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Brothers in Christ:

When the apostle Paul was writing to his congregation in Thessalonica about the challenges all Christians will face as the Day of the Lord draws near, he encouraged that congregation to “encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.” (1 Thessalonians 5:11). As you gather at your conventions this month to be encouraged by God’s Word and to discuss the work we do share that Word with our world, your brothers in the Southeastern Wisconsin District send you greetings and pray that the Lord would bless your time and work together.

The Southeastern Wisconsin District will hold its 53rd Biennial Convention Tuesday and Wednesday, June 14 and 15, at Wisconsin Lutheran College in Milwaukee. We will convene under the following theme that echoes Paul’s encouragement to the Thessalonian Christians:

“Encourage One Another”

The Word and sacrament in our opening service and our devotions will strengthen and encourage us for all the work God has for us to do as his people. Pastor Keith Free, who recently stepped away from his work as the synod’s administrator for Home Missions to accept a call to a congregation in our district, will preach the sermon for our opening service. Circuit pastors will lead the other convention devotions. He will encourage us to remember the great privilege we have in sharing the gospel with others. Because he has been much involved with the synod’s upcoming “100 Missions in 10 Years” emphasis, that will certainly be on our minds as we hear his message from God’s Word.

President Richard Gurgel from Martin Luther College will present a keynote address focused on the theme of the convention. He will share the importance of mutual encouragement and charity, as we navigate the kinds of difficult circumstances we have faced the past couple of years. His experience as a new college president during this time will provide a helpful context to his words.

May God bless everything you do, brothers, both at your conventions and in your congregations and communities, to encourage one another and to share the gospel with others.

Your servant in Christ,

Pastor Billy Carter

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