

# Fifty-first Biennial Convention of the Minnesota District

## **“When God opens a door, proclaim Christ!”**

*And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ,  
for which I am in chains. Colossians 4:3*

Martin Luther College, New Ulm, MN

June 7-9, 2022

Tuesday Morning, Session 1, 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM		
9:00 AM	Opening Service – MLC – Chapel of the Christ	Pastor Dennis Klatt
11:00 AM	Organization of Convention	
	• Committee # 1: Credentials and Membership	Pastor Brian Roloff
	• Greetings from Martin Luther College	Mark Maurice
	• Additional Greetings	
	• Committee # 17: Housing	Pastor Jeffrey Schone
	• Committee # 16: Convention Steering	Pastor Wayne Schoch
	• Committee # 6: Media Relations	Pastor Jeffrey Bovee
	• Committee # 14: Courtesy and Printing	Pastor John Boeder
	• Committee # 15: Copy Review	Pastor Matthew Pfeifer
	• Committee # 3: Nominations Committee	Pastor Henry Koch
11:25 AM	President’s Report	President Dennis Klatt
11:50 AM	Committee # 5: Elections	Pastor Peter Sternberg
12:00 PM	LUNCH	
Tuesday Afternoon, Session 2, 1:30 PM – 5:30 PM		
1:30 PM	Devotion # 1: When God Opens A Door, Proclaim Christ...As One With Cleansed Lips	Pastor David Barkow
1:45 PM	Session 1 Minutes Committee # 5: Elections	Secretary Eugene DeVries Pastor Peter Sternberg
2:00 PM	Presentation: Open Doors for a Closed Culture	Professor Luke Thompson
3:15 PM	RECESS	
3:30 PM	Committee # 5: Elections	Pastor Peter Sternberg

3:45 PM	WELS Report	Pastor James Huebner
4:00 PM	Home Missions	Pastor Steven Waldshmidt
4:30 PM	Committee # 5 Elections	Pastor Peter Sternberg
4:45 PM	Committee #3: Nominations Committee	Pastor Henry Koch
5:00 PM	Announcements Closing Prayer	
5:15 PM	Preliminary Committee Meetings	
5:30 PM	SUPPER	
<b>Tuesday Evening, 6:15 PM - TBD</b>		
6:15 PM	Committee Meetings Circuit Pastors	
7:35 PM	Biennial Meeting of LIMA (Lutheran Institutional Ministry Association)	
8:30 PM	Committee Meetings	
<b>Wednesday Morning, Session 3, 8:30 AM - 12:00 PM</b>		
8:30 AM	Devotion # 2: When God Opens A Door, Proclaim Christ... With Enlightened Minds	Pastor Johann Caauwe
9:00 AM	Session 2 Minutes Committee # 5: Elections	Secretary Eugene DeVries Pastor Peter Sternberg
9:10 AM	LIMA report	Pastor Brian Kom
9:20 AM	Grace In Action	Pastor Don Sutton
9:30 AM	Presentation: Open Doors for a Closed Culture	Professor Luke Thompson
10:30 AM	RECESS	
10:45 AM	Committee # 5: Elections	Pastor Peter Sternberg
10:50 AM	Committee # 4: Resolutions Committee	Pastor John Stelljes
11:00 AM	MLC Report	President Rich Gurgel
11:15 AM	Reports from District Commissions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lutheran Schools</li> <li>• Discipleship</li> <li>• Evangelism</li> </ul>	David Gartner Pastor Matt Ewart Pastor Stephen Meyer
11:45 AM	Announcements Closing Prayer	
12:00 PM	LUNCH	

Wednesday Afternoon, Session 4, 1:30 PM - 5:30 PM		
1:30 PM	Devotion #3: When God Opens A Door, Proclaim Christ... Whether They Listen Or Not	Pastor William Werth
1:45 PM	Session 3 Minutes	Secretary Eugene DeVries
1:50 PM	Committee # 5: Elections	Pastor Peter Sternberg
2:00 PM	Minnesota Valley Lutheran High School	Timothy Plath
2:10 PM	St. Croix Lutheran Academy	Anna Biedenbender
2:20 PM	West Lutheran High School	David Gartner
2:30 PM	Wisconsin Lutheran College	Pastor Wayne Shevey
2:40 PM	Wels Foundation/Wels Investment Funds	Pastor Michael Hatzung
2:50 PM	Northwestern Publishing House	Video
3:00 PM	RECESS	
3:15 PM	Convention Business	
	• Committee # 12: Special Matters	Pastor Tim Smith
	• Committee # 7: Home Missions	Pastor Benjy Pederson
	• Committee # 8: World Missions	Pastor Matthew Hennig
	• Committee # 9: Ministerial Education	Pastor Tim Denney
	• Committee # 10: Congregational & District Ministries	Pastor Thomas Hartwig
	• Committee # 11: Ministry Support	Pastor Dan Walters
4:15 PM	WELS Christian Aid & Relief	Pastor Daniel Sims
4:30 PM	World Missions	Pastor Larry Schlomer
5:00 PM	Announcements Closing Prayer	
5:30 PM	SUPPER	

Wednesday Evening, Session 5, 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM		
7:00 PM	Session 4 Minutes	Secretary Eugene DeVries
7:05 PM	Reports from District Commissions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Constitution Committee</li> <li>• Legislation Committee</li> <li>• Special Ministries</li> <li>• Worship Committee</li> <li>• Ministry of Christian Giving</li> </ul>	Pastor David Peters Pastor Martin Bentz Pastor Patrick Feldhus Michael Marquardt Pastor Peter Sulzle
7:55 PM	Announcements	
8:00 PM	<b>Chapel of the Christ</b> Devotion # 4: When God Opens A Door, Proclaim Christ... With God's Foolishness	Pastor Edwin Lehmann
Thursday Morning, Session 6, 8:30 AM – 12:00 PM		
8:30 AM	Devotion # 5: When God Opens A Door, Proclaim Christ... with Unfaltering Confidence	Pastor Paul Meitner
8:45 AM	Session 5 Minutes & Setting of Date for 2024 Convention	Secretary Eugene DeVries
9:00 AM	WELS Congregational Services	Video
9:30 AM	Committee Reports	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Unfinished reports</li> </ul>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Committee # 1: Membership</li> </ul>	Pastor Brian Roloff
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Committee # 4: Resolutions and President's Report</li> </ul>	Pastor John Stelljes
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Committee # 3: Nominations</li> </ul>	Pastor Henry Koch
10:15 AM	RECESS	
10:30 AM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Committee # 2: Registration</li> </ul>	Teacher Nick Schmoller
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Committee # 13: Excuses</li> </ul>	Pastor David Barkow
11:00 AM	Unfinished Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Session 6 Minutes</li> <li>• President's Closing Remarks</li> <li>• Adjournment</li> </ul>	Secretary Eugene DeVries Pastor Dennis Klatt
11:15 AM	<b>Chapel of the Christ</b> Closing Service: When God Opens A Door, Proclaim Christ... as the Lord Comforts His People through You	Pastor Roger Neumann
12:00PM	LUNCH	