

## VOTING DELEGATES

<b>Congregation Name</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>Pastoral Delegate</b>	<b>Lay Member Delegate</b>
Redeemer	Anaconda	Vacant-Non-Calling Gale Everson	Patrick Donahue
Holy Trinity/Grace	Belgrade/Three Forks	Bruce E. Linderman	Cheryl Lehr
Christ the King	Billings	Ryan Wendt	Lori Westman
Hope/Our Redeemer	Billings/Worden	Robert Lane	Earl H. Abbey
Mt. Olive	Billings	Mark Grunst	Paul Reinker
Our Savior	Billings	Kenneth Zoeller	Keith A. Myhre
Trinity	Billings	Timothy Richholt	Arnold Schultz
Faith	Boulder	Vacant Non Calling Gale Everson	M.C. Orr
First	Bozeman		Roger Van Andel
St. Paul/St. John	Bridger/Belfry	Timothy Daub	Dennis Wegner
St. Mark/Zion	Butte	Christopher Wareham	Leonard Koehler
Mt. Calvary	Colstrip	Vacancy	Monte Wilke
Our Redeemer	Columbia Falls	Matthew Nelson	Donald Martinez
Church at Creston	Creston	Darold Reiner	Jim Sappington
Crow Lutheran Ministry	Crow Agency	Daniel Jacobs	Bobbi Schenderline
St. John	Deer Lodge	Vacant	Jerry Roseleip
Shepherd of the Hills	Ennis	Kenneth Stensrud	Janice Witt
Holy Cross	Eureka	Christopher Tabbert	Larry Benson
Concordia/Trinity	Forsyth/Hysham	John Vallie	None
First	Fort Benton	Vacancy-Non Calling	None
Our Savior/Grace	Glendive/Fallon	James Hageman	Robert Andersen
Peace/Christ for the Deaf	Great Falls	Steven Schlund	Darrell Greenwood
Trinity	Great Falls	Kent Stenzel	Joel Kempff
Grace	Hamilton	Vern Sandersfeld	Joel Olinghouse
Redeemer	Hardin	James Koss	Dave Chepulis
Trinity	Harlowton	Alfred Ebel	Donald Amundson
St. Paul/Zion	Havre/Chinook	Mark Schultz	Patty Wass
First	Helena	Larry Miller	Gary Obermueller
Trinity	Kalispell	Mark Cutler	Arlan Kohl

Circle of Life	Lame Deer	Dennis Bauer	Russell Lundgren
St. John	Laurel	Arlo Pullmann	Roy Williams
St. John	Libby	Eric Christiansen	Neil Textor
Trinity/Trinity	Miles City/Angela	Howard Schreibeis	Bill Wolf
First	Missoula	David Renfro	John Mandler
Messiah	Missoula	David Hasselbrook	Stephen Wallace
St. Paul	Park City	Douglas Thompson	Gerald Strecker
Trinity	Plentywood	Vacancy-Non Calling	None
Mt. Calvary/Zion	Polson/St. Ignatius	Aaron Stinnett	Reynold Unger
Zion/St. John	Power/Fairfield	Justin Herman	Leo Somerfeld
St. Paul	Ronan	Mark Nicolaus	Joseph G. Brooks
St. Paul	Roundup	Vacancy-Non Calling	Dale C. Rittierodt
Shepherd of the Valley	Salmon, Idaho	Kevin Peterson	Dorene Johnson
Holy Cross/Faith	Seeley Lake/Condon	Erik Iverson	Jackie Knudsen
Trinity/St. John	Sidney/Fairview	David Warner	Garth Kallevig
Trinity/Our Savior/St. Paul	Stanford/Denton/ Lewistown	Eric Stinnett	Sheila J. Crosmer
Our Savior	Stevensville	Vacant	Larry Baughn
Trinity	Superior	Raymond Wiegert	Marion Swanson
St. Peter	Whitefish	James Maxwell	Otto Ratz
Zion	Whitehall		Renata Godfrey
Concordia	Williston ND	Jay Reinke	Robert Guderjohn
Trinity/Faith	Wolf Point/Glasgow	George Draper	Brad Persinger

# ADVISORY DELEGATES

## Ordained Ministers

Rev Daniel Rinderknecht, Trinity, Billings  
Rev. Bruce Zagel  
Rev. Gregory DeMuth, Trinity, Kalispell

## Certified Lay Ministers

Mr. Jerry Schreck, Trinity, Kalispell

## Emeriti Ministers

Rev. Gilbert Berninghaus  
Rev. William Bliese  
Rev. Paul Blunck  
Rev. Arnold Fischer  
Rev. Martin Kaarre  
Rev. Al Kasten

Rev. Ray Larson  
Rev. Jason Menagh  
Rev. Daniel Ondov

Rev. Herbert Schiefelbein  
Rev. Richard Thompson

Rev. Myron Wackler  
Rev. Robert Weishoff

## Candidate/Non-Candidate Status

Rev. Robert Mitchell  
Rev. Wade Harr  
Rev. Glen Hauser  
Rev. Tim Wilmot

## Board of Directors Members

Rev. Terry Forke, President  
Rev. Arlo Pullmann, First Vice-President  
Rev. Chris Tabbert, Second Vice-President  
Rev. Howard Schreibeis, Secretary  
Rev. Mark Grunst

## Chaplains on Active Duty

Marc DiConti, US Navy  
Timothy Gordish

## Commissioned Ministers

Jennifer Boll, Trinity, Billings  
Rebecca Braaten, Trinity, Kalispell  
Joann Cutler, Trinity, Kalispell  
Suzanne Elliott, Kalispell  
Lynne Erger, Trinity, Billings  
Andrea Heiliger, Trinity, Billings  
David Hobus, Trinity, Kalispell  
Kenneth Holste, Trinity, Kalispell  
Hoyle Hoover DCE, First, Helena  
Melody Johnson,  
Trinity, Kalispell  
Becky Kern, Trinity, Kalispell  
Thomas Kosche, Trinity, Billings  
Ted Loomans, Trinity Billings  
Kristin McCauley, Trinity, Kalispell  
Laura McCoy, Trinity, Billings  
Suzanne Rasmussen,  
Trinity, Kalispell  
Shannon Ritter, Kalispell  
Amy Schleicher, Trinity, Billings  
Jason Schleicher DCE,  
Trinity, Billings  
Heidi Schwartz, Kalispell  
Lisa Steinbrenner,  
Trinity, Kalispell  
Melissa Sutton, Williston, ND  
Richard Thomas, Trinity, Billings  
David Topp, Trinity, Kalispell

## Emeriti Commissioned Ministers

Ruth Endicott, Deaconess  
Steve Endicott, DCE  
Ardith Johnson  
Judith VanAndel  
Roger VanAndel  
Wilhelm Wegner

David Hobus  
Johnny "Crow" Buck  
Frank Delgado  
Harry Trangmoe  
Mark Scott  
Steve Hildenburg

# COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

**“Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering for He who promised is faithful”**  
Hebrews 10:23

## **Committee # 1 - Missions, Indian, Campus, Deaf**

*Chairman:* Christopher Tabbert

*Pastor:* Eric Christiansen, David Hasselbrook, Kent Stenzel, Vernon Sandersfeld, Aaron Stinnett, John Vallie

*Commissioned:* Kenneth Holste, Ted Loomans, Amy Schleicher, Lisa Steinbrenner, David Topp

*Lay:* Dale Rittierodt, Gerald Strecker, Dave Chepulis, Darrel Greenwood, Gerald Roseleip, Jason Johnston, Roger Van Andel, Renata Godfrey, Dorene Johnson

*Advisory:* Gregory Demuth

*BOD:* Jerry Roseleip

*Resource:* Ray Larson, Dan Jacobs, Ryan Wendt

## **Committee #2 - Evangelism, Human Care, Worship**

*Chairman:* Daniel Rinderknecht

*Pastor:* Dennis Bauer, Alfred Ebel, Justin Herman, James Maxwell, David Renfro, Eric Stinnett, Kenneth Zoeller

*Commissioned:* Rebecca Braaten, Joann Cutler, Thomas Kosche, Shannon Ritter,

*Lay:* Earl Abbey, Jackie Knudson, Bill Wolf, Bobbi Schenderline, M.C. Orr, Neil Textor, Stephen Wallace, Brad Persinger, Gary Obermueller, Otto Ratz

*Advisory:* Gale Everson

*BOD:* Keith Meier

*Resource:* Darold Reiner, Diane Thompson

## **Committee # 3 - Stewardship, LCEF, LCMS Foundation**

*Chairman:* Robert Lane

*Pastor:* George Draper, Bruce Linderman, Mark Nicolaus, Steven Schlund, Mark Schultz, Kenneth Stensrud

*Commissioned:* Lynne Erger, Melody Johnson, Jerry Schreck

*Lay:* Garth Kallevig, Reynold Unger, Roy Williams, Robert Andersen, Jim Sappington, Leonard Koehler, Paul Reinker, Larry Benson, Larry Baughn

*BOD:* Frank Delgado

*Resource:* Kent Stenzel, Lyle Grimes, Terry Forke

## **Committee #4 - Education, Youth, Communications**

*Chairman:* James Hageman

*Pastor:* Timothy Daub, Larry Miller, Timothy Richholt, Matthew Nelson, Chris Wareham, Raymond Wiegert

*Commissioned:* Andrea Heiliger, Hoyle Hoover, Kristin McCauley

*Lay:* Robert Guderjohn, Patty Wass, Joel Kempff, Monte Wilke, Cheryl Lehr, Joseph Brooks, Janice Witt, Arlan Kohl

*BOD:* David Hobus

*Resource:* Patricia Stricker, Mark Grunst

**Committee # 5 - Administration, Special overtures**

*Chairman:* Richard Thompson

*Pastor:* Mark Cutler, Mark Grunst, Erik Iverson, Kevin Peterson, Jay Reinke, Doug Thompson, David Warner

*Commissioned:* Jennifer Boll, Jason Schleicher, Richard Thomas

*Lay:* Marion Swanson, Leo Somerfeld, Donald Amundson, Joel Olinghouse, Keith Myhre, Lori Westman, Dennis Wegner, Patrick Donahue, Sheila Crosmer, Arnold Schultz

*BOD:* Crow Buck,

*Resource:* Terry Forke, Arlo Pullmann

**Committee # 6 - Nominations and Elections**

*Chairman:* Daniel Jacobs

*Pastor:* Darold Reiner, James Koss

*Commissioned:* Suzanne Rasmussen

*Lay:* Roy Arves, Mel Ganskop, B.J. Mayer

**Committee # 7 - Credentials, Registration**

*Chairman:* Raymond Larson

*Pastor:* Howard Schreibeis

*Commissioned:* Becky Sue Kern

**Committee # 8 - Equalization**

*Chairman:* John Mandler

*Pastor:* Jason Menagh, Timothy Gordish, Sam Grayl

*Commissioned:* Laura McCoy

*Lay:* Russell Lundgren

**Convention Chaplain:** Pastor Arlo Pullmann

**Convention Manager:** Lorli Mercer, Donny Ganskop

**Convention Minutes:** Pastor Howard Schreibeis

**Print room:** Kathy Zagel, Marjorie Pullmann

**Technical Guru:** Pastor Ryan Wendt

# MINUTES OF THE MONTANA DISTRICT LCMS CONVENTION Billings, Montana – June 15-18, 2009

“Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering,  
for He who promised is faithful.”  
(Hebrews 10:23)

## **Monday - June 15**

After the committees met during the day, President Forke opened the convention at 3:45 p.m. with the invocation and an opening prayer.

### **Augsburg Confession Part I**

Philip Melancthon (Greg Hein) read the preface and Articles 1 – 16 of the Augsburg Confession. The delegates discussed questions related to those articles. President Forke reminded the delegates that “justification” is the chief article of the Christian faith.

Rev. Arlo Pullmann closed the afternoon session with prayer.

The opening worship was held at Mount Olive Lutheran Church at 7:00 p.m. with 1<sup>st</sup> vice-president Diekelman preaching and Rev. Mark Grunst as liturgist.

## **Tuesday - June 16**

Opening devotions were led by Convention Chaplain Rev. Arlo Pullmann with Flathead Circuit Counselor Rev. Chris Tabbert preaching. The reading was from Hebrews 8:1-13.

President Forke explained some parliamentary procedures to the delegates to facilitate their convention work.

### **Committee #7 – Registration and Credentials**

Resolution 7-01 TO SEAT AUTHORIZED VOTING DELEGATES was presented by Committee Chairman Rev. Ray Larson. Seconded. Adopted.

Resolution 7-02 TO RECOGNIZE AUTHORIZED ADVISORY DELEGATES was presented by Committee Chairman Rev. Ray Larson. Seconded. Adopted.

Rev. Larson reported that there are 32 pastor voting delegates, 42 lay voting delegates and 24 advisory delegates.

Motion to adopt the agenda in the convention workbook pages 15-17. Seconded and Carried.

### **District President’s Report**

District President Forke gave his report and address to the convention. The outline follows:

1. The world is changing
2. God does not change
3. Therefore, let us hold fast to our confession – holding fast to the Word of God.

### **Committee #6 – Nominations and Elections Committee**

Nominations and Elections Committee Chairman Rev. Dan Jacobs introduced the nominees for the various offices and positions of the Montana District to the delegates of the convention – president, vice-president, BOD members, etc.

The first order of business is the election of District President – the nominees are Rev. Terry Forke, Rev. Mark Grunst, and Rev. Arlo Pullmann. The ballots were distributed and the delegates voted.

President Forke welcomed new members of District since the last District convention (2006). He also introduced Steve Hildenburg – District Treasurer, Kathy Zagel – District Office secretary, and Chaplain Tim Gordish (former pastor of Shepherd of the Valley, Salmon, ID).

## **Report of Synodical Representative**

Dr. William Diekelman, Synodical 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-president, brought a report to the convention by reading a letter and through a video presentation from President Kieschnick.

A “delegate-count” problem was identified during the vote count for District President. It was discovered that there were more ballots than registered voting delegates. The credentials committee will work with those running the registration table to resolve the discrepancy.

## **Augsburg Confession Part II**

Philip Melancthon (Greg Hein) read Articles 17 – 23 of the Augsburg Confession. The delegates discussed questions related to those articles.

## **Committee #7 – Registration and Credentials**

Regarding the discrepancy between the number of voting delegates and the number of credential cards: some delegates had been registered without being asked to submit their credentials card. Before Resolution 7-03 was presented, it was moved, seconded, and carried to add Rev. Dennis Bauer and Russell Lundgren from Circle of Life, Muddy Cluster to Resolution 7-03.

Resolution 7-03 TO SEAT AUTHORIZED VOTING DELEGATES was presented by Committee Chairman Rev. Ray Larson. Seconded. Adopted.

In the Credentials Committee’s updated report, Rev. Larson stated that there are 34 pastor voting delegates and 45 lay voting delegates.

## **Committee #6 – Nominations and Elections Committee**

The first ballot for District President was declared to be invalid because of the discrepancy between the registered and voting delegates. Ballots for District President were distributed and the delegates voted.

The delegates recessed for lunch following a closing prayer by Rev. Chris Tabbert.

Opening devotions for the afternoon were led by Convention Chaplain Rev. Arlo Pullmann with Divide Circuit Counselor Rev. Gale Everson preaching. The reading was from Hebrews 9:1-14.

## **Committee #6 – Nominations and Elections Committee**

Rev. Jacobs reported that President Forke has been re-elected as District President. The vote count is as follows: 67 – Rev. Terry Forke, 2 – Rev. Mark Grunst, 6 – Rev. Arlo Pullmann

There were no additional nominations from the floor for 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-president of the District. The ballots were distributed and the delegates were instructed to vote for either Rev. Arlo Pullmann or Rev. Chris Tabbert.

## **Report of Synodical Representative (cont’d)**

Since the vast majority of the submitted questions for the Synodical President’s representative had to do with the BRTFSSG (Blue Ribbon Task Force on Synodical Structure and Governance), it was Moved and seconded to change the orders for the day to hear the BRTFSSG report at this time. Carried.

1<sup>st</sup> VP Diekelman gave the report on the BRTFSSG. The delegates were invited to respond on the feedback form which was handed out. It was moved, seconded and carried to distribute Rev. Tabbert's information (which was provided to convention Committee #5 regarding his written response to the BRTFSSG's online material) to all the voting and advisory delegates as soon as possible. 1<sup>st</sup> VP Dr. Diekelman responded to questions from the delegates regarding the BRTFSSG's recommendations. After the BRTFSSG session, Dr. Diekelman responded to previously submitted questions (which were read by Rev. Richard Thompson) regarding the Synodical President's report in the morning session.

### **Committee #6 – Nominations and Elections Committee**

Rev. Jacobs reported that Rev. Arlo Pullmann has been re-elected as 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-president of the Montana District. The vote totals were as follows: Rev. Arlo Pullmann – 51 votes, Rev. Chris Tabbert – 26 votes.

It was moved, seconded and carried to cast a unanimous ballot for Rev. Chris Tabbert as 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-president.

It was moved, seconded and carried to cast a unanimous ballot for Rev. Howard Schreibeis as District Secretary.

It was moved, seconded, and carried to ratify the slate of Circuit Counselors as follows:  
Eastern Circuit – Rev. James Hageman; Southern Circuit – Rev. Douglas Thompson;  
Central Circuit – Rev. Kent Stenzel; Divide Circuit – Rev. Bruce Linderman;  
Western Circuit – Rev. Raymond Larson; Flathead Circuit – Rev. Mark Cutler

### **Committee #1 – Missions/Indian/Campus**

Rev. Chris Tabbert yielded a few minutes of Committee #1's time to Rev. Dave Mahsman who gave a report for LCMS World Missions.

Rev. Chris Tabbert yielded a few more minutes of Committee #1's time to Rev. Clark Gies representing LAMP (Lutheran Association of Missionaries and Pilots-USA).

### **Committee #6 – Nominations and Elections Committee**

Rev. Jacobs called for additional nominations from the floor for a pastor member of the District BOD. Rev. Dave Warner was nominated.

### **Committee #1 – Missions/Indian/Campus (cont'd)**

Resolution 1-01 TO EXPAND REPRESENTATION ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS was presented by Committee Chairman Rev. Chris Tabbert. Seconded. Discussion. Not adopted.

Committee member Rev. Kent Stenzel presented Resolution 1-02 TO TERMINATE THE TRANSFORMING CONGREGATIONS NETWORK PROGRAM WITHIN THE LUTHERAN CHURCH-MISSOURI SYNOD. Seconded. Discussion.

It was moved to recommit Resolution 1-02 with specific directions to the committee to include citations in the fifth whereas. Carried.

### **Committee #6 – Nominations and Elections Committee**

The Committee distributed the ballot for the Pastor member of the BOD. Delegates were instructed to vote for one of the following: Rev. Timothy T. Daub, Rev. Mark Grunst, Rev. Jay Reinke, Rev. Daniel Rinderknecht, and Rev. Dave Warner.



## **Committee #2 – Evangelism/Human Care/Worship**

Rev. Dan Rinderknecht yielded some of Committee #2's time to the representative of RAI.

Resolution 2-01 TO OPPOSE THE "RIGHT TO ASSISTED SUICIDE" was presented. Seconded. Adopted.

## **Committee #6 – Nominations and Elections Committee**

Election results for Pastor member of the BOD were as follows: Rev. Timothy T. Daub-0, Rev. Mark Grunst-24, Rev. Jay Reinke-6, Rev. Daniel Rinderknecht-20, Rev. Dave Warner-24.

The next ballot will include Rev. Mark Grunst, Rev. Daniel Rinderknecht, Rev. Dave Warner.

The delegates recessed for the evening following a closing prayer by Rev. Gale Everson.

## **Wednesday - June 17**

Opening devotions were led by Convention Chaplain Rev. Arlo Pullmann with Eastern Circuit Counselor Rev. James Hageman preaching. The reading was from Hebrews 9:15-28

President Forke thanked the delegates for their electing him to a second-term.

## **Augsburg Confession Part III**

Philip Melancthon (Greg Hein) read Articles 24 – 27 of the Augsburg Confession. The delegates discussed questions related to those articles.

## **Committee #6 – Nominations and Elections Committee**

The delegates were instructed to vote for one of the following men for the pastor member of the District BOD: Rev. Mark Grunst, Rev. Daniel Rinderknecht, Rev. David Warner.

A point of privilege was requested by Rev. Paul Blunck regarding Resolution 2-01 TO OPPOSE THE "RIGHT TO ASSISTED SUICIDE." He encouraged the delegates not to forget to act with compassion in dealing with the hurting.

## **Committee #3 – Stewardship/LCEF/LCMS Foundation**

Resolution 3-01 TO RELOCATE DISTRICT OFFICE was presented by Rev. Robert Lane. Seconded. Discussion.

It was moved to amend by striking the words "within Billings, or". Seconded. Discussion. Not adopted. The delegates voted on the original motion. Adopted.

Resolution 3-02 TO ESTABLISH APPROPRIATE MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT was presented by Rev. Robert Lane. Seconded. Discussion. Adopted.

Resolution 3-03 TO PRODUCE REGISTRY OF DISTRICT CONGREGATIONS NEEDING HELP was presented by Rev. Robert Lane. Seconded. No discussion. Adopted.

Resolution 3-04 TO DECLINE WORKBOOK OVERTURE 3-04 was presented by Rev. Robert Lane. Seconded. No discussion. Adopted.

Resolution 3-05 TO DECLINE WORKBOOK OVERTURE 3-06 was presented by Rev. Robert Lane. Seconded. No discussion. Adopted.

Resolution 3-06 TO DECLINE WORKBOOK OVERTURE 3-03 was presented by Rev. Robert Lane. Seconded. No discussion. Adopted.

Resolution 3-07 TO DECLINE WORKBOOK OVERTURE 3-01 was presented by Rev. Robert Lane. Seconded. No discussion. Adopted.

### **Committee #6 – Nominations and Elections Committee**

The pastor-member of the District BOD, results: Rev. Mark Grunst-32; Rev. Daniel Rinderknecht-25; Rev. David Warner-20

Delegates were instructed to vote for one of the following for pastor member of the BOD: Rev. Mark Grunst, Rev. Daniel Rinderknecht.

President Forke announced that the Advisory delegates met Tuesday afternoon and elected Rev. Richard Thompson as advisory Synodical Convention Delegate from the Montana District and Rev. Bruce Zagel as the alternate advisory delegate.

### **Committee #6 – Nominations and Elections Committee**

After the break Rev. Jacobs announced that Rev. Mark Grunst has been elected as pastor member of the BOD. The vote totals were as follows:

Rev. Mark Grunst-48; Rev. Daniel Rinderknecht-28.

There is only one nominee for the teacher member of BOD. There were no nominations from the floor. David Hobus was elected as teacher member of the District BOD by acclamation.

The nominees for Lay-members of BOD were read. No nominations were received from the floor. The elections committee will put together the ballot.

### **Committee #4 – Education/Youth**

Rev. Tim Richholt yielded a portion of Committee 4's time to Dr. L. Dean Hempelmann to present the Synodical "What a Way" Initiative to recruit and retain church workers.

Resolution 4-01 TO ENCOURAGE CONGREGATIONS WITHIN THE DISTRICT TO ESTABLISH POLICIES REGARDING OUR VOLUNTEERS AND STAFF AT CONGREGATIONS AND SCHOOL.was presented by Frank Delgado. Seconded. Discussion.

Moved to amend the resolution by adding "BOD" after District on line 20. Seconded. Adopted.

The amended resolution was adopted.

Resolution 4-02 TO INCREASE REPRESENTATION IN THE BIG SKY FOUNDATION was presented by Rev. Matt Nelson. Seconded. Discussion.

Committee 4 suggests adding "through its circuit counselor" after "each circuit". Delegates concurred.

Resolution 4-02 with the addition was adopted.

Resolution 4-03 TO SUPPORT SYNODICAL SEMINARIES was presented by Rev. Matt Nelson. Seconded. Discussion.

Moved to recommit Resolution 4-03 in order to address the entire process of giving in the Synod regarding funding and to clarify the last resolved. Seconded. Amendment not adopted.

Resolution 4-03 was adopted.

### **Committee #6 – Nominations and Elections Committee**

The delegates were given the ballot to elect the lay-members of the District BOD and were instructed to vote for four of the following – Gary Arneson, Hope, Billings/Worden; Johnny "Crow" Buck, Mt. Olive, Billings; Frank Delgado, St. Paul, Ronan; Dean Edmisten, Hope, Billings; Keith Meier, Mt. Olive, Billings; Mark Scott, Mt. Calvary, Polson; Brant Sherrodd, Hope, Billings; Harry Trangmoe, Our Savior, Glendive

## **Committee #7 – Registration and Credentials**

Resolution 7-04 TO SEAT AUTHORIZED VOTING DELEGATE was presented by Rev. Ray Larson. Seconded. Adopted.

Resolution 7-05 TO RECOGNIZE AUTHORIZED ADVISORY DELEGATE was presented by Rev. Ray Larson. Seconded. Adopted.

## **Committee #5 – Administration/Special**

1<sup>st</sup> Vice-president Dr. Diekelman (at Committee Chairman Rev. Richard Thompson's request) gave the delegates information about the origin and scope of the BRTFSSG in order to answer questions voiced by a number of the delegates.

Resolution 5-01 TO REQUEST THE SYNODICAL PRESIDENT TO SUSPEND CONSIDERATION OF THE PROPOSALS OF THE BLUE RIBBON TASK FORCE ON SYNOD STRUCTURE AND GOVERNANCE AND NOT TO BRING THEM BEFORE THE 2010 CONVENTION, AND TO ALLOW SUFFICIENT TIME TO CONSIDER THESE AND OTHER PROPOSALS, AND TO MEMORIALIZE THE SYNOD IN CONVENTION NOT TO MAKE THE CURRENTLY RECOMMENDED CHANGES TO THE SYNODICAL CONSTITUTION was presented by Rev. Mark Grunst. Seconded.

Moved to add to line 54 "that they cannot with a clear conscience accept". Seconded. Adopted. Amended resolution adopted.

Resolution 5-02 TO REVISE THE DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROCESS was presented by Rev. Mark Cutler. Seconded. Discussion.

By consent the delegates added "the 2010" before the word "synod".

A delegate moved the previous question. Seconded. Carried.

Resolution 5-02 adopted as amended.

## **Committee #6 – Nominations and Elections Committee**

Rev. Daniel Jacobs announced that the four lay-members of the District BOD are as follows: Johnny "Crow" Buck, Mt. Olive, Billings; Frank Delgado, St. Paul, Ronan; Mark Scott, Mt. Calvary, Polson; Harry Trangmoe, Our Savior, Glendive

The vote totals are – Gary Arneson, Hope, Billings/Worden-29; Johnny "Crow" Buck, Mt. Olive, Billings-53; Frank Delgado, St. Paul, Ronan-63; Dean Edmisten, Hope, Billings-14; Keith Meier, Mt. Olive, Billings-34; Mark Scott, Mt. Calvary, Polson-47; Brant Sherrodd, Hope, Billings-13; Harry Trangmoe, Our Savior, Glendive-52

The delegates recessed for lunch following a closing prayer by Rev. James Hageman.

Opening Devotions for the afternoon were led by Convention Chaplain Arlo Pullmann with Western Circuit counselor Rev. Raymond E. Larson, Sr. preaching. The reading was Hebrews 10:1-10.

## **Committee #6 – Nominations and Elections Committee**

Rev. Jacobs announced that there needs to be three pastor members of the nominations and elections committee. It was moved, seconded and carried to cast a unanimous ballot for

Rev. Dan Jacobs, Crow Ministries, Crow Agency; Rev. James Koss, Redeemer, Hardin; and Rev. Darold Reiner, Church at Creston, Creston.

It was moved, seconded and carried to cast a unanimous ballot for teacher Suzanne Rasmussen, Trinity, Kalispell as the teacher member of the Nominations committee.

Nominees for lay members of the Nominations and Elections Committee are: Kale Bauer, Hope, Billings; Mel Ganskop, Mt. Olive, Billings; Ernie Hergett, Christ the King, Billings; Russ Schelle, Hope, Billings.

Chairman Jacobs also nominated BJ Mayer, Shepherd of the Valley, Salmon, ID and Roy Arves, Trinity, Great Falls. The Elections Committee will draw up the ballot.

### **Committee #1 – Missions/Indian/Campus**

Resolution 1-02a TO TERMINATE THE TRANSFORMING CONGREGATIONS NETWORK PROGRAM WITHIN THE LUTHERAN CHURCH-MISSOURI SYNOD was presented by Rev. Chris Tabbert. Seconded. Discussion.

A delegate moved the previous question. Seconded. Carried.

Resolution 1-02a Adopted.

Committee Chairman Tabbert gave a portion of his committee's time to Rev. Matt Nelson, Our Redeemer, Columbia Falls to talk about the work his congregation is doing on the Blackfeet Reservation in Browning.

Resolution 1-03 TO PROVIDE EXCLUSIVELY LUTHERAN THEOLOGICAL TRAINING FOR MISSIONARIES was presented by Rev. Chris Tabbert. Seconded. Discussion. Adopted.

### **Committee #6 – Nominations and Elections Committee**

The delegates were instructed to vote for 3 of the following for lay members of the Nominations and elections committee: Roy Arves, Trinity, Great Falls; Kale Bauer, Hope, Billings; Mel Ganskop, Mt. Olive, Billings; Ernie Hergett, Christ the King, Billings; BJ Mayer, Shepherd of the Valley, Salmon, ID; Russ Schelle, Hope, Billings

### **Committee #2 – Evangelism/Human Care/Worship**

Resolution 2-02 TO CLARIFY WHICH OPINIONS OF THE CCM ARE BINDING was presented by Rev. Eric Stinnett. Seconded. Discussion.

It was moved and seconded to amend the final resolved by adding "the Montana District in convention memorialize the LCMS in convention in 2010 to change the bylaws of synod so that" before "CCM opinions". Amendment carried.

It was moved to amend the resolution by removing the "the" before the word "bylaws" and remove the "s" of the word "bylaw" and add "3.9.2.2.c". Seconded. Carried.

Resolution 2-02 adopted as amended.

Resolution 2-03 TO ESTABLISH TERM LIMITS FOR THE DISTRICT PRESIDENT was presented by Rev. Ken Zoeller. Seconded. Discussion.

It was moved to amend line 16 of the motion to strike the word "constitution" and insert the word "bylaws". Seconded. Carried.

Resolution 2-03. Not adopted.

Resolution 2-04 TO URGE INTERNET SAFEGUARDS ON COMPUTERS was presented by Rev. Ken Zoeller. Seconded. Discussion.

It was moved to amend the second whereas by striking the word "from" and add "available through". Seconded. Carried.

Resolution 2-04 adopted as amended.

Resolution 2-05 TO ENCOURAGE PASTORAL PARTICIPATION IN CIRCUIT WINKELS was presented by Rev. Ken Zoeller. Seconded. Discussion.

It was moved to amend line 9 by striking "that all LCMS congregations" and add "that during the circuit counselor's visits, the counselor advise all LCMS congregations to" before the first resolved.

It was moved to amend the amendment to add "in their circuit" after "congregations". Seconded. Carried.

It was moved to amend by striking the words "during the circuit counselor's visits" and insert "the circuit counselor's advise". Seconded. Carried.

The original amendment is adopted as amended.

Resolution 2-05 adopted as amended.

## **Committee #6 – Nominations and Elections Committee**

The results of the voting for 3 members of the Nominations and elections committee are as follows: Roy Arves, Trinity, Great Falls-42; Kale Bauer, Hope, Billings-34; Mel Ganskop, Mt. Olive, Billings-28; Ernie Hergett, Christ the King, Billings-35; BJ Mayer, Shepherd of the Valley, Salmon, ID-56; Russ Schelle, Hope, Billings-25

Roy Arves and BJ Mayer are elected. The delegates were instructed to vote for one of the following: Kale Bauer, Hope, Billings; Mel Ganskop, Mt. Olive, Billings; Ernie Hergett, Christ the King, Billings; Russ Schelle, Hope, Billings

It was moved to amend the orders of the day to recess now in order to help the technicians get caught up. Seconded. Carried.

## **Committee #6 – Nominations and Elections Committee**

The results of the voting for the remaining member of the Nominations and Elections Committee are as follows: Kale Bauer, Hope, Billings-24; Mel Ganskop, Mt. Olive, Billings-13; Ernie Hergett, Christ the King, Billings-33; Russ Schelle, Hope, Billings-7

The delegates were instructed to vote for one of the following for the remaining lay-member of the Elections and Nominations committee: Kale Bauer, Hope, Billings; Mel Ganskop, Mt. Olive, Billings; Ernie Hergett, Christ the King, Billings.

## **Committee #3 – Stewardship/LCEF/LCMS Foundation**

Committee #3's chairman Rev. Robert Lane gave a few minutes of his committee's time to Rev. Larry Reinhart representing LCMS Stewardship ministry.

## **Committee #4 – Education/Youth/Communications**

Resolution 4-04 TO PROVIDE THAT SPECIFIC MINISTRY PASTOR (SMP) STUDENTS RECEIVE THE SAME PREORDINATION CORE CURRICULUM AS RESIDENTIAL SEMINARY STUDENTS was presented by Janice Witt. Seconded. Discussion. Adopted.

Resolution 4-05 TO AFFIRM THE TEACHING OF 6-DAY CREATION IN SYNODICAL SCHOOLS was presented by Robert Guderjahn. Seconded. Discussion.

It was moved to amend Resolution 4-05 to strike the final resolved. Seconded. Discussion.

It was moved to amend the amendment (final resolve) to strike "its conflict resolution procedures" and insert "Ecclesiastical supervision." Seconded and Carried.

It was moved to amend line 29 after the word "system" to insert "during the next triennium". Seconded and Carried.

It was moved to amend line 26 to strike the word "recommends" and insert "memorialize the Synod in Convention in 2010 to direct the president of Synod". Seconded. Carried.

It was moved to amend Line 31, after the word "triennium" and insert "and to report the findings to the 2013 convention". Seconded and Carried.

Resolution 4-05 was adopted as amended.

Resolution 4-06 TO ESTABLISH A DISTRICT COMMITTEE FOR THE SPECIFIC PURPOSE OF STARTING A DISTINCTIVELY LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL IN MONTANA was presented by Irene Nelson. Seconded. Discussion.

It was moved to amend the second resolve by removing "come up with" and inserting "develop" (line 22,23). The change was made by consent of the convention.

It was moved to amend the first resolved by removing "this committee" and inserting "a District committee for the specific purpose of starting a distinctively Lutheran high school in Montana".

It was moved to amend the final resolved by inserting "that the District President would establish" after the word "that" and to strike the words "be established". Seconded.

It was moved to recommit Resolution 4-06. Seconded. Discussion.

The motion to recommit was adopted.

## **Committee #6 – Nominations and Elections Committee**

The results for the third lay-member of the Nominations and elections committee are as follows:  
Kale Bauer, Hope, Billings-29; Mel Ganskop, Mt. Olive, Billings-12; Ernie Hergett, Christ the King,  
Billings-29

Ballots were distributed. The delegates were instructed to vote for one of the following:  
Kale Bauer or Ernie Hergett.

## **Committee #5 – Administration/Special**

Resolution 5-03 TO MEMORIALIZE THE SYNOD TO OVERRULE CCM OPINION 02-2309  
REGARDING ECCLESIASTICAL SUPERVISION was presented by Rev. Eric Iverson. Seconded.  
Adopted.

Resolution 5-04 TO DECLINE OVERTURE 5-02 was presented by Rev. Jay Reinke. Seconded.  
Adopted.

Resolution 5-05 TO DECLINE OVERTURE 5-03 was presented by Rev. Doug Thompson. Seconded.  
Adopted.

Resolution 5-06 TO DECLINE OVERTURE 5-05 was presented by Rev. Doug Thompson. Seconded.  
Adopted.

Resolution 5-07 TO DECLINE OVERTURE 5-06 was presented by Rev. Mark Grunst. Seconded.  
Discussion.

It was moved to amend Resolution 5-07 by substituting the original overture 5-06 in the convention  
workbook. Seconded. Discussion.

It was moved to amend the first resolved of the amendment by striking everything after “synod’s  
pastors”. (In effect making it the final and only resolved). Seconded. Carried.

It was moved to amend the resolved by striking the words “being taught at the Synod’s seminaries  
and”. Seconded. Carried.

The amended motion was not adopted.

## **Committee #6 – Nominations and Elections Committee**

The results for the third lay-member of the Nominations and elections committee are as follows:  
Kale Bauer-37; Ernie Hergett-34  
Kale Bauer has been elected as the third member of the Nominations and Elections committee.

Committee Chairman Rev. Daniel Jacobs reported that the committee was finished with its assigned  
tasks. President Forke dismissed Committee #6 with thanks.

It was moved, seconded and carried to extend the orders of the day to deal with Resolution 5-07.

## **Committee #5 – Administration/Special (cont’d)**

Resolution 5-07 TO DECLINE OVERTURE 5-06 was brought before the delegates.

A delegate moved the previous question. Seconded. Carried.

Resolution 5-07 was adopted.

The delegates recessed for the day following a closing prayer by Rev. Raymond E. Larson, Sr.

## **Thursday - June 18**

Opening devotions were led by Convention Chaplain Rev. Arlo Pullmann with Central Circuit Counselor  
Rev. Kent Stenzel preaching. The reading was from Hebrews 10:11-23.

## **Augsburg Confession Part IV**

Philip Melancthon (Greg Hein) read Article 28 and the Conclusion of the Augsburg Confession. The delegates discussed questions related to those sections.

### **Committee #1 – Missions/Indian/Campus**

Resolution 1-04 TO MEMORIALIZE THE SYNODICAL CONVENTION TO AMEND BYLAW 3.1.7 OF THE SYNODICAL CONSTITUTION was presented by Committee Chairman Rev. Chris Tabbert. Seconded. Discussion. Adopted.

Resolution 1-05 TO PURSUE ESTABLISHING PASTORAL CAMPUS MINISTRY IN THE MONTANA DISTRICT was presented by Committee Chairman Rev. Chris Tabbert. Seconded. Adopted.

Resolution 1-06 TO ENCOURAGE STUDY ON THE ARTICLE OF DOCTRINE CONCERNING SCRIPTURE was presented by Committee Chairman Rev. Chris Tabbert. Seconded. Adopted.

Resolution 1-07 TO DECLINE OVERTURE 1-04 was presented by Committee Chairman Rev. Chris Tabbert. Seconded. Adopted.

Committee Chairman Rev. Christ Tabbert reported that the committee was finished with its assigned tasks. President Forke dismissed Committee #1 with thanks.

### **Committee #2 – Evangelism/Human Care/Worship**

Committee Chairman Rev. Daniel Rinderknecht reported that the committee was finished with its assigned tasks. President Forke dismissed Committee #2 with thanks.

### **Committee #3 – Stewardship/LCEF/LCMS Foundation**

Committee Chairman Rev. Robert Lane Chairman reported that the committee was finished with its assigned tasks. President Forke dismissed Committee #3 with thanks.

### **Committee #4 – Education/Youth**

Resolution. 4-06a TO DISTRIBUTE THE REPORT OF THE MONTANA DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL TASK FORCE TO THE CONGREGATIONS OF THE MONTANA DISTRICT was presented by Joel Kempf. Seconded. Adopted.

Resolution. 4-07 TO DISCUSS THE ROLE OF WOMEN WITH RESPECT TO SUFFRAGE was presented by Cheryl Lehr. Seconded. Discussion.

It was moved to amend the resolution by striking the second resolved. Seconded.

It was moved to further amend by striking everything in the resolution after the word “churches”. Seconded.

It was moved to further amend by inserting the word “consider” in place of the words “take up”. Seconded. Adopted.

The amendment to strike everything in the resolution after the word “churches” was adopted.

The amended Resolution 4-07 was not adopted.

Resolution. 4-08 TO DECLINE OVERTURE 4-06 presented by Hoyle Hoover. Seconded. Adopted.

Committee Chairman Rev. Tim Richholt reported that the committee was finished with its assigned tasks. President Forke dismissed Committee #4 with thanks.

Moved and seconded to extend the orders of the day to complete the work of the committees. Carried.

### **Committee #5 – Administration/Special**

Resolution. 5-08 TO DECLINE OVERTURE 5-04 was presented by Rev. Douglas Thompson.  
Seconded. Adopted.

Committee Chairman Rev. Richard Thompson reported that the committee was finished with its assigned tasks. President Forke dismissed Committee #5 with thanks.

### **Committee #7 – Registration and Credentials**

Committee Chairman Rev. Raymond E. Larson, Sr. gave the committee's final report as follows:

Seated pastoral voting delegates – 35

Seated Lay voting delegates – 45

Seated Advisory delegates – 26

Excused pastoral voting delegates – 4

Excused Lay voting delegates – 2

Excused Advisory delegates – 22

Unexcused pastoral voting delegates – 1

Unexcused Lay voting delegates – 0

Unexcused Advisory delegates – 1

Committee Chairman Rev. Raymond E. Larson reported that the committee was finished with its assigned tasks. President Forke dismissed Committee #7 with thanks.

President Forke thanked technicians Rev. Ryan Wendt, Ernie Hergett, Rev. Dave Warner, and all those who helped with the technical/computer aspects of the convention.

The convention concluded with the Closing Worship, which included a Memorial Service and the installation of the officers who were elected at this convention. The service was led by Convention Chaplain Rev. Arlo Pullmann with Southern Circuit Counselor Rev. Robert Lane preaching. The reading was from Hebrews 10:23-39.

Submitted by Rev. Mark A. Schultz,  
Secretary pro-tem.



**ELECTED POSITIONS – MONTANA DISTRICT**  
**2009 – 2012**

President	Rev. Terry Forke
First Vice-President	Rev. Arlo Pullmann
Second Vice-President	Rev. Christopher Tabbert
Secretary	Rev. Howard Schreiber

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Pastoral Representative	Rev. Mark Grunst
Teacher Representative	David Hobus
Lay Representative	Johnny Buck Frank Delgado Mark Scott Harry Trangmoe

**CIRCUIT COUNSELORS**

Eastern	Rev. James Hageman, Our Savior Lutheran Church, Glendive
Southern	Rev. Douglas Thompson, St. Paul Lutheran Church, Park City
Central	Rev. Kent Stenzel, Trinity Lutheran Church, Great Falls
Divide	Rev. Bruce Linderman, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Belgrade
Flathead	Rev. Mark Cutler, Trinity Lutheran Church, Kalispell
Western	Rev. Ray Larson, Stevensville

**NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE**

Pastoral Representative	Rev. Dan Jacobs Rev. James Koss Rev. Darold Reiner
Teacher Representative	Suzanne Rasmussen
Lay Representative	Roy Arves BJ Mayer Kale Bauer

**RESOLUTION NUMBER: 1-01**

**TITLE OF RESOLUTION: TO EXPAND REPRESENTATION ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**ACTION: NOT ADOPTED**

**RE: OVERTURE & PAGE NUMBER: 1-06, Page 65**

**Whereas**, the District Board of Directors serves to assure effective and efficient pursuit of the District mission; and

**Whereas**, the work of the Board of Directors reaches into and touches all of the Circuits and member congregations of the District; and

**Whereas**, membership on the Board of Directors from many parts of the District can enhance the input of interests and ideas to the consideration of the Board of Directors; and

**Whereas**, membership on the Board of Directors from many parts of the District presents a greater opportunity for Board of Director members to share the work of the District in the various circuits of the District; therefore be it

**Resolved**, that the By-Laws of the District be amended in paragraph 2.61 adding “No more than two people, consisting either of two lay people or one lay person and the pastor, shall be from the same circuit, and no more than one of the lay people or pastor shall be from one congregation”, prior to the last sentence of the paragraph; and be it further

**Resolved**, that present members of the Board of Directors if reelected, may complete their appropriate term prior to the implementation of this provision for the office they hold.

Pastor Tabbert, Chairman

Pastor Grayl, Secretary

**RESOLUTION NUMBER: 1-02a**

**TITLE OF RESOLUTION: TO TERMINATE THE TRANSFORMING CONGREGATIONS NETWORK PROGRAM WITHIN THE LUTHERAN CHURCH-MISSOURI SYNOD**

**Action: Adopted**

**RE: OVERTURE & PAGE NUMBER: 1-02**

**Whereas**, The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod has embraced the Transforming Congregation Network program as part of the Ablaze initiative to revitalize “stagnant” congregations; and

**Whereas**, The TCN program has imported into the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod an “alien” theology, specifically in the areas of church and ministry; and

**Whereas**, This TCN theology is fundamentally inconsistent with our doctrinal position as detailed in “Church and Ministry” by CFW Walther, which book was re-affirmed as our official doctrinal position by resolution of the Regular Convention of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod in 2001; and

**Whereas**, These inconsistencies are especially notable per “Church and Ministry” Part One, thesis VII, and Part Two, theses II, III, V, VI, VII, IX and X); and

**Whereas,** The TCN program advocates, for example, such specific steps as:

a. Suspending a congregation's constitution (essentially disenfranchising the laity); for example:

"The congregation in accepting this report understands that it is ignoring the current Bylaws that describe congregational structure. These bylaws will be intentionally put into abeyance for 3 years."

Another, "Structure: The Senior Pastor and leaders will lead the congregation in suspending those particular bylaws that describe how the congregation functions in its ministries."

And another, "The congregation will move to a staff led structure ... The congregation will vote to suspend the appropriate by-laws when adopting this report. "

And, "Once the bylaws are suspended, the church will adopt an accountability model of governance. In this new model of governance, there will be a Church Council of 5 people including the Pastor ... Their role will be to govern the church. The Pastors' role will be to lead the church. The role of staff members will be to manage the church. The role of the congregation will be to conduct the ministry of the church."

From Final Report Section - Samples of Consultations Reports  
TCN Church Consultation Guide - Ablaze

b. Redefining the pastor as a virtual CEO (diverting his attention from the care of souls to the management of numbers and administration); for example:

"Accountability Principles"

"AP1.3.2 Accountability of Senior Pastor 'The senior pastor is the board's only link to operational achievement and conduct, so that all authority and accountability of staff, as far as the board is concerned, is considered the authority and accountability of the senior pastor.'"

"Boundary Principles"

"BP1.2.1 Sufficient Information -The senior pastor shall not allow budgeting that contains too little information to enable credible projection of revenues and expenses, separation of capital and operational items, relation of expenditures to Mission Principles, and disclosure of multi-year planning assumptions."

"BP1.2.2 Expenditures within Project Funds - The senior pastor shall not allow budgeting that plans the expenditures in any fiscal year..."

"BP1.2.3 Asset and Cash Margins -The senior pastor shall not allow budgeting that at any time reduces the current assets..."

"BP1.3 With respect to the actual, ongoing financial conditions and activities, the senior pastor shall not allow the development of fiscal jeopardy or a material deviation of actual expenditures..."

"BP1.4 The senior pastor shall not allow the assets to be unprotected, inadequately maintained, or unnecessarily risked."

"BP1.4.1-9 Senior pastor responsibilities - topic headings include: insurance, bonding, facilities and equipment, liability, etc."

From "A Sample Starter Set of Guiding Principles"  
CN Church Consultation Guide - Ablaze

c. "transforming" the Office of the Ministry into an MBO-style contract position, and diminishing the Divine Call via "hire/fire" provisions; for example:

"Pastor Survey - Transforming Congregations Network (TCN) 'This tool is designed to help you evaluate you and your church's readiness for transformational change'"

Survey question: "If my church does not achieve the 5% growth goal in the next 24 months and an annual goal of 5% growth in Sunday attendance, I will put my name out for another call."

From "Pre-Consultation"

TCN Church Consultation Guide - Ablaze

d. and encouraging secular growth objectives based on numerical and financial performance as "the" measure of ministerial effectiveness; for example:

"Accountability Principles"

"AP1.3.6 Annual Review of the Senior Pastor

Each year, the board shall review the results achieved by the senior pastor on each of the annual goals. A raise or corrective action shall result as follows:

- a. A cost of living adjustment plus a merit increase will be given for exceeding significant goals or achieving exceptional goals on the whole.
- b. A cost of living adjustment without a merit increase will be given for exceeding minimal goals or achieving significant goals on the whole.
- c. No compensation increase will be given for failing to achieve significant goals on the whole. Instead the board will impose a performance plan with six-month goals to boost effectiveness to an acceptable level. If any of these goals are not achieved, the board will offer the senior pastor either a specified time to find other employment or a severance package, depending on the best interests of the church and on the pastor's degree of cooperation. If the senior pastor is not willing to resign, the board will make its recommendation to the congregation."

And, "AP 3.5 Annual Goals of the Senior Pastor "The Senior Pastor will be required to write measurable goals each year that correspond to each of the Board of Directors mission principles. At least one of these goals for each mission principle must project growth in the number of people who benefit or participate."

From "A Sample Starter Set of Guiding Principles"

TCN Church Consultation Guide - Ablaze; and

**Whereas**, This TCN approach encourages reliance on worldly business principles as opposed to reliance on the power of God the Holy Spirit, working through Word and Sacrament, to sustain and grow the church; therefore, be it

**Resolved**, That the Montana District in Convention memorialize the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod in convention in 2010, to immediately terminate the use of the Transforming Congregations Network program within the Synod; and be it further

**Resolved**, That the Montana District in Convention memorialize the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod in convention in 2010, to encourage and assist all congregations already involved in the Transforming Congregations Network program to discontinue its use and transition to a doctrinally sound polity and practice as soon as possible.

Pastor Tabbert, Chairman

Pastor Grayl, Secretary

**RESOLUTION NUMBER: 1-03**

**TITLE OF RESOLUTION: To Provide Exclusively Lutheran Theological Training for Missionaries**

**ADOPTED AS AMENDED**

**RE: OVERTURE & PAGE NUMBER: 1-01, Page 63**

**Whereas** the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod confession of faith is clearly Biblical; and **Whereas** the impact of poorly understood or unclearly formulated theology in any mission outreach results in errors which impact future generations of Christians; therefore be it **Resolved**, that the Montana District in convention memorialize the LCMS in convention in 2010 to direct the Board of Missions to use exclusively Lutheran theological training and preparation for missionaries.

Pastor Tabbert, Chairman

Pastor Grayl, Secretary

**RESOLUTION NUMBER: 1-04**

**TITLE OF RESOLUTION: TO MEMORIALIZE THE SYNODICAL CONVENTION TO AMEND BYLAW 3.1.7 OF THE SYNODICAL CONSTITUTION**

**ACTION: ADOPTED**

**RE: OVERTURE & PAGE NUMBER: 1-07 and 1-08, Pages 65-66**

**Whereas**, Bylaw 3.1.7 of the Synodical Constitution gives this entire responsibility of appointing floor committees to the Synodical President; **Whereas**, the business which will be conducted at Synodical Conventions is significantly determined by the decisions of the various floor committees; and **Whereas**, this makes the appointment of faithful and capable floor committee members especially important; and **Whereas**, the current practice is both a burden and leaves any President vulnerable to the accusation of “stacking” the floor committee to serve an individual agenda; and **Whereas**, others who hold representative offices in Synod, such as the members of the Praesidium have the ability and the breadth of experience to identify individuals for service on convention floor committees; therefore be it **Resolved**, that the Montana District of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod memorialize the Synod in Convention to amend Bylaw 3.1.7 so that it assigns responsibility for appointing floor committees to the entire Praesidium of the Synod.

Pastor Tabbert, Chairman

Pastor Grayl, Secretary

**RESOLUTION NUMBER: 1-05**

**TITLE OF RESOLUTION: To pursue establishing pastoral campus ministry in the Montana District.**

**ACTION: ADOPTED**

**RE: Campus Ministry Committee Report page 62**

**Whereas** there is an ongoing need to develop an effective campus ministry on the campuses of the Montana University system, and

**Whereas** the University students who are members of the LCMS congregations across the district may suffer from lack of guidance in their Christian life while attending college; therefore be it

**Resolved** that the Montana District in Convention direct the Campus Ministry Committee to encourage the LCMS congregations that have the means to call Campus Ministry pastors to serve in the district.

Pastor Tabbert, Chairman

Pastor Grayl, Secretary

**RESOLUTION NUMBER: 1-06**

**TITLE OF RESOLUTION: To Encourage Study on the Article of Doctrine Concerning Scripture.**

**ACTION: ADOPTED**

**RE: OVERTURE & PAGE NUMBER: 1-05, Page 64**

**Whereas:** the doctrine of the Word of God is a critical and worthy issue; be it

**Resolved:** that the issue of the “single intended sense of the prophetic scripture” be referred to the Montana District Pastors’ conference and recommended for a topic of discussion to the Pastors’ Conference Planning Committee.

Pastor Tabbert, Chairman

Pastor Grayl, Secretary

**RESOLUTION NUMBER: 1-07**

**TITLE OF RESOLUTION: TO DECLINE OVERTURE 1-04**

**ACTION: ADOPTED**

**RE: OVERTURE & PAGE NUMBER: 1-04, Page 63**

**Whereas** it did not seem to the floor committee that changing the makeup of the CTCR would add to or improve the way the CTCR conducts its work; therefore be it  
**Resolved** that the Missions Floor Committee respectfully declines overture #1-04.

Pastor Tabbert, Chairman

Pastor Grayl, Secretary

**RESOLUTION NUMBER: 2-01**

**TITLE OF RESOLUTION: TO OPPOSE THE “RIGHT TO ASSISTED SUICIDE”**

**ACTION: ADOPTED**

**RE: OVERTURE & PAGE NUMBER: 2-08 pg. 73**

**Whereas**, on December the 5<sup>th</sup>, 2008, Montana Judge Dorothy McCarter ruled that terminally ill patients in Montana should have the right to die with assistance by doctors or obtain self-administered medications to hasten death, stating: "The Montana constitutional rights of individual privacy and human dignity, taken together, encompass the right of a competent terminally (ill) patient to die with dignity," The judge also wrote, "The patient's right to die with dignity includes protection of the patient's physician from liability under the state's homicide statutes..."<sup>1</sup>; and

**Whereas**, such a ruling makes Montana the third state, along with Oregon and Washington to allow physician assisted suicide; and

**Whereas**, the Montana Medical Association responded to Judge McCarter's ruling by adopting a policy that states it "does not condone the deliberate act of precipitating the death of a patient." [OneNewsNow.com]; and

**Whereas**, such a ruling exposes a value and view that declares human life is no more important than the lives of animals, to quote Judge McCarter: "I mean, we put our pets to sleep when they're suffering and that's considered humane," ... "And yet, if we want to do it to our loved ones, it's considered murder."<sup>2</sup>; and

**Whereas**, God's Word urges us to consider the example of Christ, who knowing the great pains which he would endure chose to live them out to fulfill God's will. "Therefore, since Christ suffered in his body, arm yourselves also with the same attitude, because he who has suffered in his body is done with sin. As a result, he does not live the rest of his earthly life for evil human desires, but rather for the will of God" (1Peter 4:1-2); and

**Whereas**, our purposes are unseen and God will use our last days to manifest His will or may reverse our circumstances it is always premature to end one's own life. "Then Job replied to the LORD: 'I know that you can do all things; no plan of yours can be thwarted. You asked, 'Who is this that obscures my counsel without knowledge?' Surely I spoke of things I did not understand, things too wonderful for me to know...' (Job 42:1-3); and

<sup>1</sup> Huffington Post – Article By Mary Beth Hanson-Montana assisted suicide ruled legal-dated December 6,2008

<sup>2</sup> ibid

note: All Scripture references are from *The Holy Bible: New International Version. 1966, c1984 (electronic ed.). Grand Rapids: Zondervan*

**Whereas**, our life is not to be considered our own, but belongs to God and in service, to others. “Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body” (1Corinthians 6:19-20); and

**Whereas**, God’s Word condemns the taking of any life unjustly. “You shall not murder” (Exodus 20:13); and

**Whereas**, a culture that allows the taking of one’s own life creates a sense of life that permeates the morals of all its citizens and may encourage even those not “terminal” to end their pain and suffering. “Do not pollute the land where you are. Bloodshed pollutes the land...” (Numbers 35:33); and

**Whereas**, scriptural examples of suicide are understood as emblems antithetical of faith (such as the suicides of Judas Iscariot and King Saul). “Saul said to his armor-bearer, ‘Draw your sword and run me through, or these un-circumcised fellows will come and run me through and abuse me.’ But his armor-bearer was terrified and would not do it; so Saul took his own sword and fell on it. When the armor-bearer saw that Saul was dead, he too fell on his sword and died with him. So Saul and his three sons and his armor-bearer and all his men died together that same day” (1Samuel 31:4-6) ; and

**Whereas**, God’s word both promises an abundant life in Jesus Christ and calls us to patient endurance in the midst of suffering, even to death. “For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain. If I am to go on living in the body, this will mean fruitful labor for me. Yet what shall I choose? I do not know! I am torn between the two: I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far; but it is more necessary for you that I remain in the body. Convinced of this, I know that I will remain, and I will continue with all of you for your progress and joy in the faith...” (Philippians 1:21-25); therefore be it

**Resolved**, that the congregations of the Montana District of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod in convention express to all members of the Montana State Legislature our earnest encouragement to make all necessary laws, acts or changes to existing legislation to abolish the legal right of assisted suicide, and that such communication be entrusted and drafted under the direction of our District President, and that such communication be approved by the “Montana District LCMS Board of Directors, and be it further

**Resolved**, that the pastors and members of our Montana District congregations be encouraged to support their opposition to any legalized assisted suicide by communication with their representatives in government by letter or email, and be it further

**Resolved**, that every congregation be encouraged to place an advertisement, editorial or comment in local papers to declare opposition to any extension of legalized assisted suicide, and be it further

**Resolved**, that we continue to celebrate the lives of those who are elderly, infirm, isolated or critically ill by encouraging them to pray for others, to meditate on God’s Word, to celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion, to enjoy hymns and to continue, by endurance in faith, to witness to their gracious Savior who has bought them by His perfect life and death on the cross, and to live out the time he has given with the trust that He loves them with love not tempered by this world’s standards, but with gracious and abundant compassion as a dear Father loves his dear children and is pleased that they receive that love humbly and quietly, and be it finally

**Resolved**, that we offer up prayers, in the form of the prayer that here follows or any other that calls on the Lord of Life to hear our cries for healing, justice and wisdom for this state and our nation.

Lord of Life, grant to your broken people, your suffering people, your weary people the strength to endure suffering and the wisdom to see in any visitation of sickness or disease, your fatherly hand, that according to your promise all things would work for the good of those who love you and are called according to your purpose. Stifle the voices of human reason that would encourage or allow the suicide of those in pain, rather bless



our lips that we may speak the good news of Jesus Christ, the way of the cross and the promise of blessing if we endure. Turn our land to your will and grant the people who claim your name, the wisdom to understand our place in time: to proclaim your truth and in love to call all people to the reconciliation found in Christ and the true life found in the way of the cross.

Rev. Daniel Rinderknecht, Chairman

Rev. Justin Herman, Secretary

**RESOLUTION NUMBER: 2-02**

**TITLE OF RESOLUTION: TO CLARIFY WHICH OPINIONS OF THE CCM ARE BINDING**

**ACTION: ADOPTED AS AMENDED**

**RE: OVERTURE & PAGE NUMBER: 2-05, 06, 07, pg. 72-73**

**WHEREAS**, BYLAW 3.9.2.2.C STATES THAT “AN OPINION RENDERED BY THE COMMISSION [ON CONSTITUTIONAL MATTERS] SHALL BE BINDING ON THE QUESTION UNLESS AND UNTIL IT IS OVERRULED BY A SYNODICAL CONVENTION”; AND

**WHEREAS**, THIS IN EFFECT PRODUCES A BODY OF LAW THAT IS BINDING ON MEMBERS OF THE SYNOD; AND

**WHEREAS**, THIS BODY OF LAW, HAVING ACCUMULATED SINCE 1962, AMOUNTS TO ROUGHLY 1500 PAGES OF MATERIAL; AND

**WHEREAS**, THE OPINIONS RENDERED BY THE CCM ARE NOT PUBLICIZED, AND

**WHEREAS**, SUCH OPINIONS THEREFORE ARE NOT REGULARLY SUBJECT TO REVIEW OR REVISION; THEREFORE BE IT

**RESOLVED**, THAT ALL EXISTING CCM OPINIONS BE PUBLICIZED; AND, FURTHER, BE IT

**RESOLVED**, THAT CCM PUBLISH ITS OPINIONS WHEN THEY ARE REACHED; AND, FURTHER, BE IT

**RESOLVED**, THAT THE MONTANA DISTRICT IN CONVENTION MEMORIALIZE THE LCMS IN CONVENTION IN 2010 TO BEGIN THE PROCESS OF EITHER RATIFYING OR DECLARING VOID EACH OPINION OF THE CCM BY SYNOD IN CONVENTION. THIS PROCESS MUST BE COMPLETED AS OF THE COMPLETION OF THE NEXT-FOLLOWING REGULAR CONVENTION OF THE LUTHERAN CHURCH-MISSOURI SYNOD (2013); AND BE IT FINALLY

**RESOLVED**; THAT THE MONTANA DISTRICT IN CONVENTION MEMORIALIZE THE LCMS IN CONVENTION IN 2010 TO CHANGE BYLAW 3.9.2.2.C OF SYNOD SO THAT CCM OPINIONS BE BINDING ON THE MEMBERS OF THE SYNOD UNTIL THE NEXT REGULAR SYNODICAL CONVENTION WHERE SUCH OPINIONS MUST BE RATIFIED TO REMAIN IN EFFECT.

Rev. Daniel Rinderknecht, Chairman

Rev. Justin Herman, Secretary

**RESOLUTION NUMBER: 2-03**

**TITLE OF RESOLUTION: To ESTABLISH TERM LIMITS FOR THE DISTRICT PRESIDENT**

**ACTION: NOT ADOPTED**

**RE: OVERTURE & PAGE NUMBER: 2-03 PG. 71**

**WHEREAS** THE PRIMARY OFFICE OF ORDAINED MINISTERS IS THE OFFICE OF MINISTER CALLED TO ADMINISTER THE GOSPEL IN WORD AND SACRAMENT TO A CONGREGATION OR CONGREGATIONS, AND  
**WHEREAS** THE OFFICE OF DISTRICT PRESIDENT, WHILE NECESSARY AND VALUABLE, IS NOT OF DIVINE BUT RATHER HUMAN ORIGIN, AND  
**WHEREAS** THE DUTIES OF DISTRICT PRESIDENT PUT A GREAT STRESS ON AN ORDAINED MINISTER, OFTEN WITHOUT THE BENEFIT OF THE BLESSINGS OF CONGREGATIONAL SERVICE, THEREFORE BE IT  
**RESOLVED**, THAT THE MONTANA DISTRICT OF THE LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSOURI SYNOD AMEND THE BYLAWS OF THE DISTRICT TO LIMIT THE TERM OF ANY ONE MAN CONTINUOUSLY SERVING AS DISTRICT PRESIDENT TO FOUR TERMS OF THREE YEARS WITH A MAXIMUM CONSECUTIVE SERVICE LIMIT OF 12 YEARS.

Pastor Rinderknecht, Chairman

Pastor Herman, Secretary

**RESOLUTION NUMBER: 2-04**

**TITLE OF RESOLUTION: To URGE INTERNET SAFEGUARDS ON COMPUTERS**

**ACTION: ADOPTED AS AMENDED**

**RE: REPORT & PAGE NUMBER:           OR OVERTURE & PAGE NUMBER: 2-01 PG. 70**

**WHEREAS** USERS OF CONGREGATIONS' COMPUTERS NEED TO BE PROTECTED FROM THE DANGERS OF INTERNET PORNOGRAPHY; AND  
**WHEREAS**, CONGREGATIONS ARE ENCOURAGED TO REQUEST \$100.00 AVAILABLE THROUGH THE DISTRICT HUMAN CARE COMMITTEE FOR THE PURCHASE OF INTERNET FILTERS, THEREFORE BE IT  
**RESOLVED** THAT CONGREGATIONS BE ENCOURAGED TO PROTECT THEMSELVES BY PURCHASING AND USING INTERNET FILTERS ON ALL CHURCH COMPUTERS.  
COMMITTEE # 2

Pastor Rinderknecht, Chairman

Pastor Herman, Secretary

**RESOLUTION NUMBER: 2-05**

**TITLE OF RESOLUTION: To Encourage Pastoral Participation in Circuit Winkles**

**ACTION: ADOPTED AS AMENDED**

**RE: REPORT & PAGE NUMBER: OVERTURE & PAGE NUMBER: 2-04 p. 71**

**WHEREAS** CIRCUIT MEETINGS BETWEEN PASTORS CAN BE A VALUABLE TOOL FOR PROVIDING ENCOURAGEMENT TO LCMS PASTORS TO FULFILL THEIR DUTIES; AND

**WHEREAS** PARTICIPATION IN CIRCUIT MEETINGS CAN ALSO HELP BUILD OPPORTUNITIES FOR FELLOWSHIP BETWEEN LCMS CONGREGATIONS; THEREFORE BE IT

**RESOLVED** THAT THE CIRCUIT COUNSELORS ADVISE ALL LCMS CONGREGATIONS IN THEIR CIRCUIT TO ENCOURAGE THEIR PASTORS TO MEET ROUTINELY WITH THEIR FELLOW CLERGY AT CIRCUIT WINKELS; AND FURTHER BE IT

**RESOLVED** THAT CIRCUIT COUNSELORS BE ENCOURAGED TO INVITE OPEN DISCUSSION BETWEEN PASTORS AT WINKEL GATHERINGS, TO DEEPEN PASTORS' RECOGNITION OF THE NEEDS OF GOD'S PEOPLE AND TO FACILITATE MUTUAL CONSOLATION AND ADMONITION AMONG LCMS CLERGY.

**RESOLUTION NUMBER: 3-01**

**TITLE OF RESOLUTION: TO RELOCATE DISTRICT OFFICE**

**ACTION: ADOPTED**

**RE: Workbook Overture 3-07 Relocate District Office,  
and Workbook Overture 3-08 To Study Relocation of  
District Office, p.82**

**Whereas**, the current setting of the Montana District Office is inadequate for its purposes, and

**Whereas**, Montana is a very large geographical area, and

**Whereas**, as servants of the Lord, it is important to be good stewards of all of God's gifts, one being that of time, and

**Whereas**, other cities may be more centrally located than the current district office in Billings, and

**Whereas**, other cities may have adequate lodging and transportation in and out of the city, and

**Whereas**, many district meetings already take place in Great Falls because of its location for those involved, thus making it one possible option, which should be strongly considered as a new location, and

**Whereas**, as servants of the Lord, it is also important to be good stewards of God's material resources, therefore be it

**Resolved**, that the Circuit Counselors of the Montana District review available research, and present a plan at the 2012 Montana District convention with the expressed purpose of relocating the Montana District Office within Billings, or to some other location within the District, and be further

**Resolved**, that this plan would include a timeline for such a move, anticipated costs, potential savings and benefits that accompany such a move; and possible sites or building plans in order to facilitate the needs for the District office, and be it finally

**Resolved**, that all Montana District personnel would cooperate with providing that information needed for the Circuit Counselors to devise such an action plan with anticipated ministry needs in mind.

Pastor Lane, Chairman

Pastor Schlund, Secretary

**RESOLUTION NUMBER: 3-03**

**TITLE OF RESOLUTION: TO PRODUCE REGISTRY OF DISTRICT CONGERGATIONS  
NEEDING HELP**

**ACTION: ADOPTED**

**RE: Workbook Overture 3-02 p.79**

**WHEREAS**, some of the Montana District congregations are struggling financially to keep a full-time pastor; and

**WHEREAS**, the Montana District is composed of congregations who have pledged to help and support each other in Word and Sacrament ministry; and

**WHEREAS**, the Montana District Board of Directors and the Circuit Counselors know the congregations and their needs; therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that the Montana District Board of Directors, along with the Circuit Counselors, compile a list of congregations which need financial help in supporting a pastor and make that list available to congregations who would consider helping sister congregations in the Montana District.

Pastor Lane, Chairman

Pastor Schlund, Secretary

**RESOLUTION NUMBER: 3-04**

**TITLE OF RESOLUTION: TO DECLINE WORKBOOK OVERTURE 3-04**

**ACTION: ADOPTED**

**RE: Workbook Overture 3-04 Establish the  
Practice of Providing Letters of Fellowship, p.79**

Committee 3 respectfully declines Workbook Overture 3-04 due to impracticality of application.

Pastor Lane, Chairman

Pastor Schlund, Secretary

**RESOLUTION NUMBER: 3-05**

**TITLE OF RESOLUTION: TO DECLINE WORKBOOK RESOLUTION 3-06**

**ACTION: ADOPTED**

**RE: Workbook Overture 3-06 Study the Book of  
Concord, p, 81**

Committee 3 respectfully declines Workbook Overture 3-06 due to the fact that the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, in convention, has already encouraged congregations to do such.

Pastor Lane, Chairman

Pastor Schlund, Secretary

**RESOLUTION NUMBER: 3-06**

**TITLE OF RESOLUTION: TO DECLINE WORKBOOK OVERTURE 3-03**

**Adopted as amended**

**RE: Workbook Overture 3-03 to Maintain Present Composition of Central Circuit, p. 79**

Committee 3 respectfully declines Overture 3-03 because the action called for is based on a condition that does not yet exist.

Pastor Lane, Chairman

Pastor Schlund, Secretary

**RESOLUTION NUMBER: 3-07**

**TITLE OF RESOLUTION: To Decline Workbook Overture 3-01**

**ACTION: ADOPTED**

**RE: Workbook Overture 3-01 To Thank God for the Work of the Public Ministry, p.78**

Committee 3 respectfully declines Overture 3-01 because the Word of God already directs us to this action.

Pastor Lane, Chairman

Pastor Schlund, Secretary

**RESOLUTION NUMBER: 4-01**

**TITLE OF RESOLUTION: TO ENCOURAGE CONGREGATIONS WITHIN THE DISTRICT TO ESTABLISH POLICIES REGARDING OUR VOLUNTEERS AND STAFF AT CONGREGATIONS AND SCHOOL.**

**ACTION: ADOPTED AS AMENDED**

**RE: REPORT & PAGE NUMBER: R4-04 Parish Education, p 84**

**WHEREAS**, IN OUR INCREASINGLY LITIGIOUS SOCIETY IT IS NECESSARY TO HAVE POLICIES IN PLACE THAT PROTECT OUR CHILDREN, AND

**WHEREAS**, THIS IS BEST ACHIEVED BY AN ESTABLISHED PROTOCOL WITHIN THE CONGREGATION FOR VOLUNTEERS AND STAFF TO SUBMIT TO BACKGROUND CHECKS AND OTHER PROTECTIVE MEASURES, AND

**WHEREAS**, IN ORDER TO ASSURE THE WELFARE OF ALL INVOLVED IN MINISTRY; THEREFORE, BE IT

**RESOLVED** THAT THE MONTANA DISTRICT IN CONVENTION ENCOURAGES ALL ITS CONGREGATIONS TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT POLICIES AND PRACTICES TO INSURE THE PROTECTION OF BOTH THOSE WHO ARE BEING MINISTERED TO AND THOSE CONDUCTING MINISTRY; AND, BE IT FINALLY

**RESOLVED** THAT THE CONVENTION DIRECT THE MONTANA DISTRICT PROVIDE THE PROTOCOL BASED UPON EXISTING POLICIES ALREADY IN PLACE IN SYNOD CONGREGATIONS THAT DO HAVE SUCH POLICIES.

Pastor Richholt, Chairman

Pastor Miller, Secretary

**RESOLUTION NUMBER: 4-02**

**TITLE OF RESOLUTION: TO INCREASE REPRESENTATION IN THE BIG SKY FOUNDATION**

**ACTION: ADOPTED AS AMENDED**

**RE: REPORT & PAGE NUMBER: R4-04 BIG SKY FOUNDATION, P 86**

**WHEREAS** THE FOUNDATION WAS ORIGINALLY FORMED AS A PROJECT WITHIN THE CENTRAL CIRCUIT TO PROVIDE EDUCATIONAL GRANTS FOR PROFESSIONAL CHURCH WORK STUDENTS; AND,

**WHEREAS**, IT IS THE INTENT OF THE BOARD FOR BIG SKY TO HAVE REPRESENTATION BY EACH CIRCUIT IN THE MONTANA DISTRICT TO SUPPORT THESE EDUCATIONAL GRANTS; THEREFORE BE IT

**RESOLVED** THAT THE MONTANA DISTRICT IN CONVENTION ASK EACH CIRCUIT TO IDENTIFY AND SELECT AN INDIVIDUAL TO SERVE ON THE BOARD OF BIG SKY FOUNDATION.

Pastor Richholt, Chairman

Pastor Miller, Secretary

**RESOLUTION NUMBER: 4-03**

**TITLE OF RESOLUTION: TO SUPPORT SYNOD SEMINARIES**

**ACTION: ADOPTED**

**RE: OVERTURE & PAGE NUMBER: 4-10, p 90; 4-02, p 91; 4-03, p 91**

**WHEREAS**, THE SUPPORT OF SEMINARIES WAS INCLUDED AS A PART OF THE RATIONALE FOR THE FORMATION OF THE MISSOURI SYNOD IN 1847; AND,  
**WHEREAS**, THE CONSTITUTION OF THE LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSOURI SYNOD STATES AS ONE OF ITS OBJECTIVES: "THE SYNOD, UNDER SCRIPTURE AND THE LUTHERAN CONFESSIONS, SHALL....3. RECRUIT AND TRAIN PASTORS, TEACHERS, AND OTHER PROFESSIONAL CHURCH WORKERS AND PROVIDE OPPORTUNITY FOR THEIR CONTINUING GROWTH..." AND,

**WHEREAS** THE CONCORDIA SEMINARY, ST. LOUIS AND CONCORDIA THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, FORT WAYNE, BELONG TO THE SYNOD, AND ARE CRITICALLY IMPORTANT FOR THE LONG TERM HEALTH AND FAITHFULNESS OF OUR SYNOD, AND,

**WHEREAS** OVER MANY YEARS THE FINANCIAL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN SYNOD AND SEMINARIES HAS CHANGED FROM ONE WHERE THE SYNOD PROVIDED THE MAJORITY OF THE SEMINARIES' BUDGETS TO THE SITUATION TODAY IN WHICH THE SYNOD PROVIDES NOMINAL CONTRIBUTIONS THE SEMINARIES' BUDGETS, AND,

**WHEREAS** THE NECESSITY OF RAISING NEARLY ALL THEIR OWN FUNDING DISTRACTS RESOURCES AND ATTENTION OF SEMINARY FACULTY AND STAFF AWAY FROM FORMING PASTORS AND DEACONESSES FOR THE CHURCH, AND,

**WHEREAS** REQUIRING THE SEMINARIES TO BE FINANCIALLY INDEPENDENT FROM THE SYNOD DEGRADES THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN SYNOD AND SEMINARIES AND TEMPTS THE LEADERSHIP OF THE SEMINARIES TO DISREGARD THE WILL OF THE SYNOD, AND,

**WHEREAS** THE DEPENDENCE ON INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTORS FOR FUNDING LEAVES THE SEMINARIES VULNERABLE TO THE DESIRES OF THE CONTRIBUTORS RATHER THAN THE NEEDS OF THE CHURCH; AND,

**WHEREAS** BECAUSE OF FINANCIAL CHALLENGES FACING THE SYNOD, BUDGET AND PROGRAM DECISIONS WILL BE VERY DIFFICULT FOR SYNODICAL OFFICIALS TO ACHIEVE UNLESS IT IS SIMPLY REQUIRED, THEREFORE BE IT

**RESOLVED**, THAT THE MONTANA DISTRICT OF THE LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSOURI SYNOD MEMORIALIZE THE SYNOD IN CONVENTION TO DIRECT THE SYNOD TO INCREASE DIRECT SUPPORT TO THE SEMINARIES TO 5% OF THEIR TOTAL BUDGET IN 2011, AND TO INCREASE ANOTHER 5% OF THE SEMINARIES ANNUAL BUDGET EACH YEAR UNTIL 2020, AT WHICH TIME THE SYNOD WILL SUPPORT THE SEMINARIES AT A MINIMUM OF 51% OF THEIR BUDGETS, AND CONTINUE AT THIS LEVEL INDEFINITELY, AND BE IT FINALLY

**RESOLVED** THAT CONGREGATIONS BE INFORMED OF THIS CHANGE, AND THEREBY BE ENCOURAGED TO SUPPORT OUR SEMINARIES.

Pastor Richholt, Chairman

Pastor Miller, Secretary

**RESOLUTION NUMBER: 4-04**

**TITLE OF RESOLUTION: TO PROVIDE THAT SPECIFIC MINISTRY PASTOR (SMP) STUDENTS RECEIVE THE SAME PREORDINATION CORE CURRICULUM AS RESIDENTIAL SEMINARY STUDENTS**

**ACTION: ADOPTED**

**RE: OVERTURE & PAGE NUMBER: 4-04, p 92; 4-05, p 92**

**WHEREAS**, THE 2007 REGULAR CONVENTION OF THE LUTHERAN CHURCH-MISSOURI SYNOD RESOLVED TO ESTABLISH THE "SPECIFIC MINISTRY PASTOR PROGRAM" (RESOLUTION 5-01B); AND

**WHEREAS**, THE LUTHERAN CHURCH-MISSOURI SYNOD HAS THE EXPERTISE TO DELIVER SUCH PREPARATION, WHETHER RESIDENTIALLY OR IN THE FIELD; AND,

**WHEREAS**, THE SPIRITUAL NEEDS OF THOSE BEING SERVED BY SMP CANDIDATES ARE NO DIFFERENT THAN THOSE WHO WILL BE SERVED BY ANY PASTOR WHO GRADUATES AS A RESIDENTIAL STUDENT AT ONE OF OUR SEMINARIES AND WARRANT A THOROUGH EDUCATION ON THE PART OF THOSE WHO SERVE AS PASTORS; THEREFORE BE IT

**RESOLVED**, THAT THE MONTANA DISTRICT IN CONVENTION MEMORIALIZE THE LUTHERAN CHURCH-MISSOURI SYNOD IN CONVENTION IN 2010, TO DIRECT THE SMP PROGRAM TO PROVIDE THE SAME PRE-ORDINATION CORE CURRICULUM IN SCRIPTURE CONTENT, THEOLOGY, AND THE LUTHERAN CONFESSIONS, AS IS CURRENTLY IN PLACE FOR RESIDENTIAL STUDENTS AT SEMINARY.

Pastor Richholt, Chairman

Pastor Miller, Secretary

**RESOLUTION NUMBER: 4-05**

**TITLE OF RESOLUTION: TO AFFIRM THE TEACHING OF 6-DAY CREATION IN SYNODICAL SCHOOLS**

**ACTION: ADOPTED AS AMMENDED**

**RE: OVERTURE & PAGE NUMBER: 4-07, p 93**

**WHEREAS** UNCONDITIONAL SUBSCRIPTION TO THE AUTHORITY OF THE OLD AND NEW TESTAMENTS REQUIRES THAT WE CONFESS AND TEACH A 6-DAY CREATION; AND,

**WHEREAS** MUCH OF CHRISTENDOM HAS FALLEN INTO THE ERROR OF ACCOMMODATING THE CLEAR TEACHINGS OF SCRIPTURE WITH THE LIE OF EVOLUTION; AND,

**WHEREAS** SYNOD OWES OUR STUDENTS THE BEST EDUCATION WE CAN PROVIDE, INCLUDING THE ABILITY TO RECOGNIZE AND CRITICALLY ANALYZE THE FAULTY AND NON-SCIENTIFIC ASSUMPTIONS OF EVOLUTIONARY THEORY; AND,

**WHEREAS** ANY FAILURE IN OUR SYNODICAL SCHOOLS REGARDING THE TRUTH OF A 6-DAY CREATION AND THE ERROR OF EVOLUTIONARY THEORY WILL DIRECTLY



IMPACT THE FAITH AND CONFESSION OF ELEMENTARY AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS IN LCMS PAROCHIAL SCHOOLS; AND,  
**WHEREAS** SYNOD HAS PREVIOUSLY IN CONVENTION STATED THAT IT WILL REVIEW THE TEACHING OF CREATION AND EVOLUTION IN OUR SYNODICAL COLLEGES, UNIVERSITIES AND SEMINARIES; THEREFORE BE IT  
**RESOLVED** THAT THE MONTANA DISTRICT OF THE LCMS IN CONVENTION MEMORIALIZE THE SYNOD IN CONVENTION IN 2010 TO DIRECT THE PRESIDENT OF THE SYNOD TO TAKE DIRECT AND DEFINITE ACTION TO CLARIFY WHAT IS AND WHAT IS NOT BEING TAUGHT REGARDING EVOLUTIONARY THEORY AS FACT IN THE CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY SYSTEM DURING THE NEXT TRIENNIUM AND TO REPORT FINDINGS TO THE 2013 CONVENTION; AND BE IT FINALLY  
**RESOLVED** THAT THE MONTANA DISTRICT OF THE LCMS MEMORIALIZE THE SYNOD MAKE GOOD USE OF ECCLESIASTICAL SUPERVISION.

Pastor Richholt, Chairman

Pastor Miller, Secretary

**RESOLUTION NUMBER: 4-06-A**

**TITLE OF RESOLUTION: To Distribute The Report Of The Montana District High School Task Force To The Congregations Of The Montana District.**

**ACTION: ADOPTED**

**RE: REPORT & PAGE NUMBER: R4-04 Montana District High School Task Force, p 87, 2009 Convention Resolution 4-06.**

**WHEREAS** WE RECOGNIZE THE VALUE OF THE REPORT OF THE MONTANA DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL TASK FORCE; AND,  
**WHEREAS** DEVELOPING A HIGH SCHOOL IN THE MONTANA DISTRICT IS NOT FEASIBLE AT THIS TIME WITHOUT A SPECIFIC LOCATION AND SUPPORTING ASSOCIATION OF CONGREGATIONS; THEREFORE, BE IT  
**RESOLVED** – THAT THE REPORT OF THE TASK FORCE BE DISTRIBUTED TO THE CONGREGATIONS OF THE MONTANA DISTRICT FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION AND PRAYERFUL CONSIDERATION, WITH OUR THANKS TO THE TASK FORCE.

Pastor Richholt, Chairman

Pastor Miller, Secretary

**RESOLUTION NUMBER: 4-07**

**TITLE OF RESOLUTION: TO DISCUSS THE ROLE OF WOMEN WITH RESPECT TO SUFFRAGE**

**ACTION: Not Adopted**

**RE: OVERTURE & PAGE NUMBER: 4-08, p 94**

**WHEREAS**, ISAIAH 3 CLEARLY DEPICTS WOMEN IN POSITIONS OF AUTHORITY OVER MEN AS THE CHURCH IN A STATE OF CONFUSION, AND

**WHEREAS**, SOME CONGREGATIONS OF THE LUTHERAN CHURCH -- MISSOURI SYNOD STILL FIND A DIVINE BLESSING IN APPLYING THE WORD OF GOD CONCERNING THE ROLE OF WOMEN (I TIM. 2:12) TO THE VOTERS' ASSEMBLY AND DISTRICT AND SYNODICAL CONVENTIONS AS WELL AS THE OFFICE OF PASTOR. THEREFORE, BE IT

**RESOLVED**, THE 2009 CONVENTION OF THE MONTANA DISTRICT OF THE LUTHERAN CHURCH -- MISSOURI SYNOD REQUEST THAT THE DISTRICT PASTORAL CONFERENCES CONSIDER A STUDY OF THE ROLE OF WOMEN IN OUR CHURCHES.

Pastor Richholt, Chairman

Pastor Miller, Secretary

**RESOLUTION NUMBER: 4-08**

**TITLE OF RESOLUTION: TO DECLINE OVERTURE 4-06**

**ACTION: ADOPTED**

**RE: OVERTURE & PAGE NUMBER: 4-06, p 93**

**Whereas** THE LCMS CURRENTLY HAS A PROGRAM KNOWN AS THE GENESIS PROJECT WHICH CURRENTLY CONDUCTS FEASIBILITY STUDIES FOR CONGREGATIONS SEEKING TO ESTABLISH PAROCHIAL SCHOOLS AND PRESCHOOLS. Be it

**Resolved** that Overture 4-06 be declined.

Pastor Richholt, Chairman

Pastor Miller, Secretary

**RESOLUTION NUMBER: 5-01**

**TITLE OF RESOLUTION: TO REQUEST THE SYNODICAL PRESIDENT TO SUSPEND CONSIDERATION OF THE PROPOSALS OF THE BLUE RIBBON TASK FORCE ON SYNOD STRUCTURE AND GOVERNANCE AND NOT TO BRING THEM BEFORE THE 2010 CONVENTION, AND TO ALLOW SUFFICIENT TIME TO CONSIDER THESE AND OTHER PROPOSALS, AND TO MEMORIALIZE THE SYNOD IN CONVENTION NOT TO MAKE THE CURRENTLY RECOMMENDED CHANGES TO THE SYNODICAL CONSTITUTION.**

**ACTION: ADOPTED AS AMENDED**

**RE: REPORT OF THE BLUE RIBBON TASK FORCE ON SYNOD STRUCTURE AND GOVERNANCE TO THE MONTANA DISTRICT CONVENTION**

**WHEREAS**, CONCERNS ABOUT GOVERNANCE AND STRUCTURE OF THE LUTHERAN CHURCH-MISSOURI SYNOD GAVE RISE TO THE SYNODICAL PRESIDENT FORMING THE BLUE RIBBON TASK FORCE ON SYNOD STRUCTURE AND GOVERNANCE TO ADDRESS AREAS WHICH MIGHT NEED ADJUSTMENT OR CORRECTION; AND **WHEREAS**, THE PROPOSED CHANGES, AS SUMMARIZED BY THE BRTFSSG ITSELF, GO TO THE HEART OF WHO AND WHAT THE LUTHERAN CHURCH-MISSOURI SYNOD IS, TO WIT:

- a. The Synod's reason for existence;
- b. The Synod's confession;
- c. The Synod's mission and purpose;
- d. Conditions of membership in the synod;
- e. The relation of the synod to its members;
- f. The process whereby resolutions are made and accepted by synod in convention;  
([http://www.lcms.org/graphics/assets/media/structure%20and%20governance/Constitutional%20amendments%20document%20\(REVISED\).swf](http://www.lcms.org/graphics/assets/media/structure%20and%20governance/Constitutional%20amendments%20document%20(REVISED).swf)) and

**WHEREAS**, THESE PROPOSALS WILL PROFOUNDLY IMPACT AND ALTER OUR THEOLOGY AND PRACTICE, AS WELL AS SYNOD STRUCTURE, PROCESS AND MEMBERSHIP, AND

**Whereas**, THE FINAL PROPOSALS WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE UNTIL THE FALL OF 2009 AFTER THE DISTRICT CONVENTIONS, PREVENTING THE DISTRICTS IN CONVENTION FROM CONSIDERING THE FINAL PROPOSALS; and

**WHEREAS**, THE CURRENTLY PROPOSED CHANGES MAY WELL NECESSITATE FURTHER AND UNFORESEEN CHANGES, THE BRTFSSG ITSELF HAVING STATED, "IT IS LIKELY THAT MORE CONSTITUTIONAL PARAGRAPHS WILL REQUIRE CHANGE DEPENDING ON THE OUTCOME OF THE TASK FORCE'S WORK";  
([http://www.lcms.org/graphics/assets/media/structure%20and%20governance/Constitutional%20amendments%20document%20\(REVISED\).swf](http://www.lcms.org/graphics/assets/media/structure%20and%20governance/Constitutional%20amendments%20document%20(REVISED).swf)) AND

**WHEREAS**, THE NUMBER, SUBSTANCE AND IMPACT OF THESE CHANGES IS UNKNOWN, AND IMPOSSIBLE TO PREDICT; AND

**WHEREAS**, THERE HAS BEEN NO CLEARLY DEMONSTRATED NECESSITY FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION; AND

**WHEREAS**, THERE HAS BEEN LIMITED OPPORTUNITY FOR BROAD-BASED TIMELY ANALYSIS AND DISCUSSION ACROSS THE CONGREGATIONS AND DISTRICTS OF THE SYNOD; AND

**WHEREAS**, WE IN THE MONTANA DISTRICT WOULD BE UNABLE TO ACCEPT THESE PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE LCMS WITH A CLEAR CONSCIENCE; AS HAS ALSO BEEN STATED BY THE WYOMING DISTRICT IN CONVENTION THAT THEY CANNOT WITH A CLEAR CONSCIENCE ACCEPT, THEREFORE BE IT

**RESOLVED**, THAT THE MONTANA DISTRICT IN CONVENTION REQUEST THE SYNODICAL PRESIDENT TO SUSPEND THE CURRENT TIMELINE FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE CURRENT BRTFSSG PROPOSALS, AND NOT TO BRING A PLAN FOR RESTRUCTURE BEFORE THE 2010 CONVENTION, AND TO CONSIDER ALTERNATE PROPOSALS FOR ADDRESSING THE PROBLEMS PLAGUING THE SYNOD, INCLUDING THE PROPOSALS PUT FORWARD IN THE DOCUMENT "IT'S TIME: LCMS UNITY AND MISSION " BY REVEREND MATTHEW HARRISON, (<http://lcmssermons.com/images/aut109/its-time-lcms-unity-and-mission.pdf>), AND BE IT finally

**RESOLVED**, THAT THE MONTANA DISTRICT IN CONVENTION MEMORIALIZE THE LUTHERAN CHURCH- MISSOURI SYNOD IN CONVENTION IN 2010 TO CONSIDER NONE OF THE RECOMMENDED CHANGES TO THE SYNODICAL CONSTITUTION PROPOSED BY THE BRTFSSG.

Rev. Thompson, Chairman

Pastor Warner, Secretary

**RESOLUTION NUMBER: 5-02**

**TITLE OF RESOLUTION: To Revise the Dispute Resolution Process**

**ACTION: ADOPTED AS AMENDED**

**RE: OVERTURE 5-01, PAGE NUMBER 96:**

**Whereas** the current process of Dispute Resolution of Synod can be a valuable tool in resolving conflict in a godly manner, (1 Corinthians 6:1-7); and

**Whereas** Christian pastors are obligated to "preach the word...in season and out of season," and to "reprove, rebuke and correct...with great patience and instruction" (2 Timothy 4:2); and

**Whereas** the administration of the keys is the duty of pastors and congregations; and

**Whereas** Synod has placed persons in position of ecclesiastical supervision to hold church workers and institutions accountable to teach God's Word and to expose error; and

**Whereas** the Dispute Resolution Process should not be used to resolve questions of false doctrine, nor used to circumvent the administration of the word by pastors, congregations, and those in ecclesiastical supervision; therefore be it

**Resolved**, that the president of the District and the Montana District Board of Directors formulate, or appoint a committee to formulate, a revision of the current Dispute Resolution process to affirm the resolution of disputes in a godly manner, to affirm the proper administration of the keys by congregations and pastors, and to affirm the task of ecclesiastical supervision by those entrusted with that duty; and finally be it

**Resolved**, that the revision be forwarded to the 2010 Synod in convention.

Rev. Thompson, Chairman

Pastor Warner, Secretary

**RESOLUTION NUMBER: 5-03**

**TITLE OF RESOLUTION: Memorialize the Synod to Overrule CCM Opinion 02-2309 regarding Ecclesiastical Supervision**

**ACTION: ADOPTED**

**RE: OVERTURE 5-07, PAGE NUMBER 100**

**Whereas** Commission on Constitutional Matters Opinion 02-2309 states that "...the Synod is precluded from taking any action to terminate the membership of its member who, when performing his/her official duties, follows the advice and counsel of the ecclesiastical supervisor designated by the Synod"; and

**Whereas** this opinion creates the possibility that the Synod could be precluded from action against a member of the Synod who is, in fact, acting contrary to conditions of membership outlined in the Synodical Constitution Article VI; and

**Whereas** in issuing Opinion 02-2309 the CCM has therefore, in effect, improperly amended Article XIII of the Synodical Constitution; and

**Whereas** in issuing this opinion the CCM has granted District Presidents and other ecclesiastical supervisors a new power, that of granting immunity to those who may violate the constitution; and

**Whereas** since the Synodical Constitution states that "The officers of the Synod must assume only such rights as have been expressly conferred upon them by the Synod," (XI.A.1) giving ecclesiastical supervisors the right to grant immunity also amounts to an improper amendment to the Constitution; and

**Whereas** these are substantive constitutional arguments; and

**Whereas** Bylaw 3.9.2.2.c states, "An opinion rendered by the commission shall be binding on the question decided unless and until it is overruled by a convention of the Synod;" therefore be it

**Resolved**, that the Montana District memorialize the Synod in convention to overrule opinion 02-2309 of Commission on Constitutional Matters.

Rev. Thompson, Chairman

Pastor Warner, Secretary

**RESOLUTION NUMBER: 5-05**

**TITLE OF RESOLUTION: To decline Overture 5-03**

**ACTION: ADOPTED**

**RE: OVERTURE 5-03, PAGE NUMBER 97**

**Whereas** Overture 5-03 is already addressed in the Holy Scripture and our Lutheran Confessions, in particular John 14:25-26, Hebrews 1:1, 2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 3:16, and Augsburg Confession V, (Tappert 31.1-4), therefore be it

**Resolved** to decline overture 5-03.

Rev. Thompson, Chairman

Pastor Warner, Secretary

**RESOLUTION NUMBER: 5-06**

**TITLE OF RESOLUTION: To decline Overture 5-05**

**ACTION: ADOPTED**

**RE: OVERTURE 5-05, PAGE NUMBER 98:**

**Whereas** it is true that the Office of the Keys has been given to Christ's Church, this resolution does not clearly call for an action, therefore be it  
**Resolved** to decline overture 5-05.

Rev. Thompson, Chairman

Pastor Warner, Secretary

**RESOLUTION NUMBER: 5-04**

**TITLE OF RESOLUTION: To Decline Overture 5-02**

**ACTION: ADOPTED**

**RE: OVERTURE5-02, PAGE NUMBER 96**

**Whereas** it is already clearly the responsibility of ecclesiastical supervisors to keep accountable those who teach within our Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, and  
Whereas reminders can be insulting, therefore be it  
**Resolved** to decline overture 5-02.

Rev. Thompson, Chairman

Pastor Warner, Secretary

**RESOLUTION NUMBER: 5-07**

**TITLE OF RESOLUTION: To Decline Overture 5-06**

**ACTION: ADOPTED**

**RE: OVERTURE 5-06, PAGE NUMBER 99**

**Whereas** Overture 5-06 provides helpful references from Scripture and the Lutheran Confessions, such as the Ev. Luth. Church accepts "the Prophetic and Apostolic Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments as the pure, clear fountain of Israel, which is the only true standard by which all teachers and doctrines are to be judged" (Solid Declaration, Formula of Concord); and, the Scriptures teach "how good and pleasant it is when brothers live together in unity" (Psalm 133:1); and, Dr. C.F.W. Walther teaches in Thesis XVI of *The Evangelical Lutheran Church the True Visible Church of God on Earth* that "the Evangelical Lutheran Church accepts God's Word as it interprets itself," and the suggested hymn verse:

And bid Thy Word within me  
Shine as the fairest star;  
Keep sin and all false doctrine

Forever from me far.  
Help me confess Thee truly  
And with Thy Christendom  
Here own Thee King and Savior  
And in the world to come.

which are appreciated, the resolution fails to identify and define the “various hermeneutical approaches being taught at the synod’s seminaries and espoused by synod’s pastors,” and

**Whereas** the Montana District Pastors’ Conference establishes the conference program based on input and suggestions by the pastors, and

**Whereas** the LCMS in convention would be inclined to relegate this resolution to a committee or to the seminaries, therefore be it

**Resolved**, to decline overture 5-06.

Rev. Thompson, Chairman

Pastor Warner, Secretary

**RESOLUTION NUMBER: 5-08**

**TITLE OF RESOLUTION: To decline Overture 5-04**

**ACTION: ADOPTED**

**RE: OVERTURE 5-04, PAGE NUMBER 98:**

**Whereas** Overture 5-04 is already addressed in our Lutheran Confessions, specifically in the “Treatise On the Power and Primacy of the Pope,” (Tappert 327.41), therefore be it

**Resolved**, to decline overture 5-04.

Rev. Thompson, Chairman

Pastor Warner, Secretary

# MONTANA DISTRICT STATISTICAL REPORT 2009

## Ordained Ministers

### Entered the District

Maxwell, James	Installed 4/26/2009 as Sole Pastor at St. Peter Lutheran Church, Whitefish, MT. by DP Terry Forke
Carver, James	Ordained and installed 7/5/2009 as Sole Pastor at Our Savior Lutheran Church, Stevensville, MT by DP Terry Forke
Sias, John	Ordained and installed 7/19/2009 as Sole Pastor at Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church, Colstrip, MT by DP Terry Forke
Grayl, Samuel	Installed 6/21/2009 as Sole Pastor at First Lutheran Church, Bozeman, MT by DP Terry Forke

### Changes within the District

Kaarre, Martin	Emeritus 3/16/2009
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### Transferred to other Districts

Kaarre, David	Transferred to the Michigan District 3/17/2009
Stinnett, Aaron	Transferred to Southern District 4/9/2009

### Called to Glory

Juergensen, Eugene	4/18/2009
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## Commissioned Ministers

### Entered the District

Sutton, Melissa	Transferred from North Dakota District 3/13/2009
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### Changes within the District

Bortness, Ashley	Resigned from Roster 4/29/2009
Michael, Karole	Resigned from Roster 3/12/2009
Weyer, Tressa	Resigned from Roster 2/2/2009
Boll, Jennifer	Non-Candidate Status

### Called to Glory

Ludwig, William	3/4/2009
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# **MONTANA DISTRICT STATISTICAL REPORT 2008**

## **Ordained Ministers**

### **Entered the District**

DeMuth, Gregory	Ordained and installed 3/16/2008 at Trinity Lutheran Church, Kalispell, MT by DP Terry Forke
Harr, Wade	Transferred 12/2/2008 from South Dakota District as Non-Candidate
Peterson, Kevin	Installed 4/13/2008 as Sole Pastor at Shepherd of the Valley, Salmon ID by DP Terry Forke
Reinke, Jay	Transferred with congregation 2/13/2008 to Montana District
Stensrud, Ken	Ordained and installed 8/24/2008 at Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church, Ennis, MT by DP Terry Forke

### **Changes within the District**

Ebel, Alfred	Installed 1/6/2008 at Trinity Lutheran Church, Harlowton, MT by DP Terry Forke
Kaarre, Martin	Candidate Status 5/5/2008
Kasten, Albert	Emeritus 12/31/2008

### **Transferred to Other Districts**

Shaffer, George	Transferred 3/12/2008 to English District
Wenholz, Dennis	Transferred 2/3/2008 to Indiana District

### **Called to Glory**

Wollenburg, Rev. George	Called to Glory 8/18/2008
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### **New Congregation**

Concordia Lutheran Church Williston, ND	Transferred 2/11/2008
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## **Commissioned Ministers**

### **Entered the District**

Heiliger, Andrea	Commissioned and installed 8/24/2008 at Trinity Lutheran School, Billings, MT by Rev. Dan Rinderknecht
Hoover, Hoyle – DCE	Installed 2/3/2008 at First Lutheran Church, Helena, MT by Rev. Larry Miller
Kosche, Thomas	Installed 8/24/2008 at Trinity Lutheran School, Billings, MT by Rev. Dan Rinderknecht
Ritter, Shannon	Transferred 9/18/2008 from California/Nevada/Hawaii District as Candidate
Schleicher, Amy	Installed 8/24/2008 at Trinity Lutheran School, Billings, MT by Rev. Dan Rinderknecht

### **Changes within the District**

McCoy, Laura	Installed 8/24/2008 at Trinity Lutheran School, Billings, MT by Rev. Dan Rinderknecht
Shimoi, Ruth Ann – Deac.	Transferred 10/21/2008 to Northwest District

# MONTANA DISTRICT STATISTICAL REPORT 2007

## Ordained Ministers

### Entered the District

Diconti, Marc	Installed 3/11/07 by Rev. James Hallmann
Hasselbrook, David	Installed 8/12/2007 as Sole Pastor at Messiah Lutheran Church, Missoula, MT by Rev. Arlo Pullmann
Herman, Justin	Installed 10/14/2007 as Sole Pastor at Zion/St. John Lutheran Churches, Power, MT by DP Terry Forke
Houser, Glenn	Transferred 10/11/2007 from Northwest District as Non-Candidate
Nelson, Matthew	Installed 6/3/2007 as Sole Pastor at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, Columbia Falls, MT by DP Terry Forke

### Changes within the District

Gordish, Timothy	Installed as chaplain on 8/29/2007 with Board for Mission Services, Ministry to the Armed Forces by DP Terry Forke
Langhoff, Mark	Removed from Roster 6/3/2007
Larson, Raymond	Emeritus Status 10/28/2007
Mitchell, Robert	Candidate Status 4/22/2007

### Transferred to Other Districts

Benson, Robert	Transferred to South Wisconsin District 6/4/2007
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### Called to Glory

Klietz, Sheldon	Called to Glory 10/16/2007
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### Closed School

St. John Preschool Laurel, MT	Closed 8/22/2007
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### New School

Mt. Olive Lutheran School Billings, MT	Opened 9/1/2007
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## Commissioned Ministers

### Entered the District

Bortness, Ashley	Commissioned and installed 9/9/2007 at Trinity Lutheran School, Kalispell, MT by Rev. Mark Cutler
Cutler, Joann	Non-Candidate to Candidate 3/29/2007
Schleicher, Jason	Installed 8/26/2007 as DCE at Trinity Lutheran Church, Billings, MT by Rev. Dan Rinderknecht
Shimoi, Ruth Ann - Deac.	Transferred 12/5/2007 from Michigan District

### Changes within the District

Weyer, Tressa – Deac.	Non-Candidate Status 2/22/2007
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# MONTANA DISTRICT STATISTICAL REPORT 2006

## Ordained Ministers

### Entered the District

Iverson, Erik	Ordained and installed 7/16/2006 as Sole Pastor at Holy Cross/Faith Lutheran Churches, Seeley Lake/Condon, MT by Rev. Terry Forke
Kasten, Albert	Installed 1/15/2006 as Sole Pastor at St. John Lutheran Church, Deer Lodge, MT by Rev. George Wollenburg
Langhoff, Mark	Ordained and installed 6/4/2006 as Sole Pastor at Zion/St. John Lutheran Churches, Power/Fairfield MT by Rev. George Wollenburg
Sandersfeld, Vernon	Installed 9/10/2006 as Sole Pastor at Grace Lutheran Church, Hamilton by Rev. Terry Forke
Schlund, Steven	Installed as Sole Pastor at Peace/Christ for the Deaf Lutheran Churches, Great Falls, MT by Rev. George Wollenburg
Schultz, Mark	Installed 9/17/2006 as Sole Pastor St. Paul/Zion Lutheran Churches, Havre/Chinook MT by Rev. Richard Thompson
Stinnett, Eric	Installed 5/7/2006 as Sole Pastor at Trinity/Our Savior Lutheran Churches, Stanford/Denton MT by Rev. Kent Stenzel
Wendt, Ryan	Installed 6/11/2006 as Sole Pastor at Christ the King Lutheran Church, Billings, MT by Rev. George Wollenburg
Wenholz, Dennis	Ordained and installed 7/19/2006 as Sole Pastor at Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church, Colstrip, MT by Rev. George Wollenburg

### Changes within the District

Ebel, Alfred	Emeritus 8/31/2006
Forke, Terry	Installed 6/22/2006 as District President by Rev. George Wollenburg
Wollenburg, George St. John Lutheran Church St. Xavier, MT	Emeritus 9/1/2006  Disbanded 1/1/2006

### Transferred to Other Districts

Merritt, Glenn	Transferred to LCMS World Relief and Human Care, St. Louis, MO
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## Commissioned Ministers

### Transferred from Other Districts

Cutler, Joann	Transferred from Nebraska District 3/21/2006
Endicott, Steve DCE, EM	Transferred from Northwest District 2/1/2006
Endicott, Ruth, Deac., EM	Transferred from Northwest District 2/1/2006

### Changes within the District

McCoy, Laura	Non-Candidate Status 2/2/2006
Rickels, Robert	Removed from Roster 1/9/2006
Van Andel, Roger	Non-Candidate to Emeritus

## MONTANANS WHO HAVE SERVED IN SYNODICAL OFFICES

Lowell Bartels (Helena)	Board for Human Services
Arthur Brackebusch (Missoula)	Board of Higher Education, Board of Regents, Irvine CA
Johnny "Crow" Buck (Billings)	Board of Regents, Concordia, Seward NE
Randy Golter	Vicared in Kalispell – Rocky Mountain District President
Mark Grunst (Billings)	Board of Regents, Concordia, Ft. Wayne
Leonard Harms (Laurel)	Counselor for Indian Ministry, Board for Missions Services. Mission Executive for the Lutheran Church, Canada
Gregg Hein (Billings)	Board of Regents, Concordia, St. Paul MN
Jerald Joersz	Trinity, Harlowton and Hope, Billings. Associate Executive Director of the Commission on Theology and Church Relations
Alfred Klausler	Served at Glendive
Eugene Klug	Served at Kalispell – Professor at Ft. Wayne Seminary
Theodore Kober (Billings)	Synodical Board of Directors
Rodger Krause	Trinity, Wolf Point - Rocky Mountain District President
Leon Langemeier (Billings)	Board of Trustees, LCMS Foundation
William Ludwig (Kalispell)	Synodical Board of Directors Board of Higher Education
Ralph Mayan	Vicared in Sidney – President of the Lutheran Church-Canada
Lambert Mehl	President at St. Paul College, Concordia MO – served at Plentywood
Albert Merkens	Served at Scobey 1920-22-Professor at St. Louis Seminary 1950
Robert Newton	Vicared in Sidney-California-Nevada-Hawaii District President
Dan Ondov	Synodical Stewardship
Frederick Photenhauer	Missionary to Montana – Minnesota-North Dakota President – Synodical Vice President and President
Daniel Preus	Vicared in Havre – Synodical Vice President
Lane Seitz	Vicared in Glendive – Minnesota South District President
Robert Rahn	Served at Wolf Point & Missoula. Former Director of Lutheran Heritage Foundation
George Rummel (Hamilton)	Board of Regents, Concordia, Portland OR
R. Sieving	Served at Bridger – Missionary to India in 1937
Richard Thompson (Billings)	Synodical Board of Directors
A. H. Werfelmann	Served Froid/Culbertson MT 1910-15, No. Illinois District President
Judy Williams (Billings)	Board of Parish Education
James Wilson	Board of Regents, Concordia, Portland OR
Walter Wolbrecht	Served First, Missoula 1939-45. President St. Paul College, Concordia MO and Executive Director of Synod 1960-73
George Wollenburg (Billings)	Synodical Vice President

# CONGREGATIONAL ANNIVERSARIES

## 2007

- 5 Holy Trinity, Belgrade
- 35 Hope, Billings
- 25 Our Savior, Billings
- 95 St. Paul, Bridger
- 10 Crow Lutheran Ministry, Crow Agency
- 25 Shepherd of the Hills, Ennis
- 115 Trinity, Great Falls
- 65 Redeemer, Hardin
- 120 First, Helena
- 65 Trinity, Hysham
- 90 St. Paul, Lewistown
- 95 Trinity, Plentywood
- 95 St. Paul, Roundup
- 60 Zion, St. Ignatius

## 2008

- 55 Faith, Boulder
- 120 St. Mark, Butte
- 95 Zion, Chinook
- 35 Mt. Calvary, Colstrip
- 60 First, Fort Benton
- 50 Faith, Glasgow
- 70 Our Savior, Glendive
- 95 St. John, Laurel
- 95 St. John, Libby
- 95 St. Paul, Park City
- 95 Zion, Power
- 30 Shepherd of the Valley, Salmon ID
- 80 Trinity, Sidney
- 50 Zion, Whitehall
- 75 Concordia, Williston ND
- 15 Our Redeemer, Worden

## 2009

- 50 Mount Olive, Billings
- 90 Trinity, Billings
- 80 First, Bozeman
- 5 Church at Creston
- 80 Concordia, Forsyth
- 90 Grace, Hamilton
- 90 St. Paul, Havre
- 55 Trinity, Stanford
- 55 Our Savior, Stevensville
- 50 St. Peter, Whitefish

## ORDINATION ANNIVERSARIES

### 2007

Dennis Bauer	25
Paul Blunck	50
Marc DiConti	25
Arnold Fischer	50
Jason Menagh	20
Arlo Pullmann	20
Darold Reiner	35
Timothy Richholt	25
Herbert Schiefelbein	55
Douglas Thompson	10
Myron Wackler	50

### 2008

Mark Cutler	20
Alfred Ebel	20
Gale Everson	30
Terry Forke	25
Timothy Gordish	10
Eugene Juergensen	55
Robert Lane	10
Daniel Ondov	60
Daniel Rinderknecht	25
Vernon Sandersfeld	25
Steven Schlund	25
Mark Schultz	25
Kent Stenzel	35
Richard Thompson	35
Christopher Tabbert	10

### 2009

Timothy Daub	5
George Draper	10
Matthew Nelson	5
Kevin Peterson	10
Jay Reinke	20
Eric Stinnett	5
David Warner	5
Ryan Wendt	5
Raymond Wiegert	50
Kenneth Zoeller	10
Larry Miller	25

## COMMISSIONED ANNIVERSARIES

### 2007

Boll, Jennifer	5
Braaten, Rebecca	25
Hobus, David	30
McCauley, Kristin	5
Johnson, Melody	20

### 2008

Kern, Becky Sue	30
Topp, David	10

### 2009

Holste, Kenneth	40
McCoy, Laura	10
Steinbrenner, Lisa	5
Schleicher, Jason	5

# CIRCUIT ACTIVITY AND STATISTICAL REPORTS

## SOUTHERN CIRCUIT #1 2006-2007-2008

### Congregational Visits:

Regular	0
Special Issues:	0
Phone counsel:	25
School visits:	0

### Conferences:

Winkels:	21
Circuit (South/East)	3
District Pastors:	3
Synodical:	0

### Meetings:

Circuit Counselors:	8
Forums:	2
Convocations	2
Other	0

### Vacancies and Calls:

Vacancies during triennium:	2
Current vacancies:	1
Meetings regarding calls	2
Installation/Ordinations	1

Rev. Robert Lane, Circuit Counselor

## EASTERN CIRCUIT #3 2006-2007-2008

### Congregation Visits

Regular	0
Special Issues	2
Phone counsel	10
School visits	0

### Conferences:

Winkel	19
Circuit - South/East	3
District Pastors	2
Synodical	0

### Meetings:

Circuit Counselors	6
Forums	0
Convocations	1
Other	0

### Vacancies and Calls:

Vacancies during triennium	1
Current vacancies	1
Meetings regarding calls	3
Installation/Ordinations	1

Rev. James Hageman, Circuit Counselor

## Western Circuit #2 2006-2007-2008

### Congregational Visits:

Regular	6
Special Issues	2
Phone counsel	12
School visits	0

### Conferences:

Winkel	14
Circuit (Quad)	3
District Pastors	3
Synodical	1

### Meetings:

Circuit Counselors	7
Forums	1
Convocations	1
Other	13

### Vacancies and Calls:

Vacancies during triennium	5
Current vacancies	1
Meetings regarding calls	15
Installation/Ordinations	4

Rev. Raymond Larson, Circuit Counselor

## CENTRAL CIRCUIT #4 2006-2007-2008

### Congregational Visits:

Regular	5
Special Issues	8
Phone counsel	25
School visits	3

### Conferences:

Winkel	19
Circuit - Quad	2
District Pastors	3
Synodical	4

### Meetings:

Circuit Counselors	7
Forums	0
Convocations	2
Other	4

### Vacancies and Calls:

Vacancies during triennium	1
Current vacancies	0
Meetings regarding calls	3
Installation/Ordinations	1

Rev. Kent Stenzel, Circuit Counselor

**DIVIDE CIRCUIT #5  
2006-2007-2008**

**Congregational Visits**

Regular	0
Special Issues	2
Phone Counsel	4
School visits	1

**Conferences**

Winkel	13
Quad Circuit	2
District Pastors	2
Synod	0

**Meetings**

Circuit Counselors	8
Forums	0
Convocations	0
Other	0

**Vacancies and Calls**

Vacancies	2
Current Vacancies	2
Meetings Regarding Calls	4
Installations/ Ordinations	1/1

Chaplain Gale Everson, Circuit Counselor

**FLATHEAD CIRCUIT #6  
2006-2007-2008**

**Congregational Visits:**

Regular	1
Special Issues	8
Phone counsel	50+
School visits	1

**Conferences:**

Winkel	15
Circuit - Quad	2
District Pastors	2
Synodical	4

**Meetings:**

Circuit Counselors	8
Forums	1
Convocations	
Other	6

**Vacancies and Calls:**

Vacancies during triennium	2
Current vacancies	1
Meetings regarding calls	13
Installation/Ordinations	3

Rev. Christopher Tabbert, Circuit Counselor



SOUTHERN CIRCUIT #1	Circuit Counselor: Rev. Robert Lane						Avg. Attendance	PASTOR	
	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011			
CITY	CHURCH	Baptized	Comm	Baptized	Comm	Baptized	Comm	Avg. Attendance	PASTOR
	St. John	80	80	69	58	89	59		Rev. Timothy Daub
	Christ the King	175	140	188	155	184	131	70	Rev. Ryan Went
	Hope	221	152	221	155	221	155		Rev. Robert Lane
	Mount Olive	854	524	837	504	870	522	300	Rev. Mark Grunst
	Our Savior	303	255	303	255	322	283	83	Rev. Ken Zoeller
	Trinity	1250	817	1250	817	1250	729	325	Rev. D. Rinderknecht
	Bridger	118	59	118	91	118	91		Rev. Timothy Richhart
	Crow Agency	49	22	50	25	52	26	3	Rev. Daniel Jacobs
	Hart'n	179	121	173	119	173	119		Rev. James Koss
	Harlowton	39	33	30	31	34	34	15	Rev. Alfred Ebel
	Lama Deer	64	34	64	32	64	32		Rev. Dennis Deaver
	Laurel	622	411	516	411	540	424	121	Rev. Arlo Pullmann
	Park City	161	138	144	122	135	115	48	Rev. Douglas Thompson
	Roundup	13	12	8	8	8	8	8	Rev. Mark Grunst
	Wenden	54	38	54	38	54	38		Rev. Robert Lane
	TOTALS	3871	2614	3644	2833	3892	2744		
*2007 Figures									
WESTERN CIRCUIT #2		Circuit Counselor: Rev. Raymond Larson							
CITY	CHURCH	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	Avg. Attendance	PASTOR
	Faith	76	61	78	61	78	61	61	Rev. Erik Iverson
	Grace	293	233	301	244	314	266	144	Rev. Vern Sandersfeld
	Hamilton	781	623	700	639	784	633	285	Rev. David Rerifo
	Missoula	174	119	124	89	130	90	55	Rev. David Hasselbrook
	Missoula	183	191	150	87	150	87		Rev. Kevin Peterson
	Salmon ID								Rev. Erik Iverson
	the Valley								
	Beeky Lake	85	72	85	72	95	72		Rev. Erik Iverson
	Stevensville	154	130	154	123	154	123		Vacant
	Superior	94	80	94	80	112	85	43	Served by Rev. R. Weigert
	TOTALS	1852	1509	1886	1396	1807	1406		
*2007 Figures									

EASTERN CIRCUIT #3		Circuit Counselor: Rev. James Hageman						Avg.	PASTOR
CITY	CHURCH	2006		2007		2008		Attendance	
		Baptized	Comm	Baptized	Comm	Baptized	Comm		
Argyle	Trinity	17	16	14	12	14	12	7	Rev. Howard Schreiber
Calistip	Mount Calvary	184	145	184	149	*184	*149		Vacant
Fairview	St. John	74	62	74	63	71	60	24	Rev. David Warner
Fallon	Grace	67	66	65	64	65	64	18	Rev. James Hageman
Forsyth	Concordia	390	208	370	199	380	200	87	Rev. John Veale
Glasgow	Faith	32	26	29	26	*29	*26		Rev. George Draper
Glendive	Our Savior	1125	898	*1125	854	1052	834	220	Rev. James Hageman
Hysham	Trinity	71	58	77	58	*77	*59		Rev. John Valle
Miles City	Trinity	461	338	486	325	424	313	118	Rev. Howard Schreiber
Plantwood	Trinity	79	62	79	62	74	58	23	Rev. Jay Reinke
Sidney	Trinity	351	293	351	294	341	282	79	Rev. David Warner
Williston ND	Concordia				200	308	220	65	Rev. Jay Reinke
Wolf Point	Trinity	102	78	75	58	*75	*58		Rev. George Draper
TOTALS		2853	2053	2239	2687	2366	3094	2335	
*2007 Figures									
CENTRAL CIRCUIT #4		Circuit Counselor: Rev. Kent Stenzel							
CITY	CHURCH	2006		2007		2008		Avg.	PASTOR
		Baptized	Comm	Baptized	Comm	Baptized	Comm	Attendance	
Chinook	Zion	100	76	100	77	100	77	43	Rev. Mark Schultz
Denton	Our Savior	44	39	42	31	*44	*31		Rev. Eric Stinner
Fairfield	St. John	48	38	48	38	*48	*38		Rev. Justin Herman
Fort Benton	First	37	34	37	34	*37	*34		Rev. Steven Schlund
Great Falls	Chr st for the Deaf		41		41	*41	*41		Rev. Steven Schlund
	Peace	331	274	331	272	339	277	99	Rev. Steven Schlund
	Trinity	585	436	610	454	548	416	154	Rev. Kent Stenzel
Havre	St. Paul	235	200	235	200	225	200	68	Rev. Mark Schultz
Lewislow	St. Paul	94	98	96	89	*96	*89		Rev. Eric Stinner
Power	Zion	130	99	130	102	138	105	80	Rev. Justin Herman
Starbuck	Trinity	88	64	88	51	*88	*51		Rev. Eric Stinner
TOTALS		1783	1393	1783	1387	1702	1357		
*2007 Figures									



## THE AUGSBURG CONFESSION AS DELIVERED BY PHILIP MELANCHTHON

During the convention nearly 5 hours were dedicated to the study of the Augsburg Confession. The delegates were blessed by the talents of Mr. Gregg Hein, of Billings. He played the role of Philip Melancthon and read the Confession to the delegates. Following each of the four sessions where he read a portion of the Confession the delegates formed small groups and discussed what we believe, teach and confess, using a study guide that had been prepared for the convention.

## AMICUS CHRISTI AWARD NOMINEES

### MURRAY, BILL

Bill has been instrumental over the past 25 years in making visual tapes of worship services for special events, shut-ins, and those hospitalized. At times his own investment of money made it possible for the elderly and those who could not make it to church to be serviced with tapes 52 weeks out of the year. Bill is a man of great faith and a great desire to make sure that the Gospel message gets out. Bill is 73 years old and in failing health but in spite of all this – he continues to make at least 12-15 tapes a week.

### OLINGHOUSE, JOEL

Joel was involved in the initiation of Messiah Lutheran in Missoula. Part of what he did there was some of the early canvassing to gather names and encourage residents of the Rattlesnake to attend Messiah. During that same period he became a part of the work of the new congregation at Seeley Lake. This work even included the building of the facilities at Seeley Lake.

Joel's work career includes several years as printer and many years in the insurance field.

For quite a number of years he was an AAL representative and always saw the work he did with this company as a ministry performed for God's people.

At Grace in Hamilton, Joel has served in many capacities. While he has been an Elder and most of the time the Head Elder, over his years at Grace, his leadership and encouragement reaches into many areas of the congregation's mission. Probably at the top of this list is his commitment to projects to assist the less fortunate. For much of the existence of Grace's PIN (People in Need) benevolence, Joel has either led the work or put a lot of behind-the-scenes work to assure its success. Along with Donna, his wife, he annually ships the Christmas boxes for Samaritans Purse and regularly helps with veterans' help programs.

Joel is very immediate in Life issues and, in fact, is always the congregation's point-man for this work.

Just a couple years ago Joel added to the number of things he has done for our District by receiving training as an *Ablaze!* Congregation Presenter and then presenting this movement to more than ten congregations on the western side of the District. He has also participated in more than one District Convention as a congregational delegate.

Joel and Donna have two girls, Mary and Laura (Lindquist) who both live in the Hamilton area. Joel and Donna enjoy this opportunity to be real, on the spot, grandparents to Laura's children. Mary is not married.

## GONE TO GLORY

**Rev. Dr. George Wollenburg** was born on July 6, 1930 to Oscar and Rosa Louise Wollenburg at Austin MN. He was called to glory on August 18, 2008 in Billings MT. A service was held at Trinity Lutheran Church and internment was on August 26, 2008 at Terrace Gardens Cemetery, Billings MT.

Dr. Wollenburg graduated from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis MO in 1955 and served Grace Lutheran Church, Pleasanton NE; St. Paul and St. John Lutheran Churches, Bridger/Belfry MT; and Christ the King Lutheran Church, Billings MT. He served as Circuit Counselor, Vice President and President of the Montana District. He also served on the Synodical Board of Directors, CTCR, Editorial Committee and Task Force on Higher Ed and as Vice President. He is survived by his wife, Martha; four sons, John, Mark, Steven and Martin; three daughters, Mary, Ruth and Susan.

**Rev. Sheldon Henry Klietz** was born February 26, 1935 to George and Edna Klietz at Chicago IL. He was called to glory on October 16, 2007. A memorial service was held at First Lutheran Church in Missoula MT on November 3, 2007.

Rev. Klietz graduated from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis MO in 1956 and served St. Paul/St. Paul Lutheran Churches in Campbell/Nashua MN; Grace Lutheran Church, Hazel Crest, IL; Trinity Lutheran Church, Marseilles, IL; Faith Lutheran Church, Oak Lawn, IL; Grace Lutheran Church, El Centro, CA; St. John Lutheran Church, Chicago, IL; St. Michael Lutheran Church, Chicago, IL and vacancies in Montana for ten years. He is survived by his wife, JoAnne; two sons, Mark and Todd; and daughter, Beth.

**William Ludwig** was born on February 2, 1931 to Rev. Martin and Ethel Ludwig in Sidney MT. He was called to glory on March 4, 2009. Funeral services were held at Trinity Lutheran Church in Kalispell MT on March 10, 2009.

Bill graduated from Concordia College, Seward NE with a degree in education and a degree in Ancient History from the University of Colorado in Boulder CO. He served Grace Lutheran School in Platte Center, NE; Redeemer Lutheran School in Denver CO and Trinity Lutheran School in Kalispell MT. He was director of Trinity Lutheran Camp in Bigfork MT for 42 years. He is survived by his wife, Marilyn; three sons, Douglas, Scott and Brent; and daughter, Brenda.

**Rev. Eugene Juergensen** was born in Sagerton, TX on April 16, 1928 to Rev. Carl and Lydia Juergensen. He was called to glory on April 18, 2009. Funeral services were held at Trinity Lutheran Church in Billings, MT on April 21, 2009.

Rev. Juergensen graduated from Concordia University in St. Louis and was ordained in June 1953. Pastor "J" served twelve Lutheran congregations full-time in Montana, Iowa, Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska and Oklahoma. He also served twenty-four other congregations in their vacancies. He held offices in all LCMS Districts where he served and was the Archivist-Historian for the Montana District at the time of his death. In 2006, he was honored to receive the Amicus Christi Award (Friend of Christ) award from the Montana District of the LCMS for his faithful service as a pastor in the LCMS. He is survived by his wife Dorothy, two daughters, Rebecca and Sharon and one son, Stephen.

"For me to live is Christ and to die is gain." Philippians 1:21