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Brothers in Christ:

The closing chapters of the letters of the Apostle Paul make it clear how much he appreciated the partnership in the gospel that he shared with the members of his congregations. Your brothers in the Southeastern Wisconsin District appreciate the partnership in the gospel that we share with all of you as well. We send you greetings and pray that the Lord would bless that partnership at each of your conventions.

The Southeastern Wisconsin District will hold its 54th Biennial Convention Tuesday and Wednesday, June 11 and 12, on the campus of Wisconsin Lutheran College in Milwaukee. We will convene under the theme "Partners in the Gospel."

The Word and sacrament in our opening service and our devotions will focus on and also strengthen the partnership we have with each other and with you. In our opening service, Professor Noah Headrick of Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary will preach on the thanks Paul expresses for his gospel partners in the opening chapter of his letter to the Philippians. Circuit pastors will lead the other convention devotions, each of which will focus on other blessings we share because of our partnership in the gospel.

In their keynote address, Pastor Eric Roecker and Mr. Kurt Nitz will lead us in a discussion about congregational culture and its impact on our partnership in the gospel. They will especially help us to identify a congregation's culture and how to improve it.

As we pray that the Lord would bless our partnership in the gospel, both at our convention and in our congregations, we pray that the Lord would bring those same blessings to you at your conventions and in your congregations.

Your servant in Christ,

Pastor Billy Carter, Secretary
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