Southern Illinois District Convention

February 23-25, 2006

2006 SID Overture 2-01 "To Memorialize Synod to Unambiguously Renounce Syncretism and Unionism"

2004 LCMS Res. 3-06A(commending the CTCR document, "Guidelines for Participation in Civic Events") because the document does not unambiguously forbid the participation of LCMS pastors in syncretistic and unionistic services in the future. Instead, the majority opinion allows for participation in joint prayer services by claiming that Christian and non-Christian clergy could "take turns" offering prayers("serial" prayers) without it being joint worship.

2001 LCMS Res. 3-07A(commending the CTCR document, "The Lutheran Understanding of Church Fellowship") because it is being used—contrary to its original intent—to give approval to LCMS pastors participating in syncretistic and unionistic service because they were, "offering prayers, speaking and reading Scripture at events sponsored by governments," and this new interpretation has been referred to as "the official position of the Synod" in official 2004 Synodical reports of the President.

- 1st Resolve "The SID memorialize the LCMS 2007 Synodical Convention to rescind the 2004 LCMS convention Res. 3-06A(commending the CTCR document, "Guidelines for Participation in Civic Events") and the 2001 LCMS convention Res. 3-07A(commending the CTCR document, "The Lutheran Understanding of Church Fellowship");
- 2nd Resolve "that the SID memorialize the LCMS 2007 Synodical Convention to have guidelines produced that would be so clear and unambiguous <u>as to rule out any repetition of LCMS participation</u> <u>in syncretism or unionism in the future</u> and would be in keeping with the LCMS Constitution, Article IV, condition for membership, "Renunciation of unionism and syncretism of every description."

2006 SID Resolution 2-03 "To Memorialize Synod Unambiguously to Renounce Syncretism and Unionism"

- 1st Resolve that the SID memorialize the LCMS 2007 Synodical Convention to recognize that the CTCR document, "Guidelines for Participation in Civic Events" (2004 LCMS Convention Res. 3-06A), and the CTCR Document, "The Lutheran Understanding of Church Fellowship" (2001 LCMS Convention Res. 3-07A), are ambiguous
- 2nd Resolve that the SID memorialize the LCMS 2007 Synodical Convention to have clear and unambiguous guidelines produced by the Council of Presidents, in conjunction with the faculties of the two seminaries, regarding participation in civic and other events that would be in keeping with the LCMS Constitution, Article IV, condition for membership, "Renunciation of unionism and syncretism of every description."

2006 SID Overture 2-03 "To Expect the Doctrine of Closed Communion to be Practiced"

Although the LCMS officially professes the historic and Scriptural teaching of closed communion, many congregations within the LCMS practice some form of **open communion** without being disciplined. In our Synodical President's reports he minimizes the present false practices as being only differing practical applications.

- 1st Resolve "...a visitation of every SID congregation and pastor, in order to determine whether those SID congregations and pastors <u>are actually practicing our Synodically approved position on Closed</u> <u>Communion..."</u>
- 2nd Resolve "...the (Southern Illinois) District President to present a report to the 2009 SID Convention concerning his findings and the actions he has taken in order to restore our unity in doctrine and practice"
- 3rd Resolve "that the SID memorialize the LCMS 2007 Synodical Convention to direct her District Presidents to initiate a visitation of every congregation and pastor in their respective Districts in order to determine whether those congregations and pastors <u>are actually practicing our synodically approved</u> <u>position on Closed Communion..."</u>

2006 SID Resolution 2-04 "To Expect the Practices of Our Congregations to be in Agreement with <u>Our Synod's</u> Doctrine of Closed Communion"

- 1st Resolve that the SID directs her District President to undertake a visitation of every SID congregation and pastor, in order to determine whether those SID congregations and pastors <u>are administering the</u> <u>Sacrament of Communion according to our synodically approved teaching on Closed Communion,</u> <u>which is founded on the Scriptures and the Lutheran Confessions; including instruction in interpreting</u> <u>the term "close" in a way that is in agreement with our historic doctrine and teaching; and further to</u> <u>begin a study & discussion among us of what we mean by "extraordinary situations & circumstances"</u> <u>so that we may be strengthened in our unity.</u>
- 2nd Resolve that the SID directs the District President to present a report to the 2009 SID Convention concerning his findings and the actions he has taken in order to restore our unity in doctrine and practice;
- 3rd Resolve that the SID memorialize the LCMS to direct her District Presidents to initiate a visitation of every congregation and pastor in their respective Districts: <u>1</u>) to determine whether those congregations and pastors are administering the Sacrament of Communion according to our synodically approved teaching on Closed Communion, which is founded on the Scriptures and the Lutheran Confessions; 2) to guide, exhort and teach so that the practice and administration of the Sacrament of the Altar in our congregations be brought into harmony with our historic teachings & Confessions; and 3) where there is persistent disagreement and unwillingness to teach and practice in harmony with our synodical teachings and confession to correct, exhort and rebuke so that souls may be strengthened, sins forgiven and faith abound.

2006 SID Overture 2-04 "To Memorialize Synod to Apply the Order of Creation to Humanly Established Offices"

2004 LCMS Res. 3-08A(To affirm the Conclusions of the {unapproved} **1994 CTCR report, "The Service of Women in Congregational Offices"**) because it does not apply the Scriptural teaching on the Order of Creation(1 Timothy 2:11-12, 1 Corinthians 14:34-35) to both the pastoral office and all humanly established offices and thus allows women to hold positions in the church in which they would have authority over a man.

- 1st Resolve that the SID memorialize the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod (LC-MS) 2007 Synodical Convention to rescind the 2004 LCMS convention Res. 3-08A(To affirm the Conclusions of the unapproved 1994 CTCR report, "The Service of Women in Congregational Offices")
- 2nd Resolve that the SID memorialize the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod (LC-MS) 2007 Synodical Convention to reject the 1994 CTCR Report, "The Service of Women in Congregational and Synodical Offices;"
- 3rd Resolve that the SID memorialize the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod (LC-MS) 2007 Synodical Convention to continue to apply the Scriptural teaching on the Order of Creation(1 Timothy 2:11-12, 1 Corinthians 14:34-35) to both the pastoral office and all humanly established offices.

2006 SID Resolution 2-05 "To Memorialize Synod to Apply the Order of Creation to Humanly Established Offices"

- 1st Resolve that the SID memorialize the LCMS 2007 Synodical Convention to rescind the 2004 LCMS convention Res. 3-08A (To affirm the Conclusions of the unapproved 1994 CTCR report, "The Service of Women in Congregational Offices")
- 2nd Resolve that the SID memorialize the LCMS 2007 Synodical Convention to reject the 1994 CTCR Report, "The Service of Women in Congregational and Synodical Offices;"
- 3rd Resolve that the SID memorialize the LCMS 2007 Synodical Convention to continue to apply the Scriptural teaching on the Order of Creation(1 Timothy 2:11-12, 1 Corinthians 14:34-35) to both the pastoral office and all humanly established offices within the church;
- 4th Resolve <u>that the SID memorialize the LCMS 2007 Synodical Convention to direct the CTCR to complete the request of the 1995 Convention to Prepare a Comprehensive Study of the Scriptural Relationship of Man and Woman (1995 Res. 3-10).</u>

2006 SID Overture 2-05 "To Address the Heterodox Worship of "Evangelical Protestant Revivalism" (Contemporary Worship)"

2004 LCMS Res. 2-04 directed the Commission on Worship toward "the development of diverse worship." Although the LCMS Constitution and bylaws requires the "exclusive use of doctrinally pure agenda, hymnbooks, and catechisms," many congregations are being encouraged to follow the false revivalistic worship of the Reformed without being disciplined. Our Synodical President has been heavily promoting Contemporary Worship from within his Synodically approved Ablaze! Program. His convention reports consider Contemporary Worship to be acceptable practical applications.

1st Resolve - "...a visitation with particular emphasis at looking at the worship offered at every SID congregation in order:

- 1. To "Encourage congregations to strive for uniformity in church practice, but also to develop an appreciation of a variety of responsible practices and customs which are in harmony with our common profession of faith" (LCMS Constitution, Article III, point 7); and
- 2. "To seek to bring about to the greatest possible degree the achievement of the Synod's objectives as expressed in Article III of its Constitution" (2004 Synodical Bylaw 4.4.4b); and
- "To Conserve and promote the unity of the true faith... and provide a united defense against schism, sectarianism(Rom 16:17), and heresy." (LCMS Constitution, Article III, point 1); and
- 4. To determine whether there is an "Exclusive use of doctrinally pure agenda, hymnbooks, and catechisms in church and school"
- 2nd Resolve "the (Southern Illinois) District President to present a report to the 2009 SID Convention concerning his findings and the actions he has taken"
- 3rd Resolve "that the SID memorialize the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod to rescind the final resolve of 2004 LCMS Resolution 2-04..."

2006 SID Resolution 2-06A "To Address the Heterodox Worship of "Evangelical Protestant Revivalism" and to Promote Sound Lutheran Worship Practices Among Us

- 1st Resolve that we remind one another of the promise we have made to use "doctrinally pure agenda, hymnbooks, and catechisms," both to preserve the truth and for the sake of good order;
- 2nd Resolve that out of love for each other congregations of the LCMS be strongly urged to seek as much uniformity in ceremonies as possible;
- 3rd Resolve that congregations be urged to adopt and use approved Synodical Hymnals;
- 4th Resolve that 2004 Resolution 2-04 not be understood to endorse the use of Evangelical Protestant Revival or neo-Evangelical worship forms or to encourage deviation from agreed upon forms when it resolved that the Synod "affirm respect for diversity in worship practices as we build greater understanding of our theology of worship;"
- 5th Resolve that the president of the Synod, the Council of Presidents, the seminaries, universities and colleges, and the Commission on Worship continue to find ways to foster discussion among groups with diverse viewpoints for the purpose of building greater understanding of our theology of worship and fostering further discussion of worship practices that are consistent with sound Lutheran theology and practice
- 6th Resolve that the SID directs her District President to undertake a visitation (SAME AS #1 above)
- 7th Resolve that the SID direct the District President to present a report to the 2009 SID Convention concerning his findings and the actions he has taken; (Same as #2 above)
- 8th Resolve that the SID memorialize the LCMS Convention (2007) to clarify that 2004 Resolution 2-04 is not to be understood to endorse the use of Evangelical Protestant Revival or neo-Evangelical worship forms or to encourage deviation from agreed upon forms when it resolved that the Synod "affirm respect for diversity in worship practices as we build greater understanding of our theology of worship." (significant changes from #3 above)

2006 SID Overture 2-06 "To Memorialize Synod to Rescind Resolutions Establishing and Encouraging Lay Ministers"

1989 LCMS Res. 3-05B(establishment of licensed lay deacons to provide pastoral services) because it is contrary the Holy Scriptures and the Lutheran Confessions, which require a pastor with a regular call for the preaching of the Word and the administration of the Sacraments (Jeremiah 23:21, Romans 10:15, Hebrews 5:4, and Article XIV of the Augsburg Confession, "It is taught among us that nobody should publicly teach or preach or administer the sacraments in the church without a regular call);"

2004 LCMS Res. 5-09(to affirm district programs that equip laity for ministry) because it is contrary the Holy Scriptures and the Lutheran Confessions, which require a pastor with a regular call for the preaching of the Word and the administration of the Sacraments (Jeremiah 23:21, Romans 10:15, Hebrews 5:4, and Article XIV of the Augsburg Confession, "It is taught among us that nobody should publicly teach or preach or administer the sacraments in the church without a regular call);"

- 1st Resolve that the SID memorialize the LCMS 2007 Synodical Convention to rescind the 1989 convention Res. 3-05B(establishment of licensed lay deacons to provide pastoral services), and to rescind the 2004 convention Res. 5-09(to affirm district programs that equip laity for ministry);"
- 2nd Resolve that the SID memorialize the LCMS 2007 Synodical Convention to direct Synod's congregations to a number of programs for training men for the office of Pastor, including not only the M.Div seminary program, but also alternate routes and especially DELTO(Distance Education Leading to Ordination), which was designed to provide "ordained pastoral service to congregations that cannot support a full-time pastor, ordained pastoral service to contexts where English is not spoken, ordained missionary personnel where finances and/or conditions do not permit calling full-time missionary, and enhanced congregational life as the congregation participates in the growth of its DELTO student" (BHE "What is DELTO?," Sept. 2000).

2006 SID Resolution 2-02 "To Memorialize Synod <u>to Discontinue the use of Non-Ordained</u> Persons to Preside over Word and Sacrament Ministry"

- 1st Resolve that the SID memorialize the LCMS 2007 Synodical Convention to thank those who have labored to develop training for alternative situations,
- 2nd Resolve that the SID memorialize the LCMS 2007 Synodical Convention to rescind the 1989 convention Res. 3-05B (establishment of licensed lay deacons to provide pastoral services),
- 3rd Resolve that the SID memorialize the LCMS 2007 Synodical Convention to direct that all programs mentioned in the 2004 convention Res. 5-09 (to affirm district programs that equip laity for ministry) maintain the clear distinction between the service of laity and the Word and Sacrament ministry given to the pastoral office,
- 4th Resolve that the SID memorialize the LCMS 2007 Synodical Convention to direct Synod's congregations to a number of programs for training men for the office of Pastor, including not only the M. Div seminary program, but also alternate routes and especially DELTO (Distance Education Leading to Ordination), DIT (Deaf Institute of Theology), EIIT (Ethnic Immigrant Institute of Theology), and HIT (Hispanic Institute of Theology).

2006 SID Overture 2-07 "To Memorialize Synod to Decline CTCR Statement, "In Statu

Confessionis: A Response to Questions from the Praesidium of the Synod" (April 15, 2005)

and Encourage Congregations in a State of Confession to follow the Dissent Process"

1st Resolve - that the SID memorialize the LCMS 2007 Synodical Convention to reject the CTCR statement, "In Statu Confessionis: A Response to Questions from the Praesidium of the Synod" (April 15, 2005)

2006 SID Resolution 2-07 "To Memorialize Synod to Decline CTCR Statement, "In Statu Confessionis, A Response to Questions from the Praesidium of the Synod" (April 15, 2005) and Encourage Congregations in a State of Confession to follow the Dissent Process"

There were no changes at all to the above resolves.

Seven and a half pages of supporting documentation were added

- 1. Appendix B In Statu Confessionis: A Theologico-Historical Definition
- 2. Convention Workbook, 1971, pp. 257-258
- 3. CTCR Document April 15, 2005 (followed by minority opinions)

A Note was added to the Proceedings: "Resolution 2-07 was presented to the convention by the floor committee without recommendation. It was moved and seconded by the floor."

2006 SID Overture 3-03 "To Memorialize Synod to Rescind LCMS 2004 Resolution 8-01A" 2004 LCMS Res. 8-01A("To Amend Bylaws on Ecclesiastical Supervision and Dispute Resolution.") because the effect of 2004 Res. 8-01A removes the Word of God as the only rule and norm of faith and practice in the LCMS(Article II of LCMS Constitution). Instead, the decision of the District President determines when to initiate formal proceedings that will apply the Word of God. The District President must follow any opinion received from either the CCM or the CTCR, even if contradicting with the Word of God. 2004 Res. 8-01A prohibits a public response to public sins as required by the eighth commandment(see LC, sec. 284).

Only Resolve - that the SID memorialize the LCMS 2007 Synodical Convention to rescind the 2004 LCMS convention Res. 8-01A("To Amend Bylaws on Ecclesiastical Supervision and Dispute Resolution.").

2006 SID Resolution 3-02A "To Memorialize Synod to Modify LCMS 2004 Resolution 8-01A"

- 1st Resolve that the SID memorialize the LCMS 2007 Synodical Convention to establish an appeal process for the accuser to the Presidium of the Synod if the accuser has been denied formal proceedings;
- 2nd Resolve <u>that one who is accused of a public offense must be addressed personally by the accuser but</u> <u>that a face-to-face meeting with the accused is not required.</u>

2006 SID Resolution 3-09 "To Memorialize Synod to Revise the Dispute Resolution Process" (from Overture 3-02 written by George Gude)

--Only Resolve – that the 2006 SID Convention memorialize the 2007 LCMS convention to make changes to the synodical bylaws concerning replacing the District Presidents who make up a hearing panel for those facing expulsion from Synod with Synodical Reconcilers.

^{2&}lt;sup>nd</sup> Resolve - that all members of Synod, who are bound by conscience to flee from error and thus enter a "State of Confession," be encouraged to simultaneously follow our agreed-upon Synodical procedures for dissent(bylaw 1.8) so that in love our Synod "may be united in mind and thought" (1 Cor 1:10).

2006 SID Overture 3-04 "To Memorialize Synod to Change LCMS Bylaw 3.1.6.2c" Only Resolve - that the SID memorialize the LCMS 2007 Synodical Convention to change the references in bylaw 3.1.6.2c from "The President of Synod" to <u>"The Secretary of the Synod."</u>

2006 SID Resolution 3-03 "To Memorialize Synod to Change LCMS Bylaw 3.1.6.2c" Only Resolve - that the SID memorialize the LCMS 2007 Synodical Convention to change the references in bylaw 3.1.6.2c from "The President of Synod" to "The Presidium of the Synod."

2006 SID Overture 3-05 "To Memorialize Synod to Rescind LCMS 2004 Resolution 7-02A" 2004 LCMS convention Res. 7-02A(To Amend Synodical Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws Regarding Officer and Board Responsibilities) because the Word of God does not remain the only rule and norm of faith and practice in the LC-MS(Article II of LCMS Constitution). Instead, the opinions of the Commission on Constitutional Matters(CCM) are also a rule and norm of faith and life in the LC-MS.

Only Resolve - that the SID memorialize the LCMS 2007 Synodical Convention to rescind the 2004 LCMS convention Res. 7-02A(To Amend Synodical Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws Regarding Officer and Board Responsibilities).

2006 SID Resolution 3-04 "To Memorialize Synod to Overturn Certain Opinions of the Commission on Constitutional Matters"

Only Resolve - that the SID memorialize the LCMS 2007 Synodical Convention to overturn the CCM opinions 02-2296, 02-2320, and 02-2309.

2006 SID Overture 3-06 "To Memorialize Synod to Rescind LCMS 2004 Resolution 7-21" Only Resolve - that the SID memorialize the LCMS 2007 Synodical Convention to <u>rescind the 2004</u> <u>LCMS convention Res. 7-21</u>, "To Amend Constitution Regarding Officer and Board Responsibilities."

2006 SID Resolution 3-05 "To Memorialize Synod to Clarify Article XI F 2 of the Synodical Constitution"

Only Resolve - that the SID memorialize the LCMS 2007 Synodical Convention to clarify the phrase "in those areas where it has delegated such authority to an agency of the Synod." (Article XI F 2, Synodical Constitution.

Committee	Overture in Workbo ok	From where did the overtures come?			Passed Resolutions
		Herrin	District	Other Cong./ Circuit	
One – Missions	8		8		8
Two - Theology	7	6		1	8
Three – Synodical Structure	6	4		2	9
Four – District Structure and	7		7		7
Finance					
Five – Congregational Support	7		7		9
Six - Nominations and					
Elections					
TOTALS	35	10	22	3	41

Every overture(some with modifications) submitted was passed.

Odds and Ends

- 1. The theme of the Convention was "Jesus Gives Life at 100+ Mission Outposts"
- 2. President Herb Mueller was reelected on the first ballot with 67% of the vote (97 of 144) after 12 years of service.
- 3. SID 2004 Res. 2-01 "To Clarify 2004 LCMS Resolution 2-08A" on creation and macro and micro evolution, "according to their kinds"
- 4. SID 2004 Res. 2-08 "To Encourage the Study of the Lutheran Confessions, the Use of 'Augsburg Confession Study,' and the Study of the Scripture in the Original Languages"
- 5. SID 2004 Res. 3-01 "To Propose Revising the Exceptions for Voting Representation at National Synodical Conventions"
- 6. SID 2004 5-08 "To Regularize Selection Process for Speakers/Performers at District-Sponsored Events"
- 7. Bible Study and Essay by Jeffrey Gibbs on Mission
- 8. Q and A with Synodical President Kieschnick on Friday Morning.

Summary of Herrin's 10 Overtures Passed

1. Memorialized Synod – sixteen times

--At least parts of all ten resolutions should be forwarded to the Synod and printed in the 2007 LCMS Convention Workbook as being submitted by the "Southern Illinois District"

- 2. SID Visitations Required two times (Closed Communion, Contemporary Worship)
- 3. Reports to 2009 SID Convention two times (Closed Communion, Cont. Worship)

SID Visitations Part 1

A Special SID Convention was held September 11, 2004

Special Overture #1 A Visitation for Stewardship and Missions in the SID

- 1st Resolve That the congregations of the Southern Illinois District meeting in special convention agree to the need for a visitation in the congregations of the District to accomplish:
 - 1. Growing in faith through diligent use of the means of grace;
 - 2. Increasing our support for the mission efforts of the LCMS;
 - 3. Deepening our partnership with the LCSA;
 - 4. Helping each congregation see itself as a missionary outpost;
 - 5. Strengthen congregations and workers in firm confession and bold outreach;
 - 6. Uniting us in the confession of faith we share in Scripture and our Confessions;
 - 7. Planting new churches and schools;
 - 8. Expanding the specialized ministries of the District
- 2nd Resolve That this Special Convention of the Southern Illinois District instruct the District President and the Board of Spiritual Care and Supervision to prepare a detailed plan for such visitation (on the basis of the outline in Special Convention Option #1) and begin to implement this plan in the circuits and congregations by January 1,2005.
- This special convention visitation has never occurred. It is now said that the present visitation mandated by the 2006 SID Convention is going to be combined with this special convention visitation.

Visitation Mandate by the 2006 SID Convention

1. Closed Communion (2006 SID Resolution 2-04)

"... a visitation of every SID congregation and pastor, in order to determine whether those SID congregations and pastors are

- a. administering the Sacrament of Communion according to our synodically approved teaching on Closed Communion, which is founded on the Scriptures and the Lutheran Confessions;
- b. including instruction in interpreting the term "close" in a way that is in agreement with our historic doctrine and teaching;
- c. and further to begin a study & discussion among us of what we mean by "extraordinary situations & circumstances" so that we may be strengthened in our unity.
- d. present a report to the 2009 SID Convention concerning his findings and the actions he has taken in order to restore our unity in doctrine and practice;

2. Contemporary Worship (2006 SID Resolution 2-05)

"...a visitation with particular emphasis at looking at the worship offered at every SID congregation in order:

- a. To "Encourage congregations to strive for uniformity in church practice, but also to develop an appreciation of a variety of responsible practices and customs which are in harmony with our common profession of faith" (LCMS Constitution, Article III, point 7); and
- b. "To seek to bring about to the greatest possible degree the achievement of the Synod's objectives as expressed in Article III of its Constitution" (2004 Synodical Bylaw 4.4.4b); and
- c. "To Conserve and promote the unity of the true faith... and provide a united defense against schism, sectarianism(Rom 16:17), and heresy." (LCMS Constitution, Article III, point 1); and
- d. To determine whether there is an "Exclusive use of doctrinally pure agenda, hymnbooks, and catechisms in church and school"
- e. present a report to the 2009 SID Convention concerning his findings and the actions he has taken"

SID Visitations Part 2

Feb 23-25, 2006	SID Convention mandates SID Visitation
April 2006	The InSIDe Word "A Presidential Visitation?" by President Herbert
-	Mueller
May 7, 2006	Circuit Forum (Anna), Circuit Counselor Mayes mentioned plans
	being made for visitations over next three years.
October 3-4, 2006	SID Pastoral Conference (Mt. Vernon)
	President Mueller District President's Report
	-Pres. Mueller has already visited the Circuit Counselors
	-Fall 2006, visit pastors to encourage in Word of God and prayer
	-All of 2007, visit congregations to encourage in mission and
	stewardship, and to teach and to encourage faithful worship
	and communion practice.
	-All of 2008, visit the voters assembly of each parish
	Report of the SID Schools and General Executive (Dan Roth)
	-Stewardship
	William Weedon's Apology (for not having communion at a SID Pastoral
	Conference two years ago)
October 4, 2006	E-mail for Circuit Counselor Ted Mayes to set up first visitation
	between October 11 and November 30
October 26, 2006	Pastor Henson's visitation date

FUTURE PLANS for Dissent

Dissent Process has three steps:

- 1. Express dissent "within the fellowship of peers,"
 - --Greater Egypt Circuit Forum, Feb 13, 2005
 - --Circuits 3 & 4, June 5, 2005
- 2. Bring the dissent "to the attention of Commission on Theology and Church Relations"
 - --Letter passed on September 18, 2005 and sent
- 3. Express dissent as "an overture to the convention calling for revision or recision."
 - --November 19, 2006, Voters' Assembly
 - --February 5, 2007 Circuit Forum (Golconda)

Note: The deadline to submit in triplicate <u>Overtures to the 2007 LCMS Synodical</u> <u>Convention is February 12, 2007 (for Workbook printing deadlines), but absolute</u> <u>deadline is March 10, 2007.</u>

July 14-19, 2007 LCMS 2007 Convention (Houston, Texas)

Dissent #2

1. Trinity Lutheran Church, Herrin IL

2. Dissent in the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod: A Catechism by Pr Klemet Preus (<u>klemet@comcast.net</u>) of Glory of Christ Lutheran Church , 14 pages <u>http://www.consensuslutheran.org/modules.php?op=modload&name=News&file=article&sid=4</u> 08&mode=&order=0

"Final question #88. What are the chances realistically of changing the synod through the process of dissent?

It is far more important to confess the faith that it is to change the synod officially. Do that and God will be pleased. Since you ask, however, no dissent process as outlined in the handbook of the LCMS has in the history of the synod every resulted in the synod changing its position."

3. St. Luke's Lutheran Church Resolution #06-1-02, Richland Center WI and their Pastor Fred Davison (<u>pastordavison@gmail.com</u> or <u>pastordavison@charter.net</u>) dissented from the ecclesiastical supervisor resolutions

4. St. Luke's Lutheran Church Memorializing the Southwest Circuit Forum, Circuit #19, of the South Wisconsin District meeting on February 5, 2006 http://www.concordtx.org/msnews/res_stluk.htm

5. "A Case for Dissent" by Pr. David Petersen of Redeemer Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne, IN July 2005? (<u>david.h.petersen@att.net</u>)

6. Consensus Article in December 2005

- -- "Dissent From and Honor of the Position of Synod" by Rev. David Petersen
- --It's Nearly Hopeless to Dissent By Anthony Bertram
- --Indiana Circuits Express Dissent on Resolution 8-01A

7. Dissent of the La Porte and South Bend Circuits of the Indiana District from December 2005 Issue of Consensus

http://www.consensuslutheran.org/modules.php?op=modload&name=News&file=article&sid=4 03&mode=&order=0

- Pr. David Petersen, Redeemer Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne, IN david.h.petersen@att.net
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- Pr. Chad Trouten, Bethany Lutheran Church, Forth Wayne, IN <u>ctrouten@bethanylc.org</u>

8. Pastor Paul M. Kaiser, St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church, Edna TX on 4 errors: 1. Fellowship, Syncretism, Unionism; 2. The Service of Women in the Church; 3. The Elevation of Human Authority Over the Divine Authority of God's Word; and The Lay Minister. (propterchr@aol.com) on www.Concordtx.org/opinions/kaiser.htm 9. Decatur Circuit, Indiana District

Pr. Martin Moehring St. Peter Lutheran Church, Decatur, IN <u>mkmgbp@adamswells.com</u> Pr. William Bregge, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, IN no e-mail listed

10. Pr. James Bauer, Trinity Lutheran Church, Denver CO of RMD pastorbauer@gototrinity.com

11. Activist CCM Nov 2005 2 pages by Sippy

Synod Response

- Feb 25, 2005 LCMS e-News "CTCR considers revising policy on response to dissents" "At its Feb. 14-16 meeting in St. Louis, the commission asked its staff to prepare possible policy revisions that would include providing 'a concise presentation of the Scriptural and Confessional basis' for its response to statements of dissent."
- 2. Letter from Kieschnick's office on Pastors upholding Synod's teaching
- 3. CCM Minutes Oct 21-22, 2002 Role of Conscience during Dissent Process (02-2306)
- 4. CCM Minutes Oct 16-18, 2005 Dissent by a Member Congregation of the Synod(05-2433) --steps for congregation, who are their peers?
- 5. CCM Minutes Oct 16-18, 2005 Activity of Small Groups Within the Synod(05-2443)
 --"It is incongruous for separate groups to organize for the purpose of policing the members of the Synod; it is equally incongruous for groups to organize for the purpose of either shaping or nullifying a decision in an area of concern in which the Synod has reserved to itself the right of making decisions."
 - --advocating the withholding of funds?
 - --to publicly teach contrary to the position of Synod
- 6. CCM Minutes Nov 28-29, 2005 Proper Dissent and Dispute by Members of Synod (05-2444) --Dissent page 61-64
- 7. "Congregations and Synod: Background materials on the Advisory Nature of Synod"

Synod Talks at Trinity Lutheran Church

- #1 October 22, 2006
 - Review of Trinity's Dissent
 - -- 2006 Southern Illinois District Convention Wrap-up (Feb 23-25, 2006)

--Outlook for Dissent working/not working

- #2 November 26, 2006
 - --Situation in Synod
 - 1st Lawsuit, Motion to Intervene, Possible 2nd Lawsuit
 - --District Conventions
 - --Confessionals & Conservatives

--Liberals

- --Dissent/State of Confession from other congregations
- #3 January 28, 2007 --Other Synods, ELS, WELS, CLC --ELDoNA
- #4 March 25, 2007 --Outlook for the Future
- #5 May 27, 2007 --Convention Workbook(arrives end of March)
- #6 June/July --Floor Committees (meet May 18-21)

LCMS 2007 Convention July 15-17, 2007

Resources

Packets of Information 1. Layman Packet (9"x 6") --six point 2. Pastor's Packet (12"x 9")

Audio and Video

There are three audio CDs and one DVD to get you up to speed.

- 1. Elder's Presentation June 5, 2005 (two CD set) (Six Points)
- 2. Pastor's Lutheran United Presentation Mar 31, 2005 (Situation within the LCMS)
- 3. Video of November 13, 2005 Update (More situation within the LCMS)]
- 4. Pastor's AAELP Presentation May 6, 2006 (two CD set) (Explanation of Public Profession, State of Confession & Dissent)