



**SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN DISTRICT**  
**2017 District Conference + June 6-7, 2017**  
Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, Mequon, Wisconsin  
*"Our Great Heritage...from Age to Age"*

**From the Office of the District President**

Brothers,

I pray that your Easter joy is continuing as you reflect on the grace, mercy and peace of your risen Lord!

This note is to let you know that it is time to register for our biennial District Conference. The conference will be held on June 6-7 at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary. You may remember that the conference is a week earlier than normal due to the Worship Conference the next week.

The conference is for all pastors, male teachers, and male staff ministers. In addition, we encourage you to invite any lay delegates to this year's synod convention to attend the conference, since much of the material will help them become more acquainted with what will be presented at the convention.

Our conference theme reflects the Reformation 500 thought of "Our Great Heritage" and how we have the honor of being part of God's plan to share that heritage "from age to age." WELS First Vice-President James Huebner will give us that encouragement in the opening service as our preacher, while Martin Luther College Professor Paul Koelpin will present Tuesday's keynote address on a similar theme.

In addition to having the opportunity to review the various ministries and ministry plans that the Lord is allowing us to carry out throughout the world, one special presentation will be that of Missionary Mark Rieke and his wife Sue on Tuesday morning. Another highlight of our conference will take place during our Wednesday morning devotion, when we will have the privilege of commissioning three new world missionaries to their fields of service.

Wednesday morning will include more world mission updates, as well as a discussion of the new compensation system, which will be presented for approval at the synod convention. WELS Human Resources Director Dennis Maurer will help us become more familiar with that.

Please take a few moments right now to review the information which Secretary Carter has provided for us and fill out the registration form on the district website. We look forward to seeing you, greeting you, worshiping with you, and sharing with you the joy that is ours as God's holy and dearly loved people – people who have been given a great heritage to treasure and to pass on in whatever age the Lord allows us to live.

In Our Risen Lord,

Pastor David P. Kolander, President



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**Proposed Agenda**

**Tuesday, June 6**

8:00	Registration & Fellowship	
9:00	Worship	Pastor James Huebner, preacher
10:25	Greeting	
10:40	Break	
11:00	<i>(Call to Order)</i>	
	District President Report	Pastor David Kolander
11:30	World Missions, Part I	Pastor Richard Krause Pastor Mark & Sue Rieke
12:00	Lunch A	
12:20	Lunch B	
1:15	Ministerial Education	Pastor Mark Zarling
1:45	Keynote	Pastor Paul Koelpin
3:15	Break	
3:30	Home Missions	Pastor Mark Wagner
3:45	Congregational Ministry Support Group	Pastor Bryan Gerlach
4:15	WELS Technology	Martin Spriggs
4:30	Synodical Council	SC Representative Tim Synder
4:45	Northwestern Publishing House	Pastor John Braun
5:00	Announcements & Closing Devotion	Circuit Pastor David Bitter

**Wednesday, June 7**

8:30	Morning Devotion and Commissioning of Missionaries	Circuit Pastor Curtis Golm
9:00	World Missions, Part II	Pastor Larry Schlomer
9:15	Ministry of Christian Giving	Pastor Kurt Lueneburg
9:30	Christian Aid & Relief	Pastor Robert Hein
9:45	Compensation Review Committee	Dennis Maurer
10:00	Discussion of other BoRaM Reports Other Conference Business <i>(Motion to Adjourn)</i>	
11:00	Closing Devotion	Circuit Pastor Steven Bode



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**General Information**

**Time:** Tuesday, June 6 and Wednesday, June 7, 2017

**Place:** Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary (Sessions will be held in the auditorium)  
11831 N Seminary Drive 65W; Mequon WI 53092

**Attendance:** Expected to attend:

- All pastors and all certified male teachers and staff ministers serving in called positions and holding membership in SEW congregations;

Invited to attend:

- Retired pastors, male teachers, and staff ministers;
- Pastors, male teachers, or staff ministers not currently holding a call;
- All male called workers not yet synodically certified.
- Lay delegates who will represent the district at the synod convention

**Conference**

**Materials:** **The 2017 Book of Reports and Memorials (BoRaM)** will be available soon.

- Printed copies will be sent to every congregation and every male called worker before the conference.
- Electronic copies are already available at the synod convention's website, [www.wels.net/2017synodconvention](http://www.wels.net/2017synodconvention), or at the district conference's page on the district website, [www.sew-wels.net/2017conference](http://www.sew-wels.net/2017conference).

**District Reports and Other Conference Materials** Links to all conference reports and other materials will be available at the 2017 Conference page of the District's website, [www.sew-wels.net/2017conference](http://www.sew-wels.net/2017conference), several days before the conference. You will be able to use electronic devices to access those materials from the conference floor. We hope to provide access to as many outlets for re-charging as we possibly can.

If you are not able or inclined to bring an electronic device to the conference, then we would strongly encourage you to print the materials – or ask someone to print them for you – before you come to the conference. If you are not able to print the materials, we will have a limited (very limited) number of printed copies available at the conference. There will be a place on the registration form where you can indicate that you would like to receive one of those copies.

Note: If you have reports or other materials that you would like to have included among the conference materials, please contact Secretary Carter for important details and deadlines for sending it to him electronically.

**Registration:** Please register before May 22. Early registration is important for providing an accurate meal count for the staff at the Seminary. If at all possible, please use the online registration form. The following link will take you directly to that registration form: [www.sew-wels.net/2017registration](http://www.sew-wels.net/2017registration).

If you have no Internet access, then you can register by contacting District Secretary Billy Carter by any of the means at the bottom of the page. Please make sure that your message or letter includes a) your name and your congregation or calling body and b) whether or not you will eat the noon meal on Tuesday or need lodging at the Seminary.

**Excuses:** If you will be absent for all or part of the conference, please use the comment box at the bottom of the online registration form to excuse. If you do not have Internet access, you may excuse by contacting Secretary Carter by any of the means at the bottom of the page.

**Fees:** There are no conference fees. The costs for this conference are covered entirely by district dues. A dues assessment mailing was sent to all congregations and calling bodies in the first week of May.

**Check in:** When you arrive at the conference, please check in and pick up your name badge at the table for your conference along the back (north) wall of the auditorium. The conference secretaries will man these tables.

**Meals:** Continental breakfasts and other refreshments will be provided both days of the conference. The Seminary dining staff will provide a noon meal on Tuesday. Please indicate whether or not you will be eating that meal on the online registration form so that they can have an accurate count.

**Lodging:** Lodging will be available in the seminary dormitory both Monday night and Tuesday night for \$30 per night. Accommodations include a single sleeping room with shared restroom, bed linens and towels, phone and wireless Internet access, and a box fan. Please also indicate your need for lodging on the online registration form. You may send your payment to Secretary Carter or bring it to the conference. (Make your check out to: Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary.)

**Reports:** Secretary Carter will send an email to the boards, commissions, and other ministries who are either expected to provide reports or have provided reports in the past with important information and deadlines for submitting reports. If you don't receive that email and have something that you would like to have included with the other conference reports, please contact him for those details.

**Displays:** There is not enough room in the seminary auditorium for any displays from synodical or district boards or committees or other ministries. If you have information that you would like to get to all the conference attendees, please see the previous paragraph about getting information to Secretary Carter instead.

**Questions:** Please email District Secretary Carter at [sewsec@gmail.com](mailto:sewsec@gmail.com), call or text him at 920.979.3087, or send a letter to him at P.O. Box 44, Brownsville, WI 53006.