



SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN DISTRICT
2023 District Conference + June 13-14, 2023
Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, Mequon, Wisconsin
My Lutheran Witness to the World

From the Office of the District President

Brothers,

“Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you” (John 20:21). May this note find you reveling in the peace our Lord Jesus has established between you and God, and may that peace inspire you to proclaim it to many others.

I write to you today to encourage you to register for our biennial District Conference. The conference will be held on June 13-14, 2023, at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary.

The theme of this year’s District Conference is *My Lutheran Witness to the World*. What is it about our Lutheran theology drawn from Holy Scripture that, when communicated clearly and positively, resonates with our unchurched neighbors? Helping us answer that question will be our keynote speaker, Professor Luke Thompson of Martin Luther College. Professor Thompson has written and spoken extensively on the relationship between our Lutheran theology and Christian apologetics. He has a lot to say about how right now is a great time to be a confessional Lutheran in witnessing to a world that longs for spiritual meaning and so desperately needs Jesus Christ.

We hope for attendance from all pastors, male teachers, and male staff ministers at our District Conference. It’s also a good idea to invite any synod convention lay delegates you might have in your congregation; they will have opportunity to become acquainted with synodical issues that will be presented at convention.

Please take a few moments right now to review the information District Secretary Billy Carter has provided for us. Fill out the registration form on the district website. I look forward to seeing you, worshiping with you, sharing blessings and challenges with you, and considering together with you our uniquely Lutheran witness to the world.

He lives!

Rev. Daniel P. Leyrer, President



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Proposed Agenda

A more complete agenda will soon be posted on the 2023 conference page on the district website.

Tuesday, June 13

8:00	Registration & Fellowship	
9:00	Worship	President Daniel Leyrer, preacher
10:25	Greeting	
10:40	Break	
11:00	Reports	
11:15		
11:30		
11:40	Announcements	
11:45	Lunch A	
12:05	Lunch B	
1:00	District President Report	Pastor Daniel Leyrer
1:30	Keynote	Professor Luke Thompson
3:00	Break	
3:30	Reports	
3:45		
4:00		
4:15		
4:30		
4:45		
5:00	Announcements	
	Closing Devotion	Circuit Pastor

Wednesday, June 14

8:30	Morning Devotion	Circuit Pastor
9:00	Reports	
9:15		
9:30		
9:45		
10:00		
10:15	Discussion of other BoRaM Reports	
	Other Conference Business	
11:00	Closing Devotion	Circuit Pastor



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General Information

Time: Tuesday, June 13 and Wednesday, June 14, 2023

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;

Encouraged to attend:

- All male called workers not yet ministry certified.

Invited to attend:

- Retired pastors, male teachers, and staff ministers;
- Pastors, male teachers, or staff ministers not currently holding a call;
- Lay delegates who will represent the district at the synod convention

Conference

Materials: **The 2023 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.welsconvention.net/boram or at the district conference's page on the district website, www.sew-wels.net/2023conference.

District Reports and Other Conference Materials Links to all conference reports and other materials will be available at the 2023 Conference page of the District's website, www.sew-wels.net/2023conference, 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 31. 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/2023registration.

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 will be sent to all congregations and calling bodies in mid- to late-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 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.