



THE CONVENTION DAILY

Michigan District, Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod

Tuesday, June 27, 2006

98th Michigan District
Convention

Concordia University
Ann Arbor

June 25-28, 2006

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DISTRICT PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

EVERY CONGREGATION WAS ONCE A MISSION START

Early in the 1830s, settlers were planting mission congregations in the State of Michigan. By 1855, Michigan was considered a part of the Northern District. Once known as Schmid's Mission Synod, the congregations officially named themselves the Michigan District in 1881.

Today, the Michigan District is still mission oriented. One of the District's four outcomes is outreach mindset. Statistics show that eight out of ten people in Michigan communities are unchurched and the communities look different than they did a decade ago.

Pastoral vacancies are down as compared to 1997 statistics, but a young man needs to enter college this Fall to be ready for the

expected rise in vacancies in 2014. The Michigan District Thank Offering has a twin focus of planting missions and increasing financial support for church work students.

Relationship building between church workers and congregations is critical. The Ethics Documents, "Partners In Ministry," are designed to provide sound Scriptural principles and applications upon which relationships can grow that enable effective ministry.

Resources of Word and Sacrament, of fellowship in and through service, ministry vision and financial resources help to accomplish God's will for His church in this age. The ministry tent layout is wonderfully illustrative of these resources. District and Synodical ministries, auxiliaries, recognized service organizations, mission societies and other Christian ministry organizations have developed, so also the funding support for the overall work of our Lord becomes more diverse. The challenge is that we communicate and work together.

The Lord has great things in store for us in addressing the unique challenges at this juncture in the history of the Michigan District. By His grace, when we pull up our anchor on Wednesday, we will continue our ministry voyage, with sails filled with the breath of the Spirit, moving forward in ministry, with sails yet to be unfurled, that we might gain in effectiveness. By His grace we are His Redeemed, Refreshed, and Ready church.



Rev. Dr. C. William Hoesman was re-elected to a fourth term.

Photo by Joel Iverson

June 26, 2006 - 9:17am
98th District
Convention
Officially Opens

June 26, 2006 - 10:05am
Rev. Dr. C.
William Hoesman
re-elected as
District President

June 26, 2006 - 9:45am
Rev. Dr. Gerald
Kieschnick
Delivers
Convention Report

MONDAY ELECTION RESULTS

District President

Rev. Dr. C. William Hoesman

Regional Vice Presidents and Ranking

1st VP - Rev. David P.E. Maier

2nd VP - Rev. Wayne H. Wentzel

3rd VP - Rev. Michael J. Roth

4th VP - Rev. K. Frank Graves

District Secretary

Rev. David H. Reed

District Treasurer

William Young

Board of Directors

Metro East:

Rev. Robert E. Kasper

Stanley R. Topel

John Held and Margaret O'Reilly

West:

Rev. Dieter E. Haupt

Richard C. Krueger

Ruth Martin and John Raffel

Church Extension Board

Ordained - TBA

Ian McDonald

Ray Seppamaki

2009 District Nominating Committee

Metro East:

Rev. Timothy A. Bickel

Gary L. Pawlitz

Phillip Fluegge

Metro West:

Rev. Joel H. Sarrault

Daniel W. Ramthun

Larry P. Seltz

North and East:

Rev. Paul R. Hinz

Rich Cohrs

TUESDAY CHOIR SCHEDULE

Rehearsal	7:30 – 8:00am
Opening Worship	8:15am
Rehearsal	5:45 – 6:15pm
Installation Service	6:30pm
Rehearsal	8:45 – 9:15pm
Evening Service	9:30pm

CONVENTION INTERCESSORS

Tuesday Morning Schedule:

9:00 Dennis Kreil

9:45 Chuck Northam

10:30 Rev. Mike Lutz

11:15 Rev. Jim Richter & Taylor Bruner

Tuesday Afternoon Schedule

1:00 Rev. Randy Duncan

1:45 Rev. Ken Wise

2:30 Chuck Northam

3:15 Rev. John Langewisch

4:00 Rev. Mark Brandt

4:45 Rev. Rob Appold

Walk-ins are welcome!

Q & A WITH DR. KIESCHNICK



President Kieschnick answers questions on worship, outreach, getting along, latest witness to a non-Christian, communion practices, Ablaze Initiative and its challenges, non-denominational church growth, and the St. Louis Cardinals.

June 26, 2006

1:25pm

Rev. Dr. Joel

Lehenbauer

**Office of the Ministry/
Priesthood of Believers**

June 26, 2006 - 6:00 pm

125th Anniversary

of the

Michigan District

Celebration

June 27, 2006

Elections

Continue 9:10am

Ratification of

Circuit Counselor

Elections

June 27, 2006

11:05am

125th Anniversary

Thank Offering

Presentation

OFFICE OF THE MINISTRY/PRIESTHOOD OF BELIEVERS SESSION ONE: WHAT?

On Monday afternoon, Rev. Dr. Joel Lehenbauer addressed the convention with his first of three presentations on the Office of the Ministry/Priesthood of Believers. This is a highly and somewhat hotly debated topic and in his first session, he focused on the question “what exactly is Walther’s position on church and ministry which the Synod has recognized as the ‘definitive statement’ on this issue ‘under Holy Scripture and the Lutheran Confessions?’”

Focusing on the scripture from Ephesians 4:11-12; Dr. Lehenbauer walked the assembly through some of Walther’s teaching. Highlights included: On one hand, says Walther, the congregation is the holder of all church power ... and on the other hand, congregations are commanded by God, for the sake of order in the church, to call pastors to exercise this power of the keys in their

midst and on their behalf. The church has the right to create other offices for the purpose of extending the range and effectiveness of the office of the public ministry ... therefore, every other public office in the church is part of the office of the ministry.

After his presentation, Rev. Galan Walther led the assembly in small group discussions.

Tuesday, Dr. Lehenbauer will focus on “why” understanding this position is so important for our life and work together in the Synod.



125TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION



Rev. John and Wilma Heins enjoy the festivities.



Rev. Lester Stahlke as Lester Methuselah Gutenberg (Luther’s last classmate).



Rev. Stephen Starke leads us in a rousing rendition of “Schnitzelbank.”



“Second Time Around” Band

THANK-YOUS!

Today’s thank-you’s go out to:
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<p>June 27, 2006 2:15pm District Ministry Presentations</p>	<p>June 27, 2006 6:30pm Service of Installation</p>	<p>June 27, 2006 8:00pm Convention Group Photo</p>	<p>June 27, 2006 9:30pm Evening Prayer Chapel of the Holy Trinity</p>
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MONDAY MOMENTS

