

**Board of Directors
Minnesota South District
February 20, 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.

Just prior to the meeting President Seitz introduced Ms. Debra Connolly, his new administrative assistant.

OPENING DEVOTION

Mr. Glen Meints read the lesson appointed for Shrove Tuesday, which is from 2 Corinthians 5. He shared a writing from Lutheran theologian Johann Gerhardt, which focused on the subject of true charity. He concluded the devotion with a prayer.

PARLIAMENTARY OBLIGATIONS

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:19 a.m. by the president, Dr. Lane 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, Steve Krause,
Larry Griffin, James Heining, John Moorhouse, Ted Tews,
Evan Schiller, Robert Schulze, Scott Halvorson, Karl Baumann,
Lynn Henry

Staff Present: Thomas Acton, Kurt Fuhr, Peter Meier, David Roth

Excused: Dale Ortloff, Richard Eyerly

Guests: Mr. Ron Schultz, Chief Administrative Officer, LCMS Board of Directors;
Rev. Tom Ries, President, LCMS Foundation

Adoption of Agenda

Dr. Seitz distributed copies of the revised agenda, which was adopted as presented.

Approval of Minutes

It was moved, seconded and carried to approve the minutes of the December 5, 2006, Board meeting as printed.

Correction of September 22, 2006 Minutes

The Treasurer noted that the September 22, 2006, Board minutes (see page 5) had an incorrect figure for the 2007 salary of the District President. The correct figure should be \$88,799.

It was moved, seconded and carried to set the correct amount (\$88,799) for the President's salary for 2007.

Correspondence

Dr. Seitz referred the Board to the following items of correspondence. He noted that all except the last item will be addressed under Administrative items.

1. Memorandum from Dr. Raymond L. Hartwig, Secretary, LCMS, regarding Nominations for Appointments to Board for Communication Services – January 5, 2007
2. Memorandum from Dr. Raymond L. Hartwig, Secretary, LCMS, regarding Nominations for Appointments to Board for Human Care Ministries – January 5, 2007
3. Memorandum from Dr. Raymond L. Hartwig, Secretary, LCMS, regarding Nominations for Appointments to LCEF Board of Directors – January 5, 2007
4. Memorandum from Dr. Raymond L. Hartwig, Secretary, LCMS, regarding Nominations for Appointments to CPS Board of Directors and WBP Board of Directors – January 5, 2007
5. Letter from Rev. Kenneth Kothe regarding 2007 Prison Ministry Conference – January 8, 2007

VISIONING/STUDY ITEMS/PRESENTATIONS

Synod-District Sharing

President Seitz introduced Mr. Ron Schultz, Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) of the LCMS Board of Directors. He explained that his purpose is to visit all the District Boards and engage them in a time of sharing and discussion. His discussion questions included:

1. What are some of the things that you would look to as successes over the past five years or so in the District?
2. What do you as Board members see as challenges to the District?
3. What could the national office be doing better for the District?

In addition, Mr. Schultz answered questions, which had been previously submitted by Board members.

“Fan into Flame” Funding Campaign

President Seitz introduced Rev. Tom Ries, President, LCMS Foundation. He provided a quick overview on the “Fan into Flame” funding campaign. A copy of his presentation is filed with the protocol copy of these minutes. He encouraged the Board members to read the campaign booklet they had received.

The meeting was declared in recess at noon for lunch. The meeting was called back into session at 12:50.

Following the recess, the Board members engaged Mr. Schultz and Rev. Ries in a brief period of Q & A.

President Seitz led the Board in thanking both Mr. Schultz and Rev. Ries for taking the time to speak with the Board.

SPECIAL REPORTS

Concordia University, St. Paul

President Seitz introduced Rev. Dr. Robert Holst, President of Concordia University in St. Paul. He, in turn, took the opportunity to introduce Rev. Mark Press, the new director of the Oswald Hoffmann School of Christian Outreach (OHSCO). Among the items Dr. Holst reported to the Board are the following:

- The project to add an annex to the chapel is nearing completion.
- Classes for Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Doctor of Ministry program are now being offered on campus.
- Three dormitories will be razed and apartment-style housing will be erected in their place. The plan is that groundbreaking will begin this June and the building project be completed by the fall of 2008.
- The University has established a College of Business and Organizational leadership.
- A Center for Hmong Studies has been developed in order to train and equip Hmong teachers for the Twin Cities metro area schools.
- Concordia is committed to its civic responsibility. Except for the chapel, which is dedicated exclusively for Christian worship, the rest of the campus is made available for civic events.

President Seitz led the Board in thanking Dr. Holst for his leadership and for taking the time to speak personally with the Board.

Camp Omega

President Seitz introduced Mr. Bob LaCroix, the new director at Camp Omega, who began on January 1, 2007. Mr. LaCroix briefly reviewed his vision for the Camp and his role and work there. He explained how the Camp is structured and operates. He views the staff as an extension of the local congregations. He invited the Board members to contact him via email at bob@campomega.org.

President Seitz led the Board in welcoming Mr. LaCroix to the District and in taking the time to meet with the Board.

VISIONING/STUDY ITEMS/PRESENTATIONS (continued)

2007 National LCMS Fiscal Conference

Ms. Lu Clemmensen, District Treasurer reported. The COP initiated this conference and invited the business managers to attend. There were four purposes for the conference

- to determine the amount of unrestricted funds available among the Districts
- to determine a fair share from each District to fulfill the commitments of Synod
- to plan ahead for at least three years in advance
- to increase gradually the amount of congregational offerings forwarded to Synod to \$25,000,000 by 2017

She distributed four handouts comparing the districts in a number of factors. She reported that the Minnesota South District passes on to Synod the highest percentage of offerings received from congregations (50%), and we are among the highest in per communicant giving to Synod.

She noted that the conference was good at identifying the critical issues, but nothing was implemented. She and other business managers are discussing how the various Districts can increase giving to Synod.

Development Director

Ms. Clemmensen walked the Board through the revised job description for the position of Development Director, which was distributed to the Board. This is a full-time position.

“IT’S TIME TO FISH” CAMPAIGN REPORT

Rev. Peter Meier, Assistant to the President for Missions reported. He encouraged Board members to contribute in support of the campaign because the Board’s leadership and example in this is especially important. He stated that this campaign provides necessary funds to support the District’s mission work.

POLICY REVIEW AND FORMATION

Congregational Documents of Incorporation

Secretary Gehlbach presented for discussion the following proposed Board policy, which is based on the recommendation of the Constitution and Membership Committee.

3.51 Congregational Documents of Incorporation

3.51.01 Background

Religious corporations in Minnesota are incorporated under either chapter 315 or chapter 317A of Minnesota Statutes. The certificate of incorporation under chapter 315 is filed with the local county recorder, and the articles of incorporation under chapter 317A are filed with the secretary of state. It would be helpful to the Committee to know (a) which chapter is applicable, and (b) that it has all relevant documents.

3.51.02 All congregations submitting documents for review by the Constitution and Membership Committee shall provide the Committee with either

- a. certified copies of the documents of incorporation or,
- b. if they have not yet been filed, copies of the proposed documents of incorporation

INFORMATIONAL AND DECISION ITEMS

Mission Committee

Budget Revision

It was moved, seconded and carried to revise the 2007 subsidized budget per the request of Addis Hewot (New Life) from \$30,000 to \$20,000.

Finance Committee (no decision items)

Ministerial Health Committee

Reintegration of Military Personnel

It was moved, seconded and carried that the Minnesota South District, through its Ministerial Health Committee, provide training and support for the District church workers, congregations and the greater community members, to offer community reintegration services for military personnel.

Schools/Commissioned Ministers Committee (no decision items)

Congregational Services Sub Committee (no decision items)

Communications Committee (no decision items)

Constitution and Membership Committee

Congregational Documents of Incorporation

It was moved and seconded to adopt proposed policy 3.51 as presented above.

It was moved, seconded and carried to amend proposed policy 3.51.02 to insert the words “incorporated or incorporating” and the first word “all.”

The policy was adopted as amended. (See Appendix A.)

Continuing Education Committee (no decision items)

Administration

1. Approve Constitution and/or Bylaw Changes

It was moved, seconded and carried to approve the Constitutions and bylaws of the following congregations:

- a) Bethlehem Lutheran Church, St. Paul, MN
- b) Family of Christ Lutheran Church, Houlton, WI
- c) St. John’s Lutheran Church, Arlington, MN

2. “Fan into Flame” Funding Campaign

It was moved and seconded to adopt the resolution “To Participate in ‘Fan Into Flame’ in 2009.”

A motion to postpone consideration of the resolution to the May meeting was defeated (yes:6 / no:10).

It was moved, seconded and carried to amend the title and 1st resolve to change 2009 to 2008.

The resolution was adopted as amended. (See Appendix B.)

3. Director of Development

It was moved, seconded and carried unanimously to extend a Call to the Reverend Evan Schiller to serve as Development Director.

4. 2007 Synodical Convention Advisory Delegate Allowance

It was moved, seconded and carried to set the following allowances to cover the expenses of advisory delegates to the 2007 Convention of the Synod.

Hotel Room – 5 nights @ \$117.00	\$ 585.00
(single or double)	

Meals – 6 days @ \$40 per day (2 breakfasts will be sponsored by LCEF)	\$ 240.00
Transportation	\$ 500.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 75.00
Total Amount	\$ 1,140.00

5. Nominations for Appointments to the Board for Communication Services – none

6. Nominations for Appointments to the Board for Human Care Ministries – none

7. Nominations for Appointments to the LCEF Board of Directors – none

8. Nominations for Appointments to the CPS & WBP Boards of Directors – none

9. Theological Convocation Task Force Report

Rev. Dr. Larry Griffin reported that the convocation will be held September 29, 2007, at Good Shepherd, North Mankato, MN.

REPORTS

Treasurer's Report

Lu Clemmensen walked the Board through the Treasurer's Report dated December 31, 2006. 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. All loans, except three, are current.

Questions Regarding Reports (none)

Special Reports (See above)

ROUNDTABLE

(1) Lane: There are 240 seminary graduates eligible for placement this Spring, and as of last week 140 congregations are requesting graduates. (2) Steve: Mr. William Souza has accepted the call to serve as principal of Redeemer Lutheran School, Wayzata. (3) Mark: Mt. Calvary Lutheran School, Richfield, will soon issue a call for a principal. (4) Robert: St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Worthington, recently dedicated a new addition to the church. (5) Scott: His son, Lance, will soon be deployed to Kuwait. (6) Evan: His right shoulder is doing well after surgery. (7) Larry:

He and his wife have a new granddaughter, Hope Christine, and they are expecting two more. (8)
Daryl: He and his wife, Janet, will celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary on March 5, 2007.

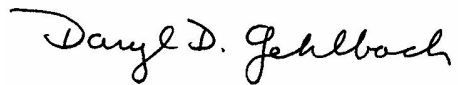
MEETING ADJOURNED/CLOSING PRAYER

Glen Meints offered the closing prayer.

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

Dr. Seitz declared the meeting adjourned at 4:16 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Daryl D. Gehlbach". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'D' and a long, sweeping underline.

Daryl D. Gehlbach, Secretary

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Adopted 2/20/2007

TO PARTICIPATE IN “FAN INTO FLAME” IN 2008

WHEREAS, The 2004 Convention of the Synod adopted the *ABLAZE!* effort with the goal of reaching 100 million people with Jesus’ love by 2017 (Res. 1-05A, “To Establish *Ablaze!* National Goals,” 2004 LCMS Convention Proceedings, p. 121); and

WHEREAS, “Fan into Flame” is the fund development area of *Ablaze!* with the goal of raising \$100 million to “deliver hope and spiritual renewal by communicating the message of the saving Gospel” (Res. 1-04, “To Commit \$100 Million *Ablaze!* Fund-Raising Effort,” 2004 LCMS Convention Proceedings, pp. 120-121); and

WHEREAS, Of the unrestricted congregational funds raised 50% are designated for World Missions International, 20% are designated for World Missions National, 15% are to be returned to congregations who participate, and 15% are to be returned to Districts for *Ablaze!* projects; and

WHEREAS, “Fan into Flame” is currently being conducted in two “pilot districts” of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod; and

WHEREAS, “Fan into Flame” will be instituted in all districts by 2010 (cf., Bylaw 4.5.1.d in the 2004 Handbook of The Lutheran Church- Missouri Synod, p. 193); and

WHEREAS, Participation by the remaining districts will be in three groups, one in 2007, one in 2008, and one in 2009; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Minnesota South District of The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod participate in “Fan into Flame” in 2008 and be it further

Resolved, That the Board of Directors of the Minnesota South District invite the Minnesota North District and Concordia University of St. Paul, Minnesota, to participate jointly with the Minnesota South District in “Fan into Flame;” and be it finally

Resolved, That all congregations of the Minnesota South District and individual members of congregations pray God's blessing upon the *Ablaze!* effort and the “Fan into Flame” fund development effort.