

2024 Minnesota District Convention
Martin Luther College
1995 Luther Court, New Ulm MN 56073
June 18-19, 2024

Convention Information

Registration

Register online at welsmn.org. You will not pay at the time of registration. An invoice will be sent to your congregation.

Check In

Paper 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 5:00–8:00 p.m. or Tuesday from 8:00—10:00 a.m.

Paperless Convention

Since elections will be conducted electronically, we ask you to bring your own device to access the internet. A cell phone, tablet, or laptop computer will work. A limited number of devices will be available to borrow.

Emeriti

All retired pastors, teachers, staff ministers and professors are invited to observe the District Convention as guests of the Minnesota District. Please register online.

Parking

There is plenty of parking on campus to accommodate all our delegates. PLEASE PARK in these lots: 1) by the football field, 2) by the softball diamond 3) by the MLC Chapel

PLEASE DO NOT PARK in the visitor lot featuring our flags and college seal. Since our summer residents are living in Centennial Hall this summer PLEASE DO NOT PARK BEHIND CENTENNIAL HALL, which is their assigned lot.

Convention Worship

The opening worship service will be held on Tuesday morning, June 18, **at 9:00 am** in MLC's Chapel of the Christ. After worship, the opening session will begin right away in the MLC gymnasium.

Election Information and Biographies

Ballot and Biography information will be posted to the convention homepage 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.

Displays

Committees, organizations, or commissions desiring space for display purposes are asked to fill out the Google Form that can be found at: <https://forms.gle/gNgBn4DjYVpZxyWt5> Event Coordinator Michelle Gartner will use that information to make sure you have a space reserved. **Please honor the June 1 date for requests.**

Health Services

MLC's on-staff registered nurse, Kelsey Horn, will be available to help delegates with health care needs. Her office is in the Luther Student Center. She can also be reached at 507-441-1372.

If there is a medical emergency, please call 911.

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

Incoming phone calls can be made to the following number:

8 AM to 4 PM ☎ (507) 354-8221 MLC switchboard

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. **The first meal served will be Tuesday, June 18 at noon for lunch.**

Refreshments

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

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

However, 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.

Questions or changes?

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

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Email: gartneml@mlc-wels.edu
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Internet Access

There will be wireless access on the convention floor and throughout campus including the dorms. Instructions will be given at your seat and on the screens.