



SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN DISTRICT
2019 District Conference + June 11-12, 2019
Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, Mequon, Wisconsin
Connecting to a Changing Culture:
Our Goal for Generations to Come

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 11-12 at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary.

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 synod convention theme of "For Generations to Come." Our specific emphasis will be on connecting to a changing culture, as we seek to carry out God's desire that we proclaim the message of his saving grace to future generations.

To help us focus on that emphasis, our opening service preacher will be Seminary Professor Sam Degner. Prof. Degner teaches evangelism courses to our future pastors. In addition, our keynote address will be presented by Pastor Jon Hein, WELS Administrator of Congregational Services. His intent will be to engage pastors, teachers and staff ministers in thoughtful reflection and discussion of how to do this kind of connecting, while staying faithful to the changeless Word.

As always, we will have the opportunity to review the various ministry and ministry plans our Lord is allowing us to carry out, especially as they pertain to the upcoming synod convention. Presenters are being asked to share key points, joys and challenges of their respective ministries.

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 had the gospel shared with us in our generation – yes, people who pledge to do the same thing for generations to come.

In Our Risen Lord Jesus,

Pastor David P. Kolander, President



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Proposed Agenda

Tuesday, June 11

8:00	Registration & Fellowship	
9:00	Worship	Professor Samuel Degner, preacher
10:25	Greeting	
10:40	Break	
11:00	District President Report	Pastor David Kolander
11:30	WELS Praesidium	Pastor James Huebner, WELS First Vice-President
11:40	Ministerial Education	Pastor Paul Prange, Administrator
11:55	Announcements	
12:00	Lunch A	
12:20	Lunch B	
1:15	Keynote	Pastor Jonathan Hein
2:45	Break	
3:00	Home Missions	Pastor Keith Free, Administrator
3:15	District Mission Board	District Mission Board Member
3:30	Synodical Council	Tim Snyder, District Representative
3:45	Congregational Services	Pastor Jonathan Hein, Director
4:15	Christian Aid & Relief	Pastor Robert Hein, Chairman
4:30	Ministry of Christian Giving	Pastor Kurt Lueneburg, Director
4:45	Wisconsin Lutheran College	
5:00	Announcements	
	Closing Devotion	Circuit Pastor Peter Martin

Wednesday, June 12

8:30	Morning Devotion	Circuit Pastor Karl Schultz
9:00	World Missions	Pastor Larry Schlomer, Administrator
9:15	Northwestern Publishing House	Bill Ziche, President
9:30	Forward in Christ	Pastor John Braun, Editor
9:45	Hymnal Project	Pastor Michael Schultz, Director
10:00	Technology	Martin Spriggs, Chief Technology Officer
10:15	Discussion of other BoRaM Reports	
	Other Conference Business	
11:00	Closing Devotion	Circuit Pastor Jason Hacker



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General Information

Time: Tuesday, June 11 and Wednesday, June 12, 2019

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 2019 Book of Reports and Memorials (BoRaM)

- Printed copies will be sent to every congregation, every male called worker, and every synod convention delegate in mid-May.
- Electronic copies are already available at the synod convention's website, www.wels.net/2019synodconvention, or at the district conference's page on the district website, www.sew-wels.net/2019conference.

District Reports and Other Conference Materials Links to all conference reports and other materials will be available at the 2019 Conference page of the District's website, www.sew-wels.net/2019conference, 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 30. 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/2019registration.

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 mid-April.

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 mornings 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, call or text him at 920.979.3087, or send a letter to him at P.O. Box 44, Brownsville, WI 53006.