

THE FIFTY-THIRD BIENNIAL CONVENTION
THE MINNESOTA DISTRICT OF WELS

Martin Luther College
June 18-19, 2024

SESSION ONE

OPENING	President Dennis Klatt opened the The Fifty-third Biennial Convention of the Minnesota District of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod in the name of the Triune God at 9:00 a.m.
OPENING DEVOTION	Pastor Nathanael Scharf led the convention in a devotion focused on Matthew 11:25-30
COMMITTEE 1	Pastor William King, from the Credentials and Membership Committee, presented his report. Resolution #1 regarding credentials was adopted.
GREETING	MLC President Richard Gurgel welcomed the delegates to the campus of Martin Luther College.
COMMITTEE 17	Vice President Schone welcomed everyone and invited the delegates to bring questions to the help desk table.
COMMITTEE 16	First Vice President Wayne Schoch gave instructions from the Convention Steering Committee.
COMMITTEE 6	Pastor Jeff Bovee reported for Media Relations Committee. Delegates are invited to share their photos.
COMMITTEE 15	Second Vice President Matthew Pfeifer reported for the Copy Review Committee.
COMMITTEE 3	Pastor James Panning reported for the Nomination Committee. He described the biographies available for the nominees on the ballot. It was moved and adopted to accept the nomination ballot.
PRESIDENT'S REPORT	District President Dennis Klatt presented his report to the Minnesota District. It was moved and adopted to ratify the position appointments detailed in the President's Report.
ELECTIONS	Elections Chair, Pastor Adam Manian, gave instructions regarding our voting procedure for electing district officials.
REPORTS	The convention viewed a video from the WELS 175 th Anniversary Committee. Pastor Phil Spaude introduced a video from the WELS Foundation about charitable gift annuities.
MLC REPORT	President Richard Gurgel reported for Martin Luther College.

HOME MISSIONS	Pastor Mark Gabb gave a report for the WELS Board for Home Missions which included a short video.
WORLD MISSIONS	Pastor Larry Schlomer introduced a video from the WELS Board for World Missions and described our mission work around the world.
ELECTIONS	Pastor Manian reported that Pastor Dennis Klatt has been re-elected to serve as District President.
CLOSING	Announcements were shared and session one closed at 12:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Eugene DeVries, Secretary