

THE FIFTY-FIRST BIENNIAL CONVENTION  
THE MINNESOTA DISTRICT OF WELS

Martin Luther College  
New Ulm, Minnesota

June 12–14, 2018

SESSION ONE

OPENING SERVICE

The Fifty-first Biennial Convention of the Minnesota District of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod opened with a communion service at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, June 12, 2018, at the Chapel of the Christ on the campus of Martin Luther College in New Ulm. Pastor John Boeder served as the presiding minister. Pastor Don Sutton delivered the sermon based on Romans 11:5,6 with the theme *Grace is Absolute*. The offering totaled \$2084.33. Prof. Craig Hirschmann served as the organist and Bethel Boeder as the Choir Director.

OPENING

President Charles Degner opened the convention in the name of the Triune God at 11:00 a.m.

COMMITTEE 1

Pastor Paul Tessmer, from the Credentials and Membership Committee #1, presented his report. Resolution #1 regarding credentials was adopted.

GREETING

MLC Vice President Steve Thiesfeldt welcomed the delegates to the campus of Martin Luther College.

COMMITTEE 17

MLC Vice President Jeff Schone shared announcements regarding housing, internet and parking.

COMMITTEE 16

First Vice President Dennis Klatt reported for the Convention Steering Committee.

COMMITTEE 6

Pastor Jeff Bovee of Media Relations reported for Committee #6.

COMMITTEE 14

Pastor John Boeder, chairman of Committee #14, encouraged the delegates to make use of his Courtesy and Printing Committee's services.

COMMITTEE 15

Second Vice President Jon Bitter reported for the Copy Review Committee.

COMMITTEE 3

Nominations Committee Chairman, Henry Koch, reported on the nomination list for elections. This year, the ballot also has biographic information included with it.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

District President Charles Degner presented his report to the Minnesota District.

ELECTIONS

Elections Chair, Michael Butzow, shared information regarding the offices and process for electing the district presidium. The convention took time to discuss potential candidates. The call was made for nominations by paper ballot for the office of District President.

WLC

Pastor Wayne Shevey reported for Wisconsin Lutheran College.

CLOSING

Announcements were shared and session 1 closed at noon.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael R. Hatzung, Secretary