

2008 Minnesota District Convention

Martin Luther College

1995 Luther Court, New Ulm MN 56073

June 10-12, 2008

Convention Information

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Ballot and Biography information will be posted at WELSMN.org prior to the convention. Please visit this site in order to gain access to the materials.

Registration Fee

The convention cost is \$75 per delegate. Registrations mailed after May 31 are \$85. Every congregation is to submit the fee whether they have a delegate in attendance or not. A registration fee is due for each active pastor, male teacher, vicar, male staff minister and the lay delegate from each congregation. *Please make checks payable to **“Martin Luther College.”***

Check In

All convention materials will be given to delegates at the registration tables located **in the lobby outside of the Luther Student Center Gymnasium**. Check in time for all delegates is Monday evening 7:00–10:00 p.m. or before & after the opening service on Tuesday until 11:00 a.m.

Parking

Delegates will receive specific parking instructions when they register on campus.

Convention Worship

The opening worship service will be held on Tuesday morning, June 10, at **9:00 a.m., at St. Paul Lutheran Church**, located on the corner of State Street and 2nd North. Confer the enclosed map for directions.

Opening Session

The opening session of the convention is scheduled for Tuesday, June 10, at 11:00 a.m. in the air-conditioned MLC gymnasium. This session will hear reports from

the Committees on Credentials and Membership, Housing, Media Relations, Courtesy and Printing, Copy Review, the Convention Steering Committee, and the Report of the President. Chairmen of these committees are to send their reports to the Housing Committee for duplication and insertion into the delegates' folders. ***These reports must be received by May 31.***

New Members of the District

Pastors, teachers, and staff ministers who are new to the Minnesota District, and lay delegates from newly received congregations should sign the District Constitution at the secretary's desk sometime during the convention sessions.

Convention Committees

The chairmen of the floor committees are asked to appoint their own secretaries. Committee Secretaries should be computer-literate, since all resolutions and reports will be saved to file on the MLC computer network. Second Vice-President Luetke will be contacting you with the particulars for your floor committee under separate cover. The convention will begin to hear reports on Wednesday.

The Election Committee will meet after the opening service at 10:30 a.m. (30 minutes before the opening session at the college) in the room in the Luther Student Center next to the vending machines.

Displays

Committees, organizations, or commissions desiring space for display purposes are asked to contact the Housing Committee (Jeff Schone) prior to the convention to let him know what you will be bringing and if you will need a 6' table for display. **Please try to honor the May 31 date for requests for space.**

Computers and Wireless Connectivity

WIRELESS connectivity is available on the convention floor and in the dorm lobbies. **WIRED** connections are available in dorm rooms (the red data jacks!!) Directions on how to connect your computer to the internet will be included in the convention folder.

Phones and FAX

Those without cell phones should note that incoming phone calls can be made to the following numbers:

- 8 AM to 5 PM ☎ (507) 354-8221 MLC switchboard
☎ (507) 233-9125 Courtesy Desk
- 5 PM to 8 AM ☎ (507) 217-9764 Housing Comm.
☎ (507) 354-6915 Dormitory Office

FAX service is available at the MLC reception desk – the FAX number is 507-354-8225

Convention Meals

Delegates will be provided with the following meals:

- Tuesday – breakfast, lunch, supper
- Wednesday – breakfast, lunch, supper
- Thursday – breakfast & lunch

Meals will feature several entrée selections as well as a variety of salads and desserts. **Delegates are reminded to sign up for the meals they plan to eat on campus when they fill out their registration sheet.**

Refreshments

Beverages will be available during the convention sessions, but no snack bar will be operated. Refreshments will also be available Tuesday and Wednesday evenings.

Smoking

Smoking is not allowed within any of the buildings on the MLC campus, **including the dormitories**. If you choose to smoke, please do so out-of-doors.

Convention Housing

Housing during the convention will be provided in the MLC dormitories unless delegates are commuting from home or have made their own housing arrangements.

MLC Dormitories

The dormitories at MLC have four floors. Not all dorms are equipped with elevators and delegates who cannot climb stairs should request first floor housing. This request – along with requests for other special needs – should be made by including a letter with the registration sheet you will be returning to the Convention Planning Committee. The dorms are not air conditioned and delegates are encouraged to bring their own fans.

Delegates will need to supply their own linens, pillows and towels. Delegates staying in the dorm may also wish to bring such items as clothes hangers, an alarm clock, electric fan and other personal items.

Local Motels

Delegates may choose to arrange for housing accommodations at local motels. Costs for motel accommodations are the responsibility of the delegate and will not be paid by the district. If you choose to stay in a motel, you are asked to make your own reservation. We would suggest that you make your reservation soon. *[Please refer to the accompanying sheet which lists the motels and lodging options available in the New Ulm vicinity.]*

We will not be able to provide accommodations for RV parking on campus.....

...however, you will note that Flandrau State Park does have camping sites and washroom facilities. In addition, this State Park is within walking distance of the MLC campus.

LIMA

Lutheran Institutional Ministries Association will hold its Annual Meeting on Tuesday evening in the convention hall at 7:35 p.m.

Emeritus

All retired pastors, teachers, and professors are cordially invited to the District Convention as guests of the Minnesota District.

Health Services

MLC's on-staff registered nurse, Char Friedrich, will be available to help delegates with health care needs.

CONSTRUCTION ON CAMPUS

Construction on the MLC Chapel is set to begin and the 2nd phase of a remodeling project will be in full swing as the District Convention arrives on campus. Please use common sense and avoid construction zones during your stay. Safety is a top concern--Thanks!!

Remember....!!!

Please send Registration Forms and Fees as well as any other correspondence or questions to:

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