



The congregations of the LCMS Kansas District met June 9-10 in Convention. St. John, Alma, was represented by its called workers Harmon Butler, Robyn Gray, and Whitney Howard as advisory delegates. The Voter's sent Jim MacGregor as our lay delegate and Rev. Grimm as our pastoral delegate.

The convention was addressed by various church leaders: the President of Synod, Rev. Matt Harrison and the regional Vice-president, Rev. Ben Ball, and the convention had time for questions and answers with each; the lecture leader was Rev. Roy Askins, the editor for *The Lutheran Witness*; our Kansas District President Justin Panzer addressed attendees and shared the reports of the District with constituents.

Elected to serve during the next triennium are:  
Rev. Justin Panzer, Wamego, District President  
Rev. Alan Stahlecker, St. John LC, Linconville,  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President, Region 2 (this is our region)  
Rev. Mark Schulz, Trinity LC, Mission,  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Region 1  
Rev. Michael Schotte, St. Paul LC, Preston,  
3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President, Region 3  
Rev. Michael Hageman, Trinity LC, Garden City,  
4<sup>th</sup> Vice President, Region 4  
Rev. Joshua Woelmer, Zion LC, Vassar,  
Secretary of the District

Bruce Schultz of St. John was reelected as a Lay District Board member, as were David Bruns – Christ, Overland Park; Curtis Engelbrecht – Trinity, Wichita; Mark Wolters – Redeemer, Atwood; Dan Thalmann – St. John, Palmer; Marvin Schulteis – Redeemer, Lawrence; and Kevin Fredrickson – Redeemer, Lawrence. Commissioned Ministers elected to the board include: Rick Hanebutt – Hope,

Shawnee; Sue Kleber – Holy Cross, Wichita;  
Benjamin Venteicher – Messiah, Hays.

Three floor committees (Proclaim, Teach, Share) reviewed overtures and presented 17 resolutions to the convention. They are listed below, with some of the excerpts of the language adopted. Also, three convention videos were produced. One of them included Rev. Grimm and Rev. Christian Schultz. Kansas District work and workers were highlighted. To find other convention information or to view them online: <https://kslcms.org/presidents-office/2022-convention/>

#### 22-01-01 To Prioritize Living as the Baptized as a Mission and Ministry Focus for the 2022-2025 Triennium

**Resolved**, That the District and its members prioritize strengthening baptismal identity in the coming triennium, equipping and encouraging the baptized to stand firm in the faith and resist being conformed to the world (Rom. 12:2) and to move forward boldly as the baptized people of God to expand the Kingdom; and

**Resolved**, That the District promote the use of resources by congregations and schools designed to strengthen habits central to a strong sense of baptismal identity, including faithful worship, reception of the Lord's Supper, prayer, Bible study, home devotions, mutual upbuilding, and living out one's vocation; and

**Resolved**, That congregations and schools be encouraged to equip the saints in their midst to boldly "proclaim, teach, and share" by providing training and opportunities in evangelism, apologetics, and lifelong discipleship, with the help of Synod and District resources (e.g., *Every One His Witness*; "Shepherding the Strays" re: *Vitality* module; *Mission Field: USA*); and finally

**Resolved**, That the Kansas District memorialize the Synod at the 2023 LCMS convention recommending adoption of a mission and ministry emphasis consistent with helping Lutheran Christians hold fast to their baptismal identity, as is the case with the Synod's current emphasis of *Making Disciples for Life* (2019 LCMS Res. 4-03).

#### 22-01-02 To Encourage LCMS Kansans to Vote "Yes" for the Value Them Both Amendment

**Resolved**, That the LCMS Kansas District in convention encourage all Christians earnestly to pray for elected and appointed officials, that they may carry out their duties faithfully in a manner consistent with God's Word and

His will, for the general welfare and benefit of all citizens (1 Tim. 2:1-2); and be it further

**Resolved**, That the LCMS Kansas District in convention call upon all Christians to be loyal citizens, adhering to the laws of government, insofar as such laws of governments do not contradict or contravene the eternal and everlasting truth set forth in God's Word (Acts 5:29).

22-01-03 To Encourage Kansas District  
Congregations to Seek Opportunities to  
Collaborate and Partner to Enhance Mission  
and Ministry in the Kansas District

**Resolved**, That LCMS Kansas congregations, schools, and circuits be encouraged to consider ways in which they can be "better together" for the sake of advancing the Gospel in their location; and be it further

**Resolved**, That the Kansas District identify, refine, and develop resources as needed to support The Partnership Project and encourage use of these resources.

22-01-04 To Support LCMS Mission Work in  
Francophone West and Central Africa

**Resolved**, That convention delegates and guests rise and sing the common doxology in thanks and praise to God for His many blessings in the areas of evangelism, church planting, seminary training, mercy work, and missionary care as we mark 25 years of partnership with the Synod in Francophone West and Central Africa.

22-01-05 To Reject Bigotry and Advance the  
Gospel

22-01-06 To Promote Unity Across the Kansas  
District Through Visitation

22-02-01 To Approve Revisions to the LCMS  
Kansas District Bylaws

22-02-02 To Recommend and Implement a  
Rigorous Program of Study in Circuit  
Winkels (monthly pastor's meetings)

**Resolved**, That the District President provide to all circuit visitors and pastors of the LCMS Kansas District a template for the Traditional Synodical Conference Winkel Model which provides, on a monthly basis, for significant and adequate time devoted to: (a) the regular, formal study of God's Word in the original languages led by a circuit pastor; (b) the regular, formal study of our blessed Confession and/or the Lutheran dogmatic tradition led by a circuit pastor; (c) the regular, formal study of an historical, pastoral-theological, or polemical topic led by a circuit pastor; and (d) regular, formal pastor-led critique of the winkel preacher's sermon.

22-02-03 To Develop Biblically Faithful  
Textbooks/Curricula for Our Day Schools,  
High Schools, and Home Schools

**Resolved**, That the LCMS Kansas District in conjunction with the LCMS Wyoming District memorialize the Synod in convention to direct and coordinate the systematic preparation and production of biblically faithful curricula and textbooks across all subject areas, prioritizing biological and earth sciences, for grades K-12 day schools, high schools, and home schools.

22-02-04 To Encourage Daily Family Prayer  
and Promote the Use of District Resources  
Provided by the Kansas District Adult  
Education Committee

22-02-05 To Exhort the Congregations of the  
LCMS to Actively Encourage Future  
Lutheran School Teachers

22-02-06 To Recruit and Equip Lutheran  
Administrators for Service in Early  
Childhood Centers and Schools

22-02-07 To Promote, Support, and Give  
Thanks for Our Lutheran Early Childhood  
Centers and Elementary Schools

22-03-01 To Encourage the Implementation of  
the Church Worker Care Manual in  
LCMS Kansas District Congregations

22-03-02 To Offer a Districtwide Model for  
Christ-Centered Community Service

22-03-03 To Thank God for the LCMS  
Foundation and Encourage LCMS  
Congregations to Educate People about  
Planned Giving Opportunities

22-03-04 To Encourage Communication Regarding  
Relocating Members

**Resolved**, That all congregations, pastors, church workers, and church members be encouraged to prioritize prompt communication with one another so that both congregations may make contacts with relocating families or college students to encourage prompt connection with LCMS congregations in their new locations.



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**CIRCUIT FORUM:** Delegates elected to the 2023 LCMS Convention in Milwaukee are: Rev. Terry DeGiovani-St. Luke Wheaton, Bruce Schultz-St. John, Alma. Alternates are Rev. Michael Schmidt-

St. Lukes, Manhattan and Luke Schultz-Mt.  
Calvary, Wamego.