



SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN DISTRICT
54th Biennial Convention + June 11-12, 2024

Floor Committee #3 – Synod Convention Recommendations

Subject: PIVOTING TO A SYNOD TRIENNIAL SCHEDULE FOR
CONVENTIONS/NATIONAL CONFERENCES

Reference: Report to the Twelve Districts, pp. 6-11

Resolution No. 1

WHEREAS 1)

WELS currently has some major events that run on a biennial rotation (i.e., every other year) and others that run on a triennial rotation (i.e., every three years); and

WHEREAS 2)

in most years this creates overlap, with multiple major events occurring in a short time period; and

WHEREAS 3)

that overlap can create logistical and financial challenges to individuals or congregations who wish to attend all those WELS events, as well as communication challenges for WELS which must attempt to promote and share information about multiple events, as well as challenges for WELS leaders who plan and lead those events; and

WHEREAS 4)

because the WELS international youth rallies have been so popular and impactful with our youth and since youth don't attend synod or district conventions we feel that a youth rally wouldn't be an overlap issue on synod or district convention years; and

WHEREAS 5)

while we have a few concerns about the proposal (cf. survey notes), we are confident that our synod and district will strive to alleviate those concerns;

therefore be it

RESOLVED a)

that the Southeastern Wisconsin District recommends that WELS pivot to a triennial rotation for the synod convention and a combined (Lutheran Leadership, Worship/Music/Arts, Education) national conference; and be it finally

RESOLVED b)

that the Southeastern Wisconsin District recommends that WELS continue to offer a biennial international youth rally.

ADOPTED AS AMENDED

Pastor Kurt Schaser, Chairman
Teacher Daniel Nolte, Secretary