

**Board of Directors
Minnesota South District
May 8, 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.

OPENING DEVOTION

Rev. Daryl Gehlbach, District Secretary, led the Board in the Daily Prayer for Individuals and Families from Lutheran Service Book. His lesson was Colossians 3:12-17, and the devotion was an excerpt from Luther's explanation of the Third Petition in his Large Catechism.

PARLIAMENTARY OBLIGATIONS

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:08 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,
Tom Braun, Dale Ortloff, Steve Krause,
Larry Griffin, James Heining, John Moorhouse, Ted Tews,
Robert Schulze, Scott Halvorson, Karl Baumann,
Lynn Henry, Richard Eyerly

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

Excused: Gerhard Bode

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 February 20, 2007, Board meeting as printed.

Correspondence

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

1. Letter from Family of Christ Lutheran Church, Houlton, WI, requesting membership in The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, dated November 21, 2006
2. Memorandum from Rev. Dr. Raymond Hartwig, requesting nominations for the Commission on Constitutional Matters, dated February 22, 2007
3. Letter from St. Luke's Lutheran Church, St. Louis Park, MN, regarding the dissolution of the congregation, dated February 23, 2007
4. Letter to Rev. William Kirmsse regarding the dissolution of St. Luke's Lutheran Church, St. Louis Park, dated March 1, 2007
5. Letter from Rev. Matthew Rueger, Iowa District East Task Force on Structure, dated April 11, 2007
6. Letter from Rev. Dr. Raymond Hartwig, regarding the cost of the Concordia Historical Institute Museum Project, dated April 12, 2007
7. Memorandum from Rev. Dr. Lane R. Seitz regarding removal of Olive Branch Lutheran Church, Coon Rapids, MN, as a congregation of the MNS District and the LCMS, dated April 28, 2007
8. Memorandum from Rev. Dr. Lane R. Seitz containing "The Update on Circuit Exceptions for the 2007 LCMS Convention" by Frederic W. Baue and the response to that document from Rev. Dr. Gerald Kieschnick, dated May 1, 2007

VISIONING/STUDY ITEMS/PRESENTATIONS

Report on the 2007 Business Managers' Fiscal Conference

Ms. Lu Clemmensen, District Treasurer, reported. The purpose of the fiscal conference was to connect as Business Managers around the issue of funding the mission, learn from each other about opportunities and barriers in funding the mission, and create an action plan to impact funding the mission. A copy of her presentation is included with the protocol copy of these minutes.

"IT'S TIME TO FISH" CAMPAIGN REPORT

Rev. Peter Meier, Assistant to the President for Missions, reported that from May 15, 2006, until now we have received \$104,968.54 – \$76,445 is undesignated and \$28,522 is designated.

POLICY REVIEW AND FORMATION

(no items)

INFORMATIONAL AND DECISION ITEMS

Mission Committee (no decision items)

Finance Committee

2006 Audit Report

Treasurer Clemmensen walked the Board through the 2006 audit report prepared by the Internal Audit Department of Synod. The report stated, "In our opinion, as auditors, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Minnesota South District as of December 31, 2006 and January 15, 2006, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the years then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America."

The Treasurer then directed the Board to the two recommendations made by the auditors. The first is to direct charges to net assets, and the second is to consider the use of a lock box for processing donor and congregational receipts.

It was moved, seconded and carried to approve the 2006 audit report with thanks to the Treasurer and her staff.

It was moved, seconded and carried to decline the recommendations of Synod's Internal Audit Department and continue with current policy and practice.

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 Trinity Lutheran Church, Faribault, MN; Trinity Lutheran Church, Northfield, MN; and Hope Lutheran High School, Winona, MN

2. Set 2007 Housing Allowance for Rev. Evan Schiller

It was moved, second and carried to set the 2007 housing allowance for the Rev. Evan Schiller at \$9,800.

3. Application for Membership in Synod

It was moved, second and carried to approve the application of Family of Christ Lutheran Church, Houlton, Wisconsin, for membership in Synod.

4. District Salary Compensation Guidelines

It was moved, second and carried to increase the District Compensation Guideline base salary by 3% to \$32,184 effective July 1, 2007.

5. Nominations for Appointments to the Commission on Constitutional Matters

It was moved, seconded and carried to nominate Rev. Dr. James Pragman, ordained minister, and Mr. Dan Utter, lawyer, for appointment to the Commission on Constitutional Matters.

6. Iowa District East Task Force on Structure (no action)

The Board took no formal action on the request of the Iowa District East Task Force. The consensus was that the District staff engage in conversation with the Task Force in order to better understand what is being asked of us.

President Seitz declared the Board in recess for lunch at 12:00 noon. He called the Board to order at 12:45.

SPECIAL REPORT

President Seitz introduced Mrs. Gloria Kenow, immediate past president of the Minnesota South District LWML. She brought greetings from the District LWML and the current president, Mrs. Nancy Kohrs, who was unable to attend this meeting. She presented Mrs. Kohrs report to the Board, a copy of which is included with the protocol copy of these minutes.

INFORMATIONAL AND DECISION ITEMS (continued)

Administration (continued)

7. Concordia Historical Institute (CHI) Museum Project

It was moved and seconded to donate \$5,000 to Concordia Historical Institute Museum Project. A voice vote was inconclusive and President Seitz called for a show of hands. The motion was defeated (6 yes, 9 no).

In answer to a Board member's question, President Seitz stated that this issue may be revisited at a future meeting.

8. Region IV Pastoral Representative

The following pastors were nominated: Vance Becker, Jeff Lee, and Brian Thorson. The nominations were closed and Brian Thorson was elected on the first ballot.

9. Special Board Meeting

President Seitz reported that he is close in selecting an individual to serve as his Executive Assistant. The Board agreed to hold a special meeting on Thursday, June 14, at 10:00 a.m. at the District Office.

10. Theological Convocation Task Force

The Rev. Dr. Larry Griffin, 2nd Vice President, reported on the theological convocation to be held Saturday, September 29, 2007, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, North Mankato, MN. The topic will focus on the theology and practice of Holy Communion.

REPORTS

Treasurer's Report

Lu Clemmensen walked the Board through the Treasurer's Report dated March 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 noted that with two exceptions all loans are current, and that the delinquent loans should be brought up to date shortly.

Questions Regarding Reports (none)

ROUNDTABLE

(1) David's wife is retiring from teaching. A wonderful reception was held Sunday, May 6, at St. Peter Lutheran Church, Edina. (2) Peter's daughter, Jenny, is making plans to return home from her mission work in Taiwan. She has accepted a call to teach pre-kindergarten at a start-up school in Chicago. (3) Ted's daughter is getting married, and he asks for prayers on behalf of all marriages. (4) Robert thanks the Lord for the seminary graduates, especially for those who have been placed in the Minnesota South District. (5) Steve attended as a witness to the adoption of Nicholas, son of Pastor and Mrs. William Mueller. (6) Jim's congregation held a Celebration Fair, which resulted in enough pledges to cover the monthly mortgage payments. (7) Tom asked for prayers on behalf of those suffering as a result of the tornado that destroyed Greenburg, Kansas. (8) Lu asked for prayers for her brother's wife, who is battling cancer. (9) Klemet asked for prayers on behalf of the firefighters who are battling fire in northern Minnesota and the homeowners who are threatened by the fire. (10) Scott showed a picture of an ultrasound of his soon-to-be-born grandson and asked for our prayers that abortions would be stopped. (11) Richard and his wife are both retiring from teaching. (12) Larry and his wife are expecting two more grandchildren. He asked for prayers on behalf of Page, who is being tested for cystic fibrosis. (13) Lynn asked for prayers of thanksgiving that all vacant positions at Concordia have been filled, and she will be wearing fewer hats. (14) Daryl asked for prayers as he, his wife and son prepare to move into a new house in Fridley in June.

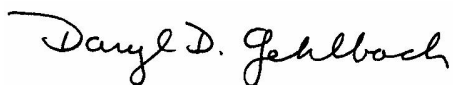
MEETING ADJOURNED/CLOSING PRAYER

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

Secretary Gehlbach offered the closing prayer.

Dr. Seitz declared the meeting adjourned at 2:17 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Daryl D. Gehlbach, Secretary