator/Trainer; St. Anthony Memorial Hospital Institutional Review/Ethics

Mr. Darin Gehrke – Member, Salem Lutheran Church, Jacksonville, Illinois

C: Athletic Director, former Church Treasurer, Former board of Elders

D: CID CEF 2017 to present

O: Town and Country Bank, EVP Jacksonville Community President, 2018 to present, SomerCor504, Inc 2007-2018; Village President, Woodson, Illinois 2007-2014.

- I have 11 years' experience processing a government Small Business Administration loan program for commercial lenders in the state of Illinois and, I am currently a community bank president with a focus on commercial lending. I grew up in Springfield as a member of Trinity Lutheran Church and have spent the last 14 years serving Salem Lutheran church in Jacksonville in a number of volunteer roles.

Mr. David Ward – Member St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Varna, Illinois

C: co-treasurer, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Varna, Illinois, Church Elder, Church Trustee, Congregation call committee, Sunday School Teacher, Congregation delegate to the 2018 CID Convention.

O: President and CEO of Community Bank; Assistant Vice-President/Branch Manager, Illinois Savings Bank, 1984-1992; President North Central Bank, 1992-2017; Board member and Group Director, Community Bankers Association of Illinois; Regulatory Review Committee, Independent Community Bankers of America; Hennepin Business and Betterment Association; Henry Rotary Club; City of Henry Municipal Treasurer, 1981-2017.

Mr. Dean A. Heinzmann – member Redeemer Lutheran Church, Peoria, Illinois

- C: Congregation President, Redeemer Lutheran Church; Board member, Redeemer Lutheran Foundation;
- D: past chairman and Board member, Lutheran Hillside Village; Board member, Concordia Lutheran School, Peoria.
- O: Appointed Board of Commissioners of the Metropolitan Airport Authority of Peoria, currently vice-chairman; Heart of Illinois United Way; Heart of Illinois Big Brothers Big Sisters.
 - Currently President and Director of Fortress Bank, in Peoria. He is Executive Vice President and Division Manager for LaSalle Bank National Association; Previously in senior management roles with Bank One and Old National Bank in Centralia, Illinois.

CID CHURCH EXTENSION FUND
BALANCE SHEET
YEARS 2015, 2016, 2017

Account Title	2017	2016	2015
Assets			
Hickory Point Bank Accounts	402,386	966,928	560,056
Loans Receivable	22,503,252	20,492,403	19,504,263
Accrued Interest Receivable - Loans	(1,496)	(3,710)	(4,054)
Uncollectible Loan Reserve	(840,000)	(840,000)	(840,395)
Investment - Security Bank Financial	1,000,000	1,500,000	1,850,000
Investment - HPB/Raymond James	2,250,000	2,500,000	2,500,000
Raymond James Money Market Acct	7	2,949	252,949
Investment - Havana State Bank	0	300,000	300,000
Investment - LCEF	10,906,714	11,556,714	14,056,714
Accrued Interest Receivable - Investments	38,956	61,062	74,054
Prepaid Insurance	13,037	12,802	18,127
Total Current Assets	\$36,272,857	\$36,549,149	\$38,271,714
Property & Equipment			
Equipment	26,140	21,885	18,196
PCS Equipment	47,986	47,986	47,986
PCS Software	67,657	67,657	67,657
Accumulated Depreciation	(130,411)	(127,087)	(124,158)
Total Property & Equipment	\$11,372	\$10,442	\$9,682
Total Assets	\$36,284,230	\$36,559,591	\$38,281,396
Liabilities & Capital			

Current Liabilities			
Accrued Interest Payable - Certificates	83,191	85,117	100,969
Accrued Audit Fee	5,700	5,700	5,650
Mortgage Interest Rebates Payable	150,000	250,000	250,000
Stamps Payable	35,711	35,573	35,217
Loans Payable - Certificates	25,115,619	25,849,401	27,754,693
Loan Payable - Flexible Savings Accounts	1,602,706	1,308,558	1,299,047
Growth Bonds Payable	81,857	89,488	89,279
Ministry Outreach Grants Payable	1,000	5,631	6,605
Board Grants Payable	102,000	18,782	49,576
Bequests Grants Payable	0	2,000	0
Total Current Liabilities	27,177,784	27,650,248	29,591,036
Capital			
Net Assets	8,909,342	8,690,361	8,499,196
Net Income	197,103	218,982	191,165
Total Capital	9,106,445	8,909,342	8,690,361
Total Liabilities & Capital	36,284,230	36,559,591	38,281,396
Capital/Asset Ratio	25.10%	24.37%	22.70%

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May 11, 2018

To the Board of Directors of the
Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod
Central Illinois District, Inc.
Springfield, IL

We have audited the financial statements of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod Central Illinois District, Inc. for the year ended December 31, 2017 and have issued our report thereon dated May 11, 2018. Professional standards require that we provide you with information about our responsibilities under generally accepted auditing standards, as well as certain information related to the planned scope and timing of our audit. We have communicated such information in our letter to you dated April 16, 2018. Professional standards also require that we communicate to you the following information related to our audit.

Significant Audit Findings

Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. The significant accounting policies used by the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod Central Illinois District, Inc. are described in Note 1 to the financial statements. No new accounting policies were adopted and the application of existing policies was not changed during 2017. We noted no transactions entered into by the Organization during the year for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. All significant transactions have been recognized in the financial statements in the proper period.

Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management in performing and completing our audit.

Corrected and Uncorrected Misstatements

Professional standards require us to accumulate all known and likely misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that are trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. Management has corrected all such misstatements. In addition, none of the misstatements detected as a result of audit procedures and corrected by management were material, either individually or in the aggregate, to the financial statements taken as a whole.

Disagreements with Management

For purposes of this letter, professional standards define a disagreement with management as a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, that could be significant to the financial statements or the auditor's report. We are pleased to report that no such disagreements arose during the course of our audit.

Management Representations

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the management representation letter dated May 11, 2018.

Management Consultations with Other Independent Accountants

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters, similar to obtaining a "second opinion" on certain situations. If a consultation involves application of an accounting principle to the Organization's financial statements or a determination of the type of auditor's opinion that may be expressed on those statements, our professional standards require the consulting accountant to check with us to determine that the consultant has all the relevant facts. To our knowledge, there were no such consultations with other accountants.

Other Audit Findings or Issues

We generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, with management each year prior to retention as the Organization's auditors. However, these discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship and our responses were not a condition to our retention.

This information is intended solely for the use of the Board of Directors and Management of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod Central Illinois District, Inc. and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Very truly yours,



Certified Public Accountants
Springfield, Illinois

**LUTHERAN CHURCH-MISSOURI SYNOD
CENTRAL ILLINOIS DISTRICT, INC.
SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS**

AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**FOR THE YEARS ENDED
DECEMBER 31, 2017 AND 2016**

Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod
Central Illinois District, Inc.

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Independent Auditor's Report

To the Board of Directors of
Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod Central Illinois District, Inc.
Springfield, Illinois

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod Central Illinois District, Inc., which comprise the statement of financial position as of December 31, 2017 and 2016, and the related statements of activities and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatements, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risk of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod Central Illinois District, Inc. as of December 31, 2017 and 2016, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Estes, Bridgewater & Pgolden

Certified Public Accountants
Springfield, Illinois

May 11, 2018

Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod
Central Illinois District, Inc.
STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION
December 31, 2017 and 2016

<u>Assets</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 105,133	\$ 186,628
Accounts receivable	20,050	23,912
Interest receivable	1,531	1,531
Prepaid expense	<u>4,411</u>	<u>1,449</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>131,125</u>	<u>213,520</u>
OTHER ASSETS		
Investments	<u>456,088</u>	<u>533,086</u>
PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT		
Land	311,751	311,751
Land improvements	120,602	43,530
Office buildings/Campus Centers/Other	3,303,992	3,237,840
Furniture and equipment	<u>421,540</u>	<u>411,540</u>
Total property and equipment	4,157,885	4,004,661
Accumulated depreciation	(<u>2,707,104</u>)	(<u>2,643,010</u>)
Fixed Assets – Net	<u>1,450,781</u>	<u>1,361,651</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$2,037,994</u>	<u>\$2,108,257</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
<u>Liabilities and Net Assets</u>		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable.....	\$ 6,983	\$ 7,126
Deferred revenue	<u>6,236</u>	<u>3,830</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>13,219</u>	<u>10,956</u>
LONG-TERM LIABILITIES		
Mortgages payable.....	<u>248,077</u>	<u>208,160</u>
Total Liabilities.....	<u>261,296</u>	<u>219,116</u>
NET ASSETS		
Unrestricted:		
Investment In Plant	1,202,749	1,153,491
Board Designated.....	24,980	24,980
Undesignated	<u>481,995</u>	<u>632,525</u>
Total Unrestricted	<u>1,709,724</u>	<u>1,810,996</u>
Temporarily Restricted	<u>66,974</u>	<u>78,145</u>
Total Net Assets.....	<u>1,776,698</u>	<u>1,889,141</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS.....	<u>\$2,037,994</u>	<u>\$2,108,257</u>

Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod
Central Illinois District, Inc.
STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES
For the Years Ended December 31, 2017 and 2016

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Temporarily Restricted</u>	<u>2017</u>
SUPPORT:			
District congregations	\$1,757,755	\$ -	\$1,757,755
Gifts and grants	<u>105,562</u>	<u>90,422</u>	<u>195,984</u>
Total support	<u>1,863,317</u>	<u>90,422</u>	<u>1,953,739</u>
REVENUES:			
Building rent	38,621		38,621
Conferences/Convention	27,010		27,010
Other miscellaneous income	89,548		89,548
Interest income	<u>7,906</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,906</u>
Total revenues	<u>163,085</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>163,085</u>
Net assets released from restrictions	<u>101,593</u>	(<u>101,593</u>)	<u>-</u>
Total support and revenue	<u>2,127,995</u>	(<u>11,171</u>)	<u>2,116,824</u>
EXPENSES:			
Direct Program Services:			
World missions	615,035		615,035
Preparing church workers	90,877		90,877
Missions & ministry	971,656		971,656
Program services – support	<u>203,938</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>203,938</u>
Total Program Services	<u>1,881,506</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,881,506</u>
Support Expenses:			
General Administration	<u>347,761</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>347,761</u>
Total expenses	<u>2,229,267</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,229,267</u>
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	(101,272)	(11,171)	(112,443)
NET ASSETS – BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>1,810,996</u>	<u>78,145</u>	<u>1,889,141</u>
NET ASSETS – END OF YEAR	<u>\$1,709,724</u>	<u>\$ 66,974</u>	<u>\$1,776,698</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Temporarily Restricted</u>	<u>2016</u>
SUPPORT:			
District congregations	\$1,778,169	\$ -	\$1,778,169
Gifts and grants	<u>25,751</u>	<u>112,976</u>	<u>138,727</u>
Total support	<u>1,803,920</u>	<u>112,976</u>	<u>1,916,896</u>
REVENUES:			
Building rent	36,600	-	36,600
Conferences/Convention	149,518	-	149,518
Other miscellaneous income	117,387	-	117,387
Interest income	<u>8,555</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,555</u>
Total revenues	<u>312,060</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>312,060</u>
Net assets released from restrictions	<u>139,801</u>	(<u>139,801</u>)	<u>-</u>
Total support and revenue	<u>2,255,781</u>	(<u>26,825</u>)	<u>2,228,956</u>
EXPENSES:			
Direct Program Services:			
World missions	595,055	-	595,055
Preparing church workers	96,826	-	96,826
Missions & ministry	970,755	-	970,755
Program services – support	<u>333,312</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>333,312</u>
Total Program Services	<u>1,995,948</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,995,948</u>
Support Expenses:			
General Administration	<u>348,777</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>348,777</u>
Total expenses	<u>2,344,725</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,344,725</u>
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	(88,944)	(26,825)	(115,769)
NET ASSETS – BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>1,899,940</u>	<u>104,970</u>	<u>2,004,910</u>
NET ASSETS – END OF YEAR	<u>\$1,810,996</u>	<u>\$ 78,145</u>	<u>\$1,889,141</u>

Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod
Central Illinois District, Inc.
STATEMENTS OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES
For the Years Ended December 31, 2017 and 2016

	<u>Program Services</u>	<u>Management and General</u>	<u>2017</u>
World Missions.....	\$ 615,035	\$ -	\$ 615,035
Preparing Church Workers	90,877	-	90,877
Board Expenses	-	5,167	5,167
Conferences, committees and convention	32,441	14,646	47,087
Depreciation.....	40,960	23,134	64,094
Insurance.....	22,434	9,893	32,327
Interest	-	8,138	8,138
Maintenance.....	24,733	8,328	33,061
Other expenses.....	10,803	3,168	13,971
Postage, printing and publications.....	6,037	1,227	7,264
Professional and contractual services	15	9,598	9,613
Program costs.....	5,743	-	5,743
Salaries and benefits	751,742	231,283	983,025
Subsidies	228,679	-	228,679
Supplies.....	2,197	5,934	8,131
Telephone	3,808	4,681	8,489
Travel/Visitations	26,832	6,072	32,904
Utilities	<u>19,170</u>	<u>16,492</u>	<u>35,662</u>
 Total Expenses.....	 <u>\$1,881,506</u>	 <u>\$ 347,761</u>	 <u>\$2,229,267</u>

	<u>Program Services</u>	<u>Management and General</u>	<u>2016</u>
World Missions.....	\$ 595,055	\$ -	\$ 595,055
Preparing Church Workers	96,826	-	96,826
Board Expenses	-	6,072	6,072
Conferences, committees and convention	156,721	12,775	169,496
Depreciation.....	43,040	23,134	66,174
Insurance.....	23,318	8,926	32,244
Interest	-	5,933	5,933
Maintenance.....	8,813	9,415	18,228
Other expenses.....	11,336	775	12,111
Postage, printing and publications.....	3,336	1,461	4,797
Professional and contractual services	2,280	13,525	15,805
Program costs.....	27,388	2,961	30,349
Salaries and benefits	749,109	230,126	979,235
Subsidies.....	224,626	-	224,626
Supplies.....	3,623	5,333	8,956
Telephone	3,755	4,050	7,805
Travel/Visitations	25,683	6,883	32,566
Utilities	<u>21,039</u>	<u>17,408</u>	<u>38,447</u>
 Total Expenses.....	 <u>\$1,995,948</u>	 <u>\$ 348,777</u>	 <u>\$2,344,725</u>

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Statement 4

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:		
Change in net assets.....	(\$112,443)	(\$115,769)
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash provided by (used for) operating activities:		
Depreciation expense.....	64,095	66,174
(Increase) decrease in assets:		
Accounts receivable.....	3,862	(20,607)
Prepaid expenses and deposits.....	(2,962)	(201)
Increase (decrease) in liabilities:		
Accounts payable.....	(143)	18
Deferred revenues.....	<u>2,406</u>	<u>(7,011)</u>
Net cash provided by (used for) operating activities.....	(<u>45,185</u>)	(<u>77,396</u>)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:		
Principal payments.....	(10,086)	(188,336)
Proceeds from loan	<u>50,000</u>	<u>-</u>
Net cash provided by (used for) financing activities.....	<u>39,914</u>	(<u>188,336</u>)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:		
Fixed asset acquisitions	(153,224)	(23,440)
Sale of property.....	-	170,950
Sale of investments.....	<u>77,000</u>	<u>-</u>
Net cash provided by (used for) investing activities.....	(<u>76,224</u>)	<u>147,510</u>
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	(81,495)	(118,222)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS – BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>186,628</u>	<u>304,850</u>
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS – END OF YEAR.....	<u>\$105,133</u>	<u>\$186,628</u>
Supplemental disclosure of cash flow information:		
Cash paid for interest.....	<u>\$ 8,138</u>	<u>\$ 5,933</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

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NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Central Illinois District of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod (CID) is a charitable exempt organization organized under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and was established to provide ministry and other support services to member congregations and to provide missions support to the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. The CID's programs are supported primarily by member church congregations.

The financial statements of the Central Illinois District-LCMS have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP).

The significant accounting policies followed by the Central Illinois District-LCMS are described below to enhance the usefulness of the financial statements to the reader.

Basis of Accounting – The financial statements of the Central Illinois District-LCMS have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis of Presentation – The Central Illinois District-LCMS presents its financial statements on the basis of unrestricted, temporarily restricted, and permanently restricted net assets. Restrictions are at the direction of the donor. Interest and dividends from investments are classified as unrestricted unless there are donor stipulations on the use of investment revenue.

Cash and Cash Equivalents – Cash consists solely of amounts used for current operations in a demand deposit.

Investments – Investments consist of certificates of deposit and a flexible savings account. They are carried at cost which is equal to market.

Contribution Receivables – The Central Illinois District-LCMS receives the majority of its support from the district congregations it serves. For budgeting purposes, each district congregation submits a non-binding pledge on an annual basis. According to board policy, these pledges are informational only and no effort to collect the amounts would be made should a congregation experience financial hardship. Accordingly, no pledge receivables are recognized in the statements.

Fixed Assets – Fixed assets (greater than \$500) are recorded at cost and depreciated over their estimated useful lives using the straight-line method of depreciation. Management's policy is to recognize a full year of depreciation in the year the asset is acquired and no depreciation in the year of disposal. Depreciation expense was \$64,095 for the year ended December 31, 2017. The prior year total was \$66,174.

Use of Estimates – The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts recorded in the financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Income Taxes – The organization is exempt from federal income taxes under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

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NOTE 2 – INVESTMENTS

Investments consisted of the following for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016:

	<u>December 31, 2017</u>		<u>December 31, 2016</u>	
	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Market</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Market</u>
Central Illinois District Church Extension Fund:				
Certificates of Deposit, Rates: 1.5% - 1.85%	\$455,356	\$455,356	\$532,356	\$532,356
Flexible Account	<u>732</u>	<u>732</u>	<u>730</u>	<u>730</u>
— Total	<u>\$456,088</u>	<u>\$456,088</u>	<u>\$533,086</u>	<u>\$533,086</u>

Investment income includes interest income earned on the above investments and loans receivable. Interest income for the years December 31, 2017 and 2016 were \$7,906 and \$8,555, respectively.

NOTE 3 – FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

Fair value is defined as the exchange price that would be received for an asset or paid to transfer a liability (exit price) in the principal or most advantageous market for the asset or liability in an orderly hierarchy, which requires an entity to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs when measuring fair value. The standard describes three levels of inputs that may be used to measure fair value:

Level 1 – Inputs are based on unadjusted quoted market prices within active markets.

Level 2 – Inputs are based primarily on quoted prices for similar assets in active or inactive markets.

Level 3 – Unobservable inputs that are supported by little or no market activity and that are significant to the fair value of the assets or liabilities.

Fair value of investments measured on a recurring basis at December 31, 2017 and 2016 are as follows:

	<u>Fair Value</u>	<u>Level 2</u>
<u>December 31, 2017</u>		
Certificates of Deposit	\$455,356	\$455,356
Flexible Account	<u>732</u>	<u>732</u>
	<u>\$456,088</u>	<u>\$456,088</u>
 <u>December 31, 2016</u>		
Certificates of Deposit	\$532,356	\$532,356
Flexible Account	<u>730</u>	<u>730</u>
	<u>\$533,086</u>	<u>\$533,086</u>

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NOTE 4 – CONCENTRATION OF CREDIT RISK

Financial instruments, which potentially subject the organization to concentration of credit risk, include cash, accounts and staff loans receivable and investments. The organization places its temporary cash with credit-worthy, high quality financial institutions. Accounts receivable and notes receivable are principally with member churches and individuals within the Central Illinois District. The organization performs ongoing evaluations of the financial conditions of the member churches to ensure collection of outstanding balances.

Investments with the Central Illinois District – Church Extension Fund (CEF) of \$456,088 are not SIPC or FDIC-insured bank deposit accounts, and repayment of principal and interest is dependent upon the general financial condition of CEF. Management has reviewed the financial condition of the CEF and is satisfied that deposits are secure despite lack of regulatory insurance coverage.

NOTE 5 – MORTGAGE LOANS PAYABLE

In March 2012, the Central Illinois District obtained a loan for \$294,224 for the purchase of property in Monticello, Illinois. The mortgage is with the Central Illinois District-Church Extension Fund (CEF) and the interest rate is computed monthly based on the CEF cost of funds rate. The mortgage is due and payable on March 30, 2028. The balance at December 31, 2017 is \$198,077.

The following is the repayment schedule of principal and interest:

2018	Pay principal & interest rate is CEF adjustable at effect at that time
2019	Pay principal & interest rate is CEF adjustable at effect at that time
2020	Pay principal & interest rate is CEF adjustable at effect at that time
2021	Pay principal & interest rate is CEF adjustable at effect at that time
2022	Pay principal & interest rate is CEF adjustable at effect at that time
2023-2028	Pay principal & interest rate is CEF adjustable at effect at that time

In August 2017, the Central Illinois District obtained a loan for \$50,000 for the parking lot repavement at the District office. The mortgage is with the CID-CEF (CEF) and the interest rate is 4.45% per annum. The note is due August 30, 2022. Principal and interest payments of \$10,111.52 are payable in five equal annual installments:

	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>
2018	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 111.52
2019	10,000.00	111.52
2020	10,000.00	111.52
2021	10,000.00	111.52
2022	<u>10,000.00</u>	<u>111.52</u>
	<u>\$ 50,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 557.60</u>

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NOTE 6 – CAMP CILCA

Camp CILCA is a 501(c)(3) organization. The Central Illinois District LCMS appoints one half of the members of the board of directors. Camp CILCA owns certain real estate and other assets which are encumbered by debt and would revert to the Central Illinois District LCMS should the corporation cease to exist. There is no plan to dissolve the corporation.

NOTE 7 – CENTRAL ILLINOIS DISTRICT ENDOWMENT FUND, INC.

In 2003, the Central Illinois District Endowment Fund, Inc. (Endowment Fund) was created to manage invested funds. Endowment Fund is governed by a board of trustees independent of Central Illinois District. Inasmuch as disbursements from Endowment Fund can be for purposes and programs administered by Central Illinois District, Central Illinois District is represented at Endowment Fund meetings in a non-voting capacity. Should Endowment Fund dissolve, the assets of the Fund would be distributed to Central Illinois District, if extant, or else to Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod.

At the end of December 31, 2017 and 2016, there were balances due from Central Illinois District Endowment Fund of \$15,190 and \$20,077, respectively.

NOTE 8 – NET ASSETS AND BOARD DESIGNATED NET ASSETS

Unrestricted Net Assets are considered unrestricted as to use unless a restriction has been placed by the donor. For reporting purposes, management has identified certain net assets to be used for specific purposes. These net assets are termed “board designated” for the specific purpose. At December 31, 2017, \$1,202,748 of unrestricted net assets were designated as Net Investment In Plant and represents the book value of unrestricted fixed assets held by the organization reduced by the outstanding liabilities against those assets.

In 2013, funds received of \$53,826 were designated by the board for special projects. Board Designated Net Assets for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016 were \$24,980 and \$24,980, respectively.

NOTE 9 – SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

The Organization reviewed events for inclusion in the financial statements through May 11, 2018, the date through which subsequent events have been evaluated and the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

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NOTE 10 – TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS

Temporarily Restricted Net Assets were solicited for or designated for a specific use by the donor and are listed in the following table:

	Balance <u>December 31, 2017</u>	Balance <u>December 31, 2016</u>
Cemetery Fund - Topeka	\$ 8,198	\$ 8,198
Hispanic - New Property	-	1,103
Hispanic Building - ABLAZE	-	1,306
Kleinschmidt Bequest	18,298	18,298
Illinois Tornado Funds	-	-
Rural Mission - Buffalo	8,613	11,613
University - Champaign	19,978	19,978
Student Aid	299	-
LWML - Latvia VBS Translation	5,000	5,000
Norma Krueger estate	-	4,495
Disaster Relief Equipment and Operations	<u>6,588</u>	<u>8,154</u>
Total Temporarily Restricted Net Assets	<u>\$ 66,974</u>	<u>\$ 78,145</u>

NOTE 11 – NET ASSETS RELEASED FROM RESTRICTIONS

Net Assets were released from donor restrictions by incurring expenses satisfying the restricted purposes or by occurrence of other events specified by donors. For the year ended December 31, 2017 and 2016, net assets released were as follows:

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Disaster Relief Equipment and Operations	\$ 5,090	\$ 22,446
Hispanic – new property	3,078	-
Hispanic Building – ABLAZE	1,306	16,077
Rural Mission - Buffalo	3,000	4,000
Mission work	4,495	-
Kleinschmidt Bequest	-	452
Student AID	75,624	96,826
Cristo Rey – paving	<u>9,000</u>	<u>-</u>
Total	<u>\$101,593</u>	<u>\$139,801</u>

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NOTE 12 – RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The Central Illinois District-LCMS rents space to the Church Extension Fund on a month to month basis. Currently, rent is \$1,100 per month and covers the use of space by the Church Extension Fund in the district building.

NOTE 13 – EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

The Central Illinois District-LCMS participates with other organizations affiliated with the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod in a multiemployer noncontributory, defined-benefit pension plan covering substantially all employees. Benefits are provided through Concordia Plan Services (the Plan). The Plan also includes coverage for health insurance as well as disability and survivor benefits. The total cost of these benefits to the Central Illinois District-LCMS for the year ended December 31, 2017 and 2016 were \$212,967 and \$210,573, respectively.

Accumulated plan benefits information, as provided by consulting actuaries, has not been distinguished from the benefits of the other organizations participating in the multiemployer Plan and, accordingly, such information is not presented herein. However the December 31, 2016 audited financial statements of the Plan reflected approximately \$3.1 billion in net assets available for benefits.