

**Forty-Sixth Biennial Convention of the Minnesota District**

**“Declare His Praises”**

Martin Luther College, New Ulm, MN

**June 10 - 12, 2008**

<b>Tuesday, Session 1, 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM</b>		
9:00 AM	Opening Service at St. Paul’s, New Ulm	
11:00 AM	Organization of Convention	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Committee # 1: Credentials and Membership</li> </ul>	Pastor Paul Tessmer
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Greetings from Martin Luther College</li> </ul>	David Wendler Vice-President for Academics
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Additional Greetings</li> </ul>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Committee # 17: Housing</li> </ul>	Pastor Jeffrey Schone
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Committee # 16: Convention Steering</li> </ul>	Pastor Charles Degner
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Committee # 6: Media Relations</li> </ul>	Pastor Jeffrey Bovee
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Committee # 14: Courtesy and Printing</li> </ul>	Pastor John Boeder
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Committee # 15: Copy Review</li> </ul>	Pastor Joel Luetke
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Committee # 3: Nominations Committee</li> </ul>	Pastor Paul Schmeling
11:25 AM	Presidents Report	President Larry Cross
11:50 AM	Committee # 5: Elections	Teacher Kurt Schmidt
12:00 PM	Lunch	
	<i>1:00 – 1:30 PM: Computer / Network orientation with secretaries and committee chairmen in Room 221 of Old Main</i>	
<b>Tuesday Afternoon, Session 2, 1:30 PM – 5:00 PM</b>		
1:30 PM	Devotion:	Rev. Tom Hartwig
1:45 PM	Session 1 Minutes Committee # 5: Elections	Secretary Michael Hatzung Teacher Kurt Schmidt
2:00 PM	Paper: “Congregations Encourage Godly Giving”	Rev. Jonathan Rossman Ministry of Christian Giving
3:00 PM	Response to the paper	
3:15 PM	Committee # 5: Elections	Teacher Kurt Schmidt
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3:45 PM	Introduction of the Jubilee Offering	President Larry Cross
4:15 PM	Committee # 5: Elections	Teacher Kurt Schmidt
4:30 PM	Introduction to Convention Bible Study	Pastor Jonathan Brohn
4:40 PM	Announcements Closing Prayer	Rev. Tom Hartwig
4:45 PM	Bible Study: 2 Corinthians 8: 1-9 Excel in the Grace of Giving	On the convention floor
5:20 PM	Preliminary Committee Meetings	
5:30 PM	Supper	
<b>Tuesday Evening</b>		
6:15 PM	Committee Meetings Circuit Pastors	
7:35 PM	Biennial Meeting of LIMA (Lutheran Institutional Ministry Association)	
8:30 PM	Committee Meetings	
<b>Wednesday Morning, Session 3, 8:30 AM – 12:00 PM</b>		
8:30 AM	Devotion:	Pastor Scott Carmichael
8:45 AM	Session 2 Minutes	Secretary Michael Hatzung
8:50 AM	Committee # 5: Elections	Teacher Kurt Schmidt
	Committee # 3: Nominations Committee	Pastor Paul Schmeling
	Committee # 4: Resolutions Committee	Pastor Don Windsperger
9:15 AM	Reports from District Committees	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Report / Home Missions The district will acknowledge the faithful service of Wayne Hilgendorf, Norm Mischke, and Bruce Jannish</li> </ul>	Pastor Wayne Hilgendorf
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parish Schools</li> </ul>	Teacher Daniel Whitney
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adult Discipleship</li> </ul>	Pastor Roger Knepprath
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Evangelism</li> </ul>	Pastor Jeff Limpert
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Special Ministries</li> </ul>	Pastor James Strand
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Worship</li> </ul>	Pastor Paul Tessmer
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Youth Discipleship</li> </ul>	Pastor Ron Siemers
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Care Committee for Called Workers</li> </ul>	Pastor Mark Falck
9:15 AM	Representative of the Ad Hoc Committee	Pastor Joel Voss

10:30 AM	Recess	
10:45 AM	Committee # 5: Elections	Teacher Kurt Schmidt
11:00 AM	District Representative to the Synodical Council	Mr. Paul Holzhueter
11:15 AM	Bible Study: 2 Corinthians 8: 10-24 Administering the Gifts of God's People	
11:50 AM	Announcements Closing Prayer	Pastor Scott Carmichael
12:00 PM	Lunch	
<b>Wednesday Afternoon, Session 4, 1:30 PM – 5:00 PM</b>		
1:30 PM	Devotion:	Pastor Tim Smith
1:45 PM	Session 3 Minutes	Secretary Michael Hatzung
1:50 PM	Elections	Teacher Kurt Schmidt
2:00 PM	Representative of the Ad Hoc Committee	Pastor Joel Voss
3:00 PM	Recess	
3:30 PM	Representative of the Ad Hoc Committee, continued	
3:45 PM	Convention Business	
	• Committee .# 12: Special Matters	Pastor Stephen Meyer
	• Committee # 7: Home Missions	Pastor Jeremy Glowicki
	• Committee # 8: World Missions	Pastor Darren Green
	• Committee # 9: Ministerial Education	Pastor Tim Bode
	• Committee # 10: Parish Services	Pastor Michael Dietz
	• Committee # 11: Administrative Services	Pastor Mark Kock
4:50 PM	Announcements Closing Prayer	Pastor Tim Smith
5:00 PM	Recognition of Pastor Cross'16 Years of Service to the District	
5:30 PM	Supper	
<b>Wednesday Evening, Session 5, 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM</b>		
7:00 PM	Devotion:	Pastor Michael Otterstatter
7:15 PM	Session 4 Minutes	Secretary Michael Hatzung
7: 20 PM	Convention Business	
	• Committee Reports	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>District Constitution Committee</li> </ul>	Pastor Tim Smith
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>District Legislation Committee</li> </ul>	Pastor Arnold Lemke
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Statistical Report</li> </ul>	Secretary Michael Hatzung
8: 45 PM	Announcements	
8:55 PM	Closing Prayer	Pastor Michael Otterstatter
<b>Thursday Morning, Session 6, 8:30 AM 0 12:00 PM</b>		
8:30 AM	Devotion:	Pastor John Meyer
8:45 AM	Session 5 Minutes	Secretary Michael Hatzung
8:50 AM	Setting the date for the 2010 Convention	
9:00 AM	Ministry of Christian Giving	Pastor Duane Schmeichel
9:15 AM	Committee Reports	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Unfinished reports</li> </ul>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Committee # 1: Membership</li> </ul>	Pastor Paul Tessmer
9:30 AM	WELS Church Extension Fund	Mr. Norm Mischke
9:45 AM	Bible Study: 2 Corinthians 9 Sow Generously and Trust in God's Grace	
10:15 AM	Recess	
10:30 AM	MLC Public Relations	Prof. Bill Pekrul
10:45 AM	Lutheran Home – Belle Plaine	Curt Seefeldt
11:00 AM	Committee Reports	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Committee # 4: Resolutions and President's Report</li> </ul>	Pastor Don Windsperger
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Committee # 3: Nominations</li> </ul>	Pastor Paul Schmeling
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Committee # 2: Registration</li> </ul>	Professor Ron Brutlag
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Committee # 13: Excuses</li> </ul>	Pastor Jonathan Kruschel
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Board of Support</li> </ul>	Pastor Charles Degner
11:15 AM	Unfinished Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Session 6 Minutes</li> <li>President's Closing Remarks</li> <li>Adjournment</li> </ul>	
11:30 AM	Closing Service	Pastor Mark Falck
12:15 PM	Lunch	

## **Minnesota District Floor Chairmen**

<b>2008 Committee Name</b>	<b>Committee Chairman</b>
#01 Credentials and Membership .....	Pastor Paul Tessmer
#02 Registration .....	Professor Ron Brutlag
#03 Nominations .....	Pastor Paul Schmeling
#04 Resolutions .....	Pastor Don Windsperger
#05 Elections .....	Teacher Kurt Schmidt
#06 Media Relations: .....	Pastor Jeff Bovee
#07 Home Missions .....	Pastor Jeremy Glowicki
#08 World Missions.....	Pastor Darren Green
#09 Ministerial Education .....	Pastor Tim Bode
#10 Parish Services .....	Pastor Michael Dietz
#11 Administrative Services .....	Pastor Mark Kock
#12 Special Matters .....	Pastor Stephen Meyer
#13 Excuses .....	Pastor Jonathan Kruschel
#14 Courtesy and Printing .....	Pastor John Boeder
#15 Copy Review .....	Pastor Joel Luetke
#16 Convention Steering.....	Pastor Charles Degner
#17 Housing .....	Professor Jeff Schone

### **Resource People**

Parish Schools .....	Teacher Daniel Whitney, chmn
Adult Discipleship .....	Pastor Roger Knepprath, chmn
Evangelism .....	Pastor Jeff Limpert, chmn
Special Ministries .....	Pastor James Strand, chmn
Worship .....	Pastor Paul Tessmer, chmn
Youth Discipleship .....	Pastor Ron Siemers, chmn
Care for Called Workers .....	Pastor Mark Falck, chmn

### **Report Submitted by:**

Committee # 16 Convention Steering  
 Pastor Charles Degner, Chairman