

2016 Minnesota District Convention
Martin Luther College
1995 Luther Court, New Ulm MN 56073
June 14-16, 2016
Convention Information

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 7:00–9:00 p.m. or Tuesday from 8:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Parking

There is plenty of parking on campus to accommodate all our delegates. Please do not park in the visitor lot featuring our flags and college seal. Since our summer residents are living on the third and fourth floors of Concord Hall this summer **PLEASE DO NOT PARK BEHIND CONCORD HALL**, which is their assigned lot.

Convention Worship

The opening worship service will be held on Tuesday morning, June 14, **at 9:00 am** in MLC's Chapel of the Christ.

Opening Session

The opening session of the convention is scheduled for Tuesday, June 14, after our worship service in the air-conditioned MLC gymnasium.

Election Information and Biographies

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

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 sent by email to copyreview@seelsorger.org or dsutton324@gmail.com.

Displays

Committees, organizations, or commissions desiring space for display purposes are asked to fill out the Google Form that can be found at: <http://goo.gl/forms/uik6GZJq8M> Event Coordinator Michelle Gartner will use that information to make sure you have a space reserved. **Please honor the June 6 date for requests.**

Health Services

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

FAX

You can receive messages via FAX at the convention. The MLC FAX number is (507) 354-8225. Messages to you via FAX should be clearly labeled.

Phones

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

Convention Meals

Delegates will be served meals in the MLC Cafeteria. 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 online.**

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 in the cafeteria.

Smoking

Smoking is not allowed within any of the buildings on the MLC campus, **including the dormitories**. If you choose to smoke, you may only do so in a parking lot!!

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. This year space on campus is tight. Augustana Hall is shut-down for plumbing infrastructure work and Concord floors 3 & 4 are housing summer students/residents. **We will need to put 2 men in a room this summer.**

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, and other personal items. The dorms at MLC are not air conditioned and delegates are encouraged to bring their own fans.

Special Needs

Special health or physical needs should be communicated to the Housing Committee Chairman, Jeff Schone via the online registration process.

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.

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.

Questions or changes?

If you have questions or there are changes in the information you have sent, direct correspondence to:

**Minnesota District Convention
c/o Michelle Gartner, Event Coordinator
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(507) 354-8221 FAX (507) 354-8225
Email: gartneml@mlc-wels.edu
Cell phone: 507-217-6157**

Internet Access

There will be wireless access on the convention floor. Instructions will be given in your binder and on the screens. **There is no wireless access in dorm rooms.**