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Brothers in Christ,

Peter's response to Jesus' question in John 6 about whether or not the Twelve wanted to join the crowds who were leaving Jesus that day was both a question and an unequivocal answer, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life."

What a blessing to be able to gather as districts this month, not only to conduct our respective business and elections, but also to take some time to focus on those words of eternal life and our mission to share those words with our world. Your brothers in the Southeastern Wisconsin District send you greetings and pray that the Lord would bless the time that you spend with Jesus' words at each of your conventions.

The Southeastern Wisconsin District will hold its 55th Biennial Convention Tuesday and Wednesday, June 9 and 10, on the campus of Wisconsin Lutheran College in Milwaukee. We will convene under the theme "Lord, to Whom Shall We Go?"

The Word and sacrament in our opening service and our devotions will lead us to acknowledge, with Peter, that we don't have any place to go besides the life-giving words of our Savior. Professor David Bivens of Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary will preach on Peter's words in John 6 in our opening service. Several of our circuit pastors will lead the other convention devotions, which will also remind us that Jesus is indeed the only one to whom we can go, and to whom we can lead our people.

In his keynote address, Pastor James Hein will ask us to consider how we might speak Jesus' words of eternal life winsomely, joyfully, relationally, and faithfully to young adults, the 18-25 year-olds who, like those crowds in Capernaum, are leaving our ministry settings, and doing so at a greater rate than any other age group.

As we pray that the Lord would bless us through his words of eternal life, 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

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