



SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN DISTRICT
50th Biennial Convention + June 14-15, 2016

Floor Committee #2 - District President's Report and Resolutions

Subject: CHANGES IN DISTRICT MEMBERSHIP

Reference: District President's Report, p. 52-57

Resolution No. 1

WHEREAS)

there have been numerous changes in ministry in the Southeastern Wisconsin District over the past two years as reported in the District President's Report;

therefore be it

RESOLVED

that the Southeastern Wisconsin District accepts the membership changes cited in the District President's report with the following additions and corrections:

- David Rust (St. John, Milwaukee) to St. John, Milwaukee (call made permanent)
- Christopher Stollfus (Word of Life School - One year) from Martin Luther College
- Glenn Metzger (St. Paul-East Troy) to Minnesota District
- Nicholas Bush (Salem, Milwaukee - 107th) from Michigan District
- Fred Pahmeier (Mount Lebanon, Milwaukee - Permanent call) from inactive
- Larry Pautz (Retired), 6/4/16 -Death Date Corrected
- Jason Schapekahm (St. Philip's-Milwaukee) to St. Philip's-Milwaukee (called as Principal)

ADOPTED

Subject: ACCEPTANCE OF NEWLY-ASSIGNED CALLED WORKERS

Reference: District President's Report, pp. 52 & 54

Resolution No. 2

WHEREAS 1)

since the last synodical convention the Synod Assignment Committee assigned three pastors and four teachers to calls within the Southeastern Wisconsin District as reported in the District President's Report; and

WHEREAS 2)

these newly-assigned called workers have applied for membership in the Southeastern Wisconsin District;

therefore be it

RESOLVED,

that the Southeastern Wisconsin District accepts these newly-assigned pastors and teachers into membership of the Southeastern Wisconsin District.

- William Dunn (San Pedro/St. Peter, Milwaukee) from Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary
- Jason Free (Graduate assistant to the district president) from Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary
- Lloyd Harter (Faith, Antioch) from Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary
- Paul Braun (Good Shepherd, West Bend) from Martin Luther College
- Chi SeonKim (Jerusalem, Morton Grove – One year) from Martin Luther College
- John Kujath (Our Savior, Zion – One year) from Martin Luther College
- Christopher Stollfus (Word of Life School – One year) from Martin Luther College

ADOPTED

Subject: CONVENTION OFFERING

Resolution No. 3

WHEREAS,

a special offering to eliminate the synodical debt of \$4.7M over the course of the current fiscal year was authorized and kicked off by the 2015 convention of the synod.;

therefore be it

RESOLVED

that the convention communion service offering in the amount of \$2,645.75 be designated towards the WELS "One in Christ" offering.

ADOPTED

Subject: REINSTATEMENT OF ST. JOHN'S CHURCH ON 8TH & VLIET
Reference: Report of the District President
Resolution No. 4

WHEREAS 1)

St. John's Church at 8th & Vliet in Milwaukee had been suspended from district and synod membership because it chose to retain as pastor a man whom the district praesidium had suspended from the WELS ministerium for conduct unbecoming a public shepherd of the Good Shepherd; and

WHEREAS 2)

the group's request states that the group repudiates the actions of previous members of St. John's congregation; and

WHEREAS 3)

the district praesidium met regularly with St. John's at 8th & Vliet and found it to be in agreement with the doctrine and practice of our synod; and

WHEREAS 4)

the revised Constitution and Bylaws of St. John's Church has been approved by our District Constitution Committee; and

WHEREAS 5)

the district praesidium has recommended that the suspension be removed;

therefore be it

RESOLVED, a)

that the Southeastern Wisconsin District in convention remove the suspension for St. John's Church at 8th & Vliet; and be it finally

RESOLVED, b)

that St. John's Church at 8th & Vliet be accepted into membership of our district and synod.

ADOPTED

Subject: SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF THANKS
Resolution No. 5

WHEREAS

we recognize that many individuals and organizations have been most helpful in putting together and carrying out this convention;

therefore be it

RESOLVED, a)

that we thank the faculty and staff of Wisconsin Lutheran College for hosting our convention; and be it further

RESOLVED, b)

that we offer our heart-felt thanks and appreciation to Karen Plamann, Director of Events and Conferences, and her staff; and be it finally

RESOLVED, c)

that we thank our District Praesidium and all those who fed body and soul at this convention.

ADOPTED

Subject: SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF THANKS

Resolution No. 6

WHEREAS 1)

the Lord of the Church established the public ministry of the Gospel and has blessed his Church with the gift of evangelists, pastors, teachers and other servants to carry out the ministry of the Gospel; and

WHEREAS 2)

the Lord Jesus has given his Church the authority to call qualified men into the public ministry of the Gospel to shepherd believers in the faith and prepare God's people for works of service; and

WHEREAS 3)

Pastor David Rutschow has served faithfully in the public ministry of the Gospel for 46 years and as the District President of the Southeastern Wisconsin District for 24 years; and

WHEREAS 4)

Pauline Rutschow has helped her husband faithfully during his years of public ministry and has been a blessing to Pastor Rutschow as he carried out the duties of his office; and

WHEREAS 5)

many congregations, members and called workers were counseled, guided and blessed by the service of Pastor Rutschow and his wife during his 24 years as district president;

therefore be it

RESOLVED, a)

that the members of the Southeastern Wisconsin District in convention praise the Lord of the Church for giving his people the service of Pastor and Mrs. Rutschow for his years in the public ministry of the Gospel, to God alone be the glory; and be it further

RESOLVED, b)

that the members of the Southeastern Wisconsin District in convention thank Pastor David Rutschow and his wife, Pauline, for the 24 years of faithful service that Pastor Rutschow has given to the Southeastern Wisconsin District as District President ; and be it finally

RESOLVED c)

that the members of the Southeastern Wisconsin District in convention express their thanks by rising to give Pastor and Mrs. Rutschow a standing ovation for their service to the Lord and His Church, and give God the glory by singing the common doxology.

ADOPTED

Teacher Paul Patterson, Chairman

Teacher Bradley Essig, Secretary