

LCMS Convention—Christ Is Risen Indeed

July 18-23, 2026

The convention began with the Divine Service and numerous prayer services and preaching punctuated the business of the convention under the theme: “Christ Is Risen Indeed!”

Prior to the convention, on the third ballot, President Matthew Harrison was reelected to a sixth term as President of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. At the convention, the following vice-presidents were elected:

Rev. Peter K Lange, 1st Vice-President (incumbent/fulltime)
Rev. Benjamin T. Ball, 2nd Vice-President from Central Region (incumbent)
Rev. Dr. Alfonso O. Espinosa, 3rd Vice-President from West-Southwest Region (first term)
Rev. Christopher S. Esget, 4th Vice-President from East-Southeast Region (incumbent)
Rev. Nabil S. Nour, 5th Vice-President, Great Plains Region (incumbent)
Rev. Eric C. Skovgaard, 6th Vice-President, Great Lakes Region (first term)

Rev. John W. Sias was re-elected Secretary of Synod (fulltime)

Elections to the Board of Directors, Board for National Mission, Board for International Mission, Commission on Theology and Church Relations, Concordia Historical Institute Board of Governors, Concordia Publishing House Board of Directors, The Lutheran Church Extension Fund Board of Directors, the LCMS Foundation Board of Trustees, and Concordia University System Board of Directors. Elections to the boards of regents for Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne; Concordia Seminary, St. Louis; Concordia University, Chicago; Concordia University, Irvine; Concordia University, Nebraska; Concordia University, St. Paul; Concordia University, Wisconsin; and Concordia University, Texas. Finally, the convention elected members to the newly reconstituted Commission on Worship.

Numerous reports and greetings were received from commissions and auxiliaries of the Synod, greetings from overseas partner churches, and other church bodies, including the president of WELS. Theological essays were given by several theologians, including our seminary presidents, Rev. Dr. Jon Bruss and Rev. Thomas Egger.

Every overture submitted to the Synod for convention business must be dealt with by the floor committees assigned to handle specific topics. Floor Committees decide which actions to take with each overture: assigning overtures to various “omnibus resolutions” or writing resolutions from the overtures to be presented to the convention for action.

National Witness (1):

Res. 1-01A, “To Celebrate and Encourage All Nations Ministry in North America” (TB, 2B:269–70). It was amended with the following resolve: “That ONM work with 29 districts to focus on placing missionaries in ethnic ministries as new mission starts.” [Yes: 843; No: 40].

Res. 1-02, “To Proclaim 2029 the 500th Year of Luther’s Catechisms” (TB, 1:58–59). It was amended with the following resolve: “That the Synod in convention direct CPH to add the Large Catechism to existing digital resources.” [Yes: 757; No: 136].

Res. 1-03A, “To Give Thanks to God for 150 Years of Black Ministry” (TB, 2B:270–71). [Yes: 825; No: 61].

Res. 1-07A, “To Increase Church Planting at the Parish Level” (TB, 2B:272–73). Adopted by voice vote.

Res. 1-12, “To Support Campus Ministry” (TB, 1:66–67). Adopted

Res. 1-09A, “To Promote Ministry Among Youth and Young Adults” (TB, 2B:273–74). Adopted

Res. 1-10, “To Confront Increased Idolatry of Our Culture with Clear Confession of Love of Christ and Lutheran Resources in Christian Apologetics” Adopted

Res. 1-06A, “To Support Lutheran Congregations and Schools in Urban Contexts” Adopted

Res. 1-11A, “To Confess God’s Design for the Family.”

International Mission (2):

A video was shown explaining the FORO concept.

Res. 2-02A, “To Direct Districts and Encourage Congregational Participation in Global Mission through Prayer, Partnership, and Support” (TB, 2B:277–78). [Yes: 864; No: 27].

Res. 2-03A, “To Give Thanks to God for Missionary Care Provided by the Office of International Mission” (TB, 8 2B:278–79). [Yes: 817; No: 83].

Res. 2-04, “To Amend Bylaws ... to Establish a Framework for Ecclesiastical Supervision and Pastoral Care for Independent International Congregations” (TB, 1:71–74). [Yes: 806; No: 80].

Res. 2-05, “To Give Thanks to God for 125 Years of Gospel Ministry, Partner Churches, and Mission in the Latin America and Caribbean Region” (TB, 1:74–75). Adopted

Mercy (3):

Res. 3-01A, “To Commend and Encourage Life Ministry Efforts of Congregations, Schools, Districts, and 5 Recognized Service Organizations” (TB, 2B:279–80). Res. 3-01A with a minor amendment was adopted [Yes: 779; No: 17 68].

Res. 3-02A, “To Encourage Adoption and Foster Care” Adopted.

Res. 3-04A, “To Encourage Use of Counseling and Telehealth Services for Care and Retention of Church Workers” Adopted

Res. 3-06A, “To Encourage Synod to Respond to the Growing Addiction Crisis” Adopted.

As called for by Res. 3-06A, following its passage, LCMS President Rev. Dr. Matthew C. Harrison led the convention in prayer for those facing addiction: “Dear Lord Jesus, look with favor upon those suffering addiction and mental illness of various sorts. Have mercy upon them. Have mercy upon all of us. We pray that You would use the mental challenges and difficulties in each of our lives to cause us to be open to those who are suffering from addiction of various sorts. ... Cause us to be a witness to Your blessed love, redemption, salvation and also consolation and comfort amidst their struggles. Grant healing according to Your gracious will. We plead it for Your sake. Amen.”

Res. 3-03A and 3-05A — were adopted as part of the day’s Consent Calendar.

Life Together (4):

Res. 4-01, “To Establish Tell the Next Generation as Synod Mission and Ministry Emphasis” (TB, 1:82).

Res. 4-02A, “To Amend Bylaws to Refine Process for Creating Triennial Mission and Ministry Emphases” (TB, 26 2B:284–87). Adopted

Res. 4-03, “To Commend and Sunset Synod Mission Priorities” (TB, 1:85). Adopted

Res. 4-06A, “To Amend Bylaws to Reinstate Commission on Worship” (TB, 2B:288–91). [Yes: 613; No: 289].

Res. 4-05, “To Clarify Nomenclature for Chaplaincy and Institutional Care Work and To Amend Related Bylaws” (TB, 1:86–88). [Yes: 736; No: 12]. (This resolution said that “chaplain” should not be used of deaconesses, but only of men ordained to the Office of the Ministry.)

Res. 4-04B, “To Clarify Oversight and Revitalize Role of Registered Service Organizations” (TB, 3:324). [Yes: 823; No: 64]. (This resolution calls for the Board for National Mission to create policies for the Office of National Mission to increase the oversight of RSO’s.)

Res. 4-07, “To Condemn Political Violence and Encourage Participation in Public Life” (TB, 1:91–92). An amendment was offered to refer to the public assassination of Charles J. Kirk, but the amendment failed. [Yes: 409; No: 487]. In response to a question, it was noted that the forthcoming, commended CTCR report (ll. 37–38) is in process and should be delivered soon. [Yes: 845; No: 60]

Res. 4-08A, “To Direct the Commission on Theology and Church Relations to Examine Current Political and Social Issues” (TB, 2B:291). [Yes: 811; No: 90].

Res. 4-09, “To Address Uses of Artificial Intelligence” (TB, 1:92–93). Without objection the word “generate” replaced the word “create.” [Yes: 864; No: 34]

Theology and Church Relations (5):

Res. 5-01, “To Recognize Altar and Pulpit Fellowship with Evangelical Lutheran Christian Church of Bolivia” (TB, 1:95–97). Adopted by voice vote. Dr. Shaw, Assistant to the President in Church Relations, introduced ICEL President Fernández, who addressed the assembly.

Res. 5-02, “To Support and Encourage Recognition of Altar and Pulpit Fellowship with Lutheran Mission—Australia” (TB, 1:97–98). Commission on Theology and Church Relations Executive Director Joel Lehenbauer made prefatory comments regarding the resolution, explaining that the Lutheran Mission—Australia has not yet had its constituting convention, but is expected to recognize fellowship with the LCMS at that time. President Harrison would then declare fellowship, as authorized by bylaw, which would then be ratified by the next LCMS convention. Res. 5-01 approved by voice vote. Lutheran Mission—Australia President Matt Anker then addressed the convention.

Res. 5-10, “To Request Commission on Theology and Church Relations Report on Human Organ Donation and Transplantation” (TB, 1:106). Without debate, the resolution was adopted by voice vote.

Res. 5-11A, “To Reaffirm Sanctity of Human Life Regarding Practice of In Vitro Fertilization” (TB, 2B:293–94). This resolution was debated over two separate sessions. After several attempts to amend the resolution, the resolution was adopted without amendment by voice vote.

Res. 5-04, “To Address Concerns with Partner Churches,” speaks to specific teachings and practices of partner church bodies and outlines how the LCMS can best provide theological guidance in these instances. This resolution was passed by voice vote, with near-unanimous consent.

Res. 5-15, “To Call Upon the AALC to Honor the Bonds of Fellowship and Resolve Matters Threatening the Unity of Doctrine and Practice,” seeks to respond to several recent instances in which The American Association of Lutheran Churches (AALC), which has been in altar and pulpit fellowship with the LCMS since 2007, has received into membership pastors and congregations removed for cause from the LCMS roster. The resolution calls for the LCMS to continue working with the AALC to resolve these concerns within the next triennium. With an amendment from the floor to add the word “reconciliatory” to describe the Synod’s efforts at dialogue, the resolution passed by 90.33%.

Res. 5-05, “To Address Open Communion and Pastoral Exceptions in Extraordinary Circumstances,” reaffirms the Synod’s “longstanding commitment to the biblical and confessional teaching concerning closed Communion” and urges pastors, lay leaders, circuit visitors and others to “assist congregations in improving communion practices, where necessary.” It also directs the LCMS Commission on Theology and Church Relations (CTCR) to provide the Synod with a study document addressing “extraordinary circumstances and pastoral exceptions to closed Communion.” After two amendments from the floor (both of which sought to strengthen the language of the resolution) failed, the resolution passed by 87.35%.

Res. 5-09A, “To Address the Public Reading of Scripture in Public Worship,” revised after floor committee hearings to simplify the “resolved” statements, recognizes the confusion surrounding earlier CTCR statements on the practice of using lay readers (especially female lay readers) in the Divine Service. Rather than recommend a specific course of action, the amended resolution refers the matter (especially 1 Tim. 4:13) to both seminary faculties for further study, with reports to be submitted and evaluated by the LCMS Council of Presidents, with input from the CTCR, and released to the broader Synod at least six months prior to the next convention. One additional amendment, adding language to direct the creation of related study materials, passed by 50.96%. The main motion passed by 67.22%.

Res. 5-08A, “To Reaffirm the Synod’s Positions on Men and Women in the Church,” which calls the Synod to “again unequivocally reaffirm its opposition to the ordination of women to the pastoral offices as contrary to the clear teaching of Scripture” while also commending “the faithful service of women throughout its history and in the present.” After short discussion, the motion passed as written by 84.32%.

Pastoral Ministry and Seminaries (6):

Res. 6-01A, “To Uphold a Deep and Broad Study of Holy Scripture and Book of Concord in Synod Seminaries” (TB, 3:326–27). Adopted by unanimous vote.

Res. 6-02, “To Encourage Seminary Specialized Witness and Outreach Training” (TB, 1:111). Adopted

Res. 6-03, “To Give Thanks for the Office of the Holy Ministry and our Synod’s Pastors” (TB, 1:111–12). The resolve to sing “To God the Holy Spirit Let Us Pray” was removed from the resolution. Adopted

Res. 6-04A, “To Support Residential Master of Divinity and Residential Alternate Route Pastoral Formation for the Sake of the Flock” (TB, 3:327–29). After much debate and several unsuccessful attempts to amend the resolution, the resolution was adopted. [Yes: 707; No: 230]. 36

Res. 6-05A, “To Reaffirm the Synod’s Process for Training and Certification for Pastors” (TB, 3:329–31). A point of personal privilege was raised by the Rev. Dr. Jeff Kloha, noted in the resolution (as “the dean of CMPL”) as trying to change Synod’s processes. His request to remove lines 1–11 was denied. After much debate, the resolution was adopted without amendment [Yes: 767; No: 170].

Res. 6-06A, “To Affirm and Support Established Parameters of Specific Ministry Pastor Program” (TB, 3:331). A motion to remove the 40-year-old age requirement failed. [Yes: 739; No: 178].

Res. 6-07A, “To Encourage and Support Specific Ministry Pastors to Pursue General Pastor Certification” (TB, 8 3:331–32). [Yes: 791; No: 102]. 10

Res. 6-08, “To Amend Bylaw 2.13.1 to Clarify Terminology for Specific Ministry Pastor Mentorship and Oversight” (TB, 1:116–18). Adopted

Res. 6-09A, “To Implore Council of Presidents to Fulfill 2019 Resolution 6-03A re: Oversight of Specific Ministry Pastors” (TB, 3:332). Adopted

Res. 6-10, “To Amend Bylaws to Address Seminary Adjunct Faculty” (TB, 1:118– 44 20). After several failed attempts to amend, the resolution was adopted by voice vote.

Res. 6-11, “To Embed Church Work Formation and Recruitment in the Culture of the LCMS” (TB, 1:120–22). Introduced by the committee after an introductory video and presentation by the Rev. Dr. James Baneck, executive director of LCMS Pastoral Formation, regarding the Set Apart to Serve initiative. Adopted

Floor resolution “To Direct Seminaries to Publish Annual Enrollment Numbers Every Fall” (TB 4:382–83). [Yes: 561; No: 337]. 16

Res. 6-12B, “To Amend Bylaws to Reinsert 2007 Pastoral Colloquy Bylaws from Policy Manual” (TB, 4:378–80). Adopted by voice.

Res. 6-13, “To Affirm that the Lord has Ordained that Those Who Preach the Gospel Should Make their Living from the Gospel” (TB, 1:124–25). Adopted by voice vote.

Res. 6-14, “To Respectfully Decline Overtures” (TB, 1:125). Adopted by voice vote.

University Education (7):

Res. 7-01, “To Commend the Concordia University System”;

Res. 7-02A, “To Amend Bylaw 3.10.6.2.2”;

Res. 7-03A, “To Amend Bylaw 3.6.6.1”;

Res. 7-04, “To Clarify Prior Approval Protocols for University Theological Faculties”; and

Res. 7-05, “To Clarify Prior Approval Protocols for University Presidential Candidates.”

Res. 7-02A and 7-03A clarify Bylaw language related to the training of members of the boards of regents for the institutions of the Concordia University System (CUS) and the administration of professional church work programs at CUS schools.

7-06A, “To Encourage University Worship Practices That Form Students to be Faithful to Scriptures and Lutheran Confessions.” An amendment was proposed striking the word “should” and replacing it with “must” in the second Resolved:

“Resolved, That use of LSB is encouraged as the benchmark, and that other worship materials and practices should be doctrinally pure (Const. Art. VI 4).”

After brief discussion, the amendment was adopted by nearly unanimous voice vote. Delegates then returned to considering Res. 7-06A as amended, with another brief round of discussion centering around balancing outreach to non-Lutheran students on campus with providing faithful spiritual care and formation to LCMS students. The resolution was adopted by 90.66%.

With the orders of the day fast approaching, FC7 introduced Res. 7-07A, “To Clarify *Lutheran Identity* in Connection with the Concordia Universities.” The resolution will be taken up again when FC7 returns to the convention floor Wednesday afternoon.

On Wednesday, July 22, the body returned to considering Res. 7-07A, was adopted, as presented, by 84.39%.

7-08A, “To Study Synodwide Corporate Status of Concordia University System.” The resolution outlines several overtures submitted by the LCMS Board of Directors (BOD) and others that are “irreconcilable with one another” and directs the LCMS BOD and CUS BOD, “in consultation with the Institution Advisory Council [formed of the Concordia university presidents], to analyze the relative strengths and weaknesses between retaining the CUS as a corporation and converting the CUS into a commission of the Synod, and propose the best model to the 2029 convention.” After brief discussion, the resolution passed by 94.13%.

Res. 7-09A, “To Give Thanks for Work and Ministry of Concordia University Ann Arbor.” The resolution was read in full. After some discussion and a failed amendment, the resolution was voted on as presented, passing by 89.99%. FC7 Chairman Rev. Brady Finnern invited the assembly to stand and sing the Common Doxology, as directed by the resolution, in thanksgiving for the blessing of Concordia University Ann Arbor, and also invited LCMS President Rev. Dr. Matthew C. Harrison to offer a prayer. Harrison prayed:

“Dear Lord Christ, we poor sinners pray for Your mercy. Forgive us where we have fallen short. Help us to forgive others where we have been wronged. ... Bring a new day, we pray, in Ann Arbor. Bring a new day of church work in Ann Arbor. ... Bless the leadership of CUWAA. Bless the leadership of our South Wisconsin District and our Michigan District and all those surrounding districts. Please, O Lord, we need Your mercy, and we count upon it. Amen.”

Finance (8):

Res. 8-04A, “To Expand Access to the Lutheran Confessions” (adopted by unanimous voice vote);
Res. 8-02A, “To Amend Bylaw Section 3.7 to Clarify Additional Assigned Responsibilities and Provisions on the Board of Trustees—Concordia Plans / Board of Directors—Concordia Plan Services” (adopted by nearly unanimous voice vote);
Res. 8-07, “To Address Concordia Publishing House Shipping Charges” (adopted by voice vote); and
Res. 8-01, “To Encourage Transparency and Accountability in Legal Judgments and Settlements” (adopted by nearly unanimous voice vote).

A resolution brought to the floor by James Runzheimer, lay delegate for the LCMS Texas District, “To Require Transparency and Accountability Regarding Concluded HotChalk Litigation,” failed, receiving 46.47% of the vote.

As the three other resolutions brought by FC8 were adopted by Consent Calendar earlier in the morning, all resolutions brought by FC8 have now been adopted.

Structure (9):

Res. 9-02A, “To Amend Bylaws 1.5.1.2–1.5.2 to Clarify Service Expectations and Handling of Conflicts of Interest” (TB, 3:345–47). The resolution was adopted [Yes: 837; No: 44].

Res. 9-08, “To Amend Bylaws to Clarify and Streamline Responsibilities of Appointed Synod Officers” (TB, 13 1:154–57). After several failed attempts to amend, the resolution was approved by voice vote.

Res. 9-09, “To Amend Bylaws to Coordinate Responsibilities of Chief Mission Officer with Other Synod Officers” 19 (TB, 1:157–59). Without debate, the resolution was adopted by voice vote.

Res. 9-11, “To Amend Bylaw Section 1.5, etc., to Unify in the Bylaws and Revise Corporate Formation Requirements for Instrumental Entities of Corporate Synod and Agencies of the Synod” (TB, 1:160–73). It was read on p. 163, ll. 39 and 44, to make “its agencies” read “agencies of the Synod.” At p. 172, l. 19, “further” becomes “finally”; on p. 172, lines 40–51, and on p. 173, ll. 1–8 are struck, this provision being treated instead in Res. 8-02A. The committee chairman also noted CCM Op. 26-3082, treating of district church extension funds being agencies of the Synod (TB, 3:319–20). With twenty minutes of debate elapsed, closure of debate was put to the body according to the rule; this carried. The resolution was adopted as read [Yes: 659; No: 239].

Res. 9-10A, “To Revise the Membership of the Pastoral Formation Committee” (adopted by voice vote) — This Bylaw change adds a parish pastor (appointed by the LCMS president) and a district president (appointed by the LCMS Council of Presidents) to the Pastoral Formation Committee and removes the LCMS chief mission officer.

Res. 9-12, “To Amend Bylaws Exclusive to Lutheran Church Extension Fund to Clarify That It May Provide Real Estate Evaluation and Redevelopment Services in Support of Synod Mission and Ministry” (adopted by voice vote) — This Bylaw change requested by Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF) inserts language identifying one purpose of LCEF as providing “real estate ... resources and services,” affirming that such services they have already been providing to ministries of the Synod are appropriate.

Res. 9-13, “To Adopt Recommendations of 2023 Res. 9-06A Task Force on Electoral Circuit Parameters” (adopted by voice vote, after an adopted amendment from the floor) — This resolution updates the parameters for electoral circuits of the LCMS in order to align the number of convention delegates more closely with the actual size of the Synod and the number of its parishes. The original resolution removed the ability for the president of the Synod to grant exceptions to these requirements; but an amendment from the floor, passed at 54.33%, reinstated the possibility of such exceptions.

Res. 9-14A, “To Amend Constitution Article XII 15 as to Call of Special District Conventions” (adopted by 97.37%) — This amendment to the LCMS Constitution would grant the ability to call special district conventions to specified others in the district, rather than solely to the district president. This change resolves the problem of an inability to convene the district in the case of a district president’s sudden removal. As this is a constitutional amendment, it will now be sent as a ballot to the Synod’s congregations, where it must receive a two-thirds majority of the congregational votes received within six months in order to be ratified.

Res. 9-15, “To Increase Congregation Participation in Election of Synod President” (adopted by 69.40%) — This resolution, originally proposed by FC9, was supplanted by the new Res. 9-18 brought to the convention by FC9 at the request of LCMS President Rev. Dr. Matthew C. Harrison. Res. 9-18 would have returned the election of the LCMS president to the convention and its delegates (since 2010, it has been held electronically, with each congregation in the Synod eligible to vote). However, a delegate brought the original Res. 9-15 to the floor as a substitute resolution for Res. 9-18, and it was adopted, retaining the electronic, pre-convention election of LCMS president. Res. 9-15 seeks to address the low congregational participation rates of congregations in the presidential vote and proposes various means of encouraging more congregations to vote.

Res. 9-17, “To Respectfully Decline Overtures” (adopted by voice vote) — This resolution declines 20 overtures made to the convention, providing the reason for each declination.

Res. 9-01B “To Amend Bylaws 1.5.3.2–4 and Add Bylaw 4.7.6 regarding Regulations for Committees”

Res. 9-16A (“To Amend Bylaws to Enhance Responsibilities of Synod Mission Boards and To Direct Board of Directors, Board for National Mission, Board for International Mission, and Chief Mission Officer to Review Overture 9-11”), were passed as a part of Tuesday’s and Wednesday’s Consent Calendars.

Ecclesiastical Supervision and Dispute Resolution (10):

Res. 10-02A, “To Create a Task Force to Clarify Relationship Between Bylaw 1.10 and 2.14 and Consider Bylaw Changes for Dispute Resolution (Bylaw 1.10) and Expulsion of Congregations or Individuals from Membership in the Synod (Bylaw 2.14)” (TB, 3:351–52). Adopted by voice vote.

Res. 10-03A, “To Respond to Sexual Misconduct by Rostered Workers and Make Provision for Spiritual Care of Those Affected” (TB, 3:352–53). After introductory comments, read and introduced by the committee. It was 33 read, at p. 353, l. 4, to insert after “manuals” the words: “giving consideration to the carrying to completion of investigations into sexual misconduct regardless of resignation status, the maintenance of a publicly accessible classification or designation for all rostered workers who resign before the completion of an investigation into credible accusations of sexual misconduct, and the public reporting of cases in which a rostered worker is removed due to a substantiated allegation of clergy sexual abuse.” By consent “clergy” in the as-read language was changed to read “rostered worker.” At the orders of the day, the chair placed before the body the closure of debate; this prevailed [Yes: 609; No: 300]. The resolution was adopted as read [Yes: 852; No: 64].

Res. 10-04A, “To Seek Unity and Peace in the Synod and to Establish a Practical Statement for God-Pleasing Use of Digital Communications” (TB, 3:353–54). After several failed attempts to amend, the resolution was adopted without amendment by voice vote.

Res. 10-01A, “To Seek Commission on Theology and Church Relations Opinion regarding Usage of Matthew 18:15–20” (TB, 3:350–51). [Yes: 502; No: 396].

Res. 10-05A, “To Amend Bylaw 4.2.4 regarding Installation of District Presidents” (TB, 3:354). A series of interesting parliamentary proceedings ensued, resulting in the resolution being “approved” and then being “reconsidered.” Since time ran out and a CCM ruling on suggested wording had not been approved, the committee would continue the presentation at the next appointed time on the agenda.

Floor Committee 10 (FC10, Ecclesiastical Supervision and Dispute Resolution) made its final appearance before the convention on Wednesday afternoon, July 22.

Earlier in the day, a parliamentary error pertaining to [FC10’s previous appearance before the convention](#) was corrected. [As explained in the minutes for July 22:](#)

“Having called the convention to order, President Harrison opened the session and relinquished the chair to First Vice-President Lange. The parliamentarian noted his mistake the previous day: that Res. 10-05A [‘To Amend Bylaw 4.2.4 regarding Installation of District Presidents’] changed the bylaws instantly and therefore was not able to be reconsidered. He asked the chair to rule the adopted motion to reconsider out of order. The parliamentarian noted there is yet the possibility of a ‘fix.’ The chair ruled that the motion to reconsider Res. 10-05A was out of order, that it is a continuing breach, that the motion is null and void, and that Res. 10-05A stands adopted, as if the reconsideration never occurred. The parliamentarian apologized and was forgiven.”

After FC10 returned to the floor, it offered an amendment to Bylaw 4.2.4 as adopted: to add, after the words “circumstance(s),” the words, “as determined by the Synod President” so that the resolution reads: “The President of the Synod or his representative shall report on the condition and affairs of the Synod. He shall also deliver the sermon at the opening or convention service. Except in the case of extenuating circumstances as determined by the Synod President, he shall also install or reinstall the elected or re-

elected district president prior to the conclusion of the district convention in which he is elected. The district president shall assume office upon a date certain in accordance with the bylaws of the district or practices of the district.”

To a delegate’s question of whether it was possible to amend a previously adopted resolution, the parliamentarian responded, “This is not rescinding, ... reconsidering or amending a previously adopted motion. This is a new Bylaw amendment.”

This measure was then adopted by voice vote. Due to Bylaw 7.1.1 (a), it will require ratification in Session 9.

Res. 10-07, “To Respectfully Decline Overtures,” also passed by voice vote. A list of the overtures declined is in the first issue of *Today’s Business*, Page 185.

Registration, Credentials, and Elections (11):

Convention Nominations (12):

Prepares the slate of candidates for elections but does not run the elections.

Other Business:

Final day of convention begins

PHOENIX — On the final morning of convention, July 23, two resolutions were adopted from the Consent Calendar by voice vote:

- Res. 3-03A, “To Thank God for Work of LCMS Disaster Response and Human Care Partners and To Require Districts to Appoint Disaster Response Coordinators”; and
- Res. 3-05A, “To Commend Efforts to Serve Worker Wellness and Encourage Participation in Concordia Plans Services.”

The Rev. Aaron Yaeger, voting pastoral delegate from the LCMS Southeastern District, proposed a resolution from the floor: “To Publish Convention Delegate Seat Assignments.” The resolution was not adopted, receiving 36.60% of the vote.

Res. 10-08, “To Amend Bylaw 4.2.4 regarding Installation of District Presidents,” came back to the floor. Although the resolution had previously been adopted, an amendment to the resolution that proposed a change in the wording of the Bylaws required further ratification. It passed by voice vote.

Ethan Thompson, voting lay delegate from the LCMS Michigan District, brought forward a resolution, “To Address Modern Day Martyrdom.” Consideration of this resolution will continue later in the morning.

Consent Calendar:

PHOENIX — For an explanation of the [Consent Calendar](#) and how it works, please see Consent Calendar, Day 1.

On July 22, six resolutions were presented to the convention of part of today’s Consent Calendar:

- Res. 3-07, “To Give Thanks to God for Synod Congregations Engaging in Mercy Ministries”;
- Res. 5-12, “To Conclude Created Male and Female Task Force and Receive Its Recommendations”;
- Res. 8-03, “To Fund our Synod’s Seminaries”;
- Res. 8-05A, “To Give Thanks for Concordia Publishing House’s Use of Bible Translations”;
- Res. 8-06, “To Commend Concordia Publishing House for Prioritizing Mission and Distribution”;
- and
- Res. 9-16A, “To Amend Bylaws to Enhance Responsibilities of Synod Mission Boards and To Direct Board of Directors, Board for National Mission, Board for International Mission, and Chief Mission Officer to Review Overture 9-11.”

After a motion to remove Res. 5-12 narrowly failed just shy of the required 15% threshold, the Consent Calendar was adopted, as presented, by voice vote.

Consent Calendar (10% yes was required to remove from consent calendar)

Consent calendar was adopted [Yes: 867; No: 40], including Res. 1-05A, 1-08A, 1-13A, 1- 44 14, 9-03, 9-04, 9-05, 9-06, and 9-07. 45

Consent Calendar (Orders of the day were changed from 10% yes to 15% yes to remove)

Res. 4-10, “To Celebrate Concordia Historical Institute Centenary and Renew the Synod’s Commitment to Treasure and Trumpet Its Redeemed History” (TB, 1:93–94); Res. 5-03, “To Give Thanks for the Mission Province in Sweden” (TB, 1:98–99); Res. 5-06A, “To Amend Bylaw 3.9.5.2.2 (b)” (TB, 2B:292); Res. 5-07, “To Refer ‘Sister Church’ Nomenclature Change to Commission on Handbook” (TB, 1:103); Res. 5-13A, “To Give Thanks to God for 1700th Anniversary of First Council of Nicaea” (TB, 2B:294); Res. 9-01B, “To Amend Bylaws 1.5.3.2–4 and Add Bylaw 7 4.7.6 regarding Regulations for Committees” (TB, 4:380–82); and Res. 10-06, “To Amend Bylaw 2.11.2.2 (c)” (TB, 1:184).