

**Board of Directors
Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, Minnesota South District
September 18, 2007**

Minnesota South District Mission Statement

The purpose of the Minnesota South District is to glorify God by: 1) assisting congregations in building up the body of Christ, and 2) providing mission vision, leadership and opportunities to the people and congregations of the District, so that all people might be reached with the saving Gospel and become disciples of Jesus Christ.

The annual retreat was held Monday, September 17, 2007.

OPENING DEVOTION

Mr. John Moorhouse provided the opening devotion. The following is a summary of his devotion: We as a board are harvesters, and the Lord has equipped us with what we need to do the harvest. The work of harvesting is not always easy. There will be struggles, for the Church has always had struggles. Yet in spite of our struggles, the Church prevails. The Lord will be our rear guard, protecting the back door for us. The struggles in the Church serve God's purpose. At first, the message was preached and the mission was centered in Jerusalem. Then persecution arose which scattered the Church causing it to spread and grow in more places. We in the Minnesota South District also struggle – finances, unity and so forth. At times we may not understand everything the Lord wants us to do, but we have His promise that He continues to lead us through the vision and the missions He places before us. As we struggle with the challenges which the Lord places before us, we ought to remain confident that the Lord is leading us. He gives us the strength and guidance to do the work of harvesting.

He concluded his devotion with a prayer.

PARLIAMENTARY OBLIGATIONS

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:56 a.m. by the president, Dr. Lane R. Seitz, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Roll Call

Board Present: Lane Seitz, Daryl Gehlbach, Lu Clemmensen
Klemet Preus, Mark Johnson, Robert Van Gundy, Glen Meints,
Gerhard Bode, Tom Braun, Dale Ortloff, Steve Krause,
Larry Griffin, James Heining, John Moorhouse, Ted Tews,
Robert Schulze, Brian Thorsen, Scott Halvorson, Karl Baumann,
Lynn Henry, Richard Eyerly

Staff Present: Kurt Fuhr, Tim Kinne, David Roth

Excused: Peter Meier

Adoption of Agenda

Dr. Seitz distributed copies of the revised agenda. He asked the Board to add an item under Administration for the Board to set its 2008 meeting dates. The revised agenda was adopted as amended.

Approval of Minutes

It was moved, seconded and carried to approve the minutes of the May 8, 2007, Board meeting as printed.

It was moved, second and carried to approve the minutes of the June 14, 2007, special Board meeting as printed.

Correspondence

Dr. Seitz referred the Board to the following items of correspondence:

1. Letter from Rev. Dr. Raymond Hartwig, requesting nominations for the Board for Pastoral Education (BPE), dated April 12, 2007

VISIONING/STUDY ITEMS/PRESENTATIONS

Preliminary Budget for 2008

Ms. Lu Clemmensen, District Treasurer, directed the Board to the preliminary budget for 2008. She reported that the budget, as proposed, has a deficit of \$382,547 and that the Finance Committee has requested that the deficit be reduced by an additional \$100,000. She walked the Board through the preliminary budget. Individual members made a number of recommendations which the Mission Committee and Finance Committee will take under advisement.

“IT’S TIME TO FISH” CAMPAIGN REPORT

(no report)

POLICY REVIEW AND FORMATION

(no items)

INFORMATIONAL AND DECISION ITEMS

Mission Committee

Mr. Robert Van Gundy, committee chair, reported that the Committee supports the Finance Committee proposal to reconvene the Joint Subcommittee on Property and Funding.

Finance Committee

1. Board and Committee Mileage Reimbursement

It was moved, seconded and carried to amend Board policy 4.02 to add the words “at the charitable (or volunteer) rate” to the end of the first sentence.

2. Camp Omega

It was moved, seconded and carried to approve a new loan request for a \$30,000 line of credit on behalf of Camp Omega.

3. Joint Subcommittee

Mr. Steve Krause, committee chair, reported that both the Mission Committee and Finance Committee support the reconvening of a joint subcommittee to study District properties, funding of new mission starts and subsidizing of current ministries.

Since members of the joint subcommittee are appointed by the two committees, the Board doesn't need to take any action on this proposal.

Ministerial Health Committee (no decision items)

Schools/Commissioned Ministers Committee (no decision items)

Congregational Services Sub Committee (no decision items)

Communications Committee (no decision items)

Constitution and Membership Committee (no decision items)

Endowment Committee (no decision items)

Administration

1. Approve Constitution and/or Bylaw Changes

It was moved, seconded and carried to approve the revised constitutions and bylaws of the following congregations and school:

- a) Redeemer Lutheran Church, Owatonna, MN
- b) King of Glory Lutheran Church, Blaine, MN
- c) Trinity Lutheran Church, Trimont, MN
- d) Rose of Sharon Lutheran Church, Cottage Grove, MN
- e) Eternal Hope Lutheran Church, Brooklyn Park, MN
- f) Redeemer Lutheran Church, Winona, MN

g) Concordia Academy Association of Schools, Roseville, MN

2. Set 2007 Housing Allowance for Rev. Timothy Kinne

It was moved, second and carried to set the 2007 housing allowance for the Rev. Timothy Kinne at \$12,160.

3. 2008 Executive Staff Salaries for 2008

It was moved, seconded and carried to set the 2008 salary for the District President at \$ 93,240 (a 5% increase) and for the Executive Staff at \$ 78,230 (a 4% increase).

4. 2008 Board Meeting Dates

The Board set the following dates for its meetings in 2008: February 5 (snow date, February 7), May 6, September 8 & 9, and December 2 (snow date December 4).

The consensus of the Board was to hold its September meeting and retreat at Americinn, Owatonna, MN.

5. Nominations for Appointments to the Board for Pastoral Education

It was moved, seconded and carried to nominate Dr. Michael Gibson, Rev. Mark Teike, Rev. Jeff Meyer, and Rev. David Kind for appointment to the Board for Pastoral Education.

6. Theological Convocation Task Force Report

Rev. Klemet Preus and Mrs. Lynn Henry reported that the convocation, scheduled for September 29, 2007, is shaping up well. The topic is the theology and practice of Holy Communion. There is still time to register for the convocation.

REPORTS

Treasurer's Report

Lu Clemmensen walked the Board through the Treasurer's Report dated August 31, 2007. She explained a number of items and answered Board members' questions. The report was filed subject to audit.

LCEF Loan Activity Report and Delinquent Loan Report

Kurt Fuhr reviewed the LCEF report on loans. He provided information on each of the three delinquent loans and what LCEF and the congregations are doing to resolve the issues.

Questions Regarding Reports (none)

Special Reports (none)

ROUNDTABLE

(1) Lane asked for continued prayers on behalf of the congregations, pastors and individuals affected by recent flooding in Minnesota. He asks the Board members to hold this up before our congregations. (2) Gerry encouraged our Board members to take every opportunity to speak well of our District and demonstrate our passion for the work of missions. (3) Lynn reported that the Concordia Academy Association of Schools is sending out its students on servant events, and a number will be going to the flooded areas to assist. (4) Bob Schulze asked for prayers on behalf of his wife, Beth, as she recovers from foot surgery. (5) Karl announced that his son got married this past summer and that his father-in-law had passed away. (6) Steve announced that his second daughter was married the past month. (7) Glen asked for prayers on behalf of our campus ministries as they serve the new crop of students. (8) Brian asked for prayers on behalf of the students at our seminaries. (9) Scott asked for prayers of thanks that his son has returned safely from Iraq and for his grandchild who has been hospitalized. (10) Klemet asked for a prayer of thanks that his son-in-law, Bo, was baptized this past summer and is receiving instruction. (11) Daryl announced that he and Janet purchased a new house in Fridley and that their previous house was sold and closed. (12) Lane asked for a prayer of thanks for leading Tim Kinne to serve as his executive assistant.

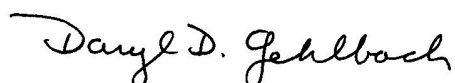
MEETING ADJOURNED/CLOSING PRAYER

It was moved, seconded and carried to adjourn the meeting.

John Moorhouse offered the closing prayer.

Dr. Seitz declared the meeting adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Daryl D. Gehlbach, Secretary