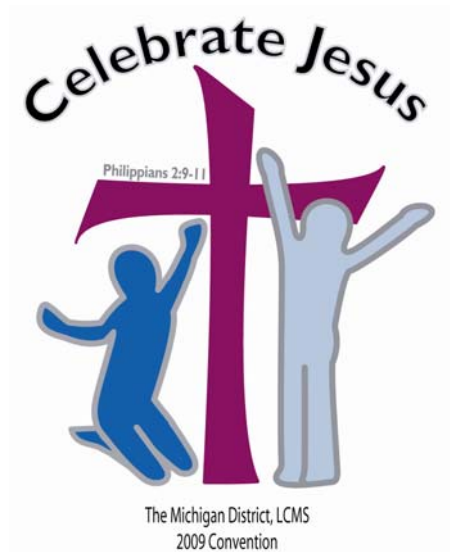


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Michigan District, LCMS 99th District Convention



More than 800 professional and lay church workers, representing over 380 congregations of The Michigan District, Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod, are expected to arrive at Concordia University Ann Arbor to attend the 99th Michigan District Convention on June 28, 2009.

Delegates will meet to elect a new president and new officers, conduct business, and hear from nationally known speakers, including Rev. Dr. Gerald B. Kieschnick, President of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, and Rev. Dr. R. Reed Lessing of Concordia Seminary St. Louis.

The convention theme, “Celebrate Jesus” is based on Philippians 2:9-11: “Therefore God has exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”

Opening Worship will take place on Sunday, June 28 at 7:00 p.m. in The Chapel of the Holy Trinity on the campus of Concordia University, 4090 Geddes Road, Ann Arbor. Prior to opening worship, the Michigan District will welcome the last runners of the 2009 *Ablaze!* Torch Relay: For the Heart of Michigan. A celebration evangelism rally will take place from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. For more information about the relay, visit www.ablazerelay.org.

During the sessions of convention, delegates will hear from Rev. Jon Braunersreuther, Senior Assistant to the President, LCMS regarding the Blue Ribbon Task Force on Synodical Structure and Governance.

For more information about the convention, visit www.michigandistrict.org.