

THE FIFTY-SECOND BIENNIAL CONVENTION  
THE MINNESOTA DISTRICT OF WELS

Martin Luther College  
June 7-9, 2022

SESSION ONE

OPENING SERVICE	The Fifty-second Biennial Convention of the Minnesota District of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod opened with a communion service at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, June 7, 2022 at the Chapel of the Christ on the campus of Martin Luther College in New Ulm. Pastor John Boeder served as the presiding minister. President Dennis Klatt delivered the sermon based on Colossians 4:2-6 with the theme When God Opens a Door, Proclaim Christ. The offering totaled \$1624. Prof. Craig Hirschmann served as the organist.
OPENING	President Dennis Klatt opened the convention in the name of the Triune God at 11:00 a.m.
COMMITTEE 1	Pastor Brian Roloff, from the Credentials and Membership Committee #1, presented his report. Resolution #1 regarding credentials was adopted.
GREETING	MLC Vice President for Mission Advancement Mark Maurice welcomed the delegates to the campus of Martin Luther College.
COMMITTEE 16	First Vice President Wayne Schoch reported for the Convention Steering Committee.
COMMITTEE 6	Pastor Jeff Bovee reported for Media Relations, Committee #6.
COMMITTEE 14	Pastor John Boeder reported for Committee 14, Courtesy and Printing.
COMMITTEE 15	Second Vice President Mat Pfeifer reported for the Copy Review Committee.
COMMITTEE 3	Pastor Henry Koch reported for the Nomination Committee. He described the biographies available for the nominees on the ballot.
PRESIDENT'S REPORT	District President Dennis Klatt presented his report to the Minnesota District.
ELECTIONS	Elections Chair, Pastor Peter Sternberg, shared information regarding our voting procedure for electing district officials.

CLOSING

Announcements were shared and session 1 closed at 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Eugene DeVries, Secretary

## SESSION TWO

DEVOTION	Session 2 of the Fifty-second Biennial Convention of the Minnesota District opened at 1:30 p.m. with a devotion led by Pastor David Barkow, who reminded us that as we proclaim Christ, we do so with lips cleansed by God's grace.
MINUTES	Secretary Eugene DeVries read the minutes of Session 1. We made one correction.
ELECTIONS	Elections chair Pastor Peter Sternberg directed us to the election ballot for district president. The ballot contains five names: David Barkow, Jeffrey Bovee, Dennis Klatt (incumbent), Wayne Schoch, and William Werth.
PRESENTATION	MLC Professor Luke Thompson presented the first part of "Open Doors for a Closed Culture"
ELECTIONS	Elections chair Peter Sternberg announced that Pastor Dennis Klatt has been reelected as District President.
WELS REPORT	WELS First VP Pastor James Huebner shared a greeting and encouragement from the leaders of our synod.
HOME MISSIONS	Pastor Steven Waldschmidt gave a presentation from WELS Home Missions.
ELECTIONS	Elections chair Peter Sternberg directed us to the election ballot for 1st Vice President. The ballot contains three names: David Barkow, Jeffrey Bovee, and Wayne Schoch (incumbent).
NOMINATIONS	Pastor Henry Koch presented the list of delegates the 2023 synod convention. It was moved, seconded, and adopted to approve this list.
OFFERING	Offering was designated for the District Scholarship Fund.
ELECTIONS	Pastor Peter Sternberg announced that Pastor Wayne Schoch has won reelection as First Vice President.
CLOSING	Announcements were made and Pastor David Barkow closed the session with prayer at 4:47 p.m

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## SESSION THREE

DEVOTION	Session 3 of the Fifty-second Biennial Convention of the Minnesota District opened at 8:30 a.m. with a devotion led by Pastor Johann Caauwe. Based on Luke 24:45-48 he encouraged us to proclaim Christ with enlightened minds.
MINUTES	Minutes of Session 1 were approved. Minutes of Session 2 were read by Secretary Eugene DeVries and approved as read.
ELECTIONS	Elections chair Peter Sternberg directed the convention to the Nomination Ballot for 2nd Vice President.
LIMA	Pastor Brian Kom reported for Lutheran Institutional Ministries.
GRACE IN ACTION	Pastor Don Sutton described how Grace in Action helps pastors and congregations improve their ministries.
ELECTIONS	Elections chair Peter Sternberg announced that the ballot for 2nd VP contains three names: David Barkow, Jeffrey Bovee, and Mathew Pfeifer (incumbent).
VIDEO	The WELS Home Missions video described the initiative to start 100 new missions in 10 years.
ELECTIONS	Elections chair Peter Sternberg announced that Pastor Mathew Pfeifer has been elected as 2nd Vice President.
PRESENTATION	Professor Luke Thompson presented part 2 of “Open Doors for a Closed Culture”
ELECTIONS	Elections chair Peter Sternberg announced that the ballot for District Secretary contains four names: Pastor Eugene DeVries (incumbent), Pastor Nathanael Scharf, Pastor Peter Sternberg, Mr. Michael Vlieger.
ELECTIONS	After a brief recess, Elections chair Peter Sternberg announced that Pastor Eugene DeVries has been elected as District Secretary. Pastor Sternberg explained the general ballot for remaining district positions.
MLC	President Rich Gurgel gave the report from Martin Luther College with a video explaining MLC’s purpose and mission.
LUTHERAN SCHOOLS	Lutheran Schools Coordinator Mr. David Gartner reported from the Commission on Lutheran Schools.

DISCIPLESHIP	Pastor Matt Ewart reported for the Commission on Discipleship.
EVANGELISM	Pastor Stephen Meyer reported for the Commission on Evangelism.
WORSHIP	Pastor Joel Gawrisch reported for the Commission on Worship.
CLOSING	Announcements were shared and Pastor Caauwe closed session three with prayer at 12:09.

Respectfully submitted,  
Eugene DeVries, Secretary