



Iowa District East

The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod

September 15, 2014

Dear Congregation of Iowa District East,

The **39th District Convention of the Iowa District East** will be held June 26-27, 2015 at the Marriott Plaza Hotel & Convention Center, 1200 Collins Rd. NE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52402. *“Witness, Mercy, Life Together: Missions: The Church in Motion”* is the theme for the convention.

District conventions afford opportunities for worship, Bible study, fellowship and the communication of important information, along with elections and District business. It is the duty and privilege of congregations and professional church workers as members of Synod to participate in the convention process. Convention information and forms may be found at lcmside.org on the “2015 Convention” tab. ***The deadline for Delegates, Nominations and Memorials is January 30, 2015.***

District Convention Delegates

Each parish is to be represented by two delegates, an ordained pastor and a layman. These delegates and an alternate lay delegate are to be elected by the congregation(s) and reported to the District Office by January 30, 2015. The Delegate Reporting Form is attached.

District Convention delegates also have the responsibility to elect the next Synod President prior to and apart from the 2016 Synod Convention or its delegates. *Only District Convention delegates duly elected, reported and attending the District Convention will be permitted to vote for Synod President.*

Circuit Visitor Nominations & Elections

Congregations of a Circuit as well as the District President may nominate a pastor who is a member of one of the congregations of the Circuit and may be an assistant or emeriti. The Circuit Visitor will be selected by a Circuit Forum and ratified by the District Convention, as outlined in Synod Bylaw 5.2.2 (2013 LCMS Handbook, page 197).

District Presidium Nominations

Each District congregation is entitled to nominate from the Clergy Roster of the District two ordained pastors as candidates for each of the following positions: District President, 1st Vice President and 2nd Vice President. Presidium Ballot Forms are attached or available on the District website. The form shall be signed by the President and Secretary of the voting congregations and sent to the District Secretary at 710 W Tyler Ave, Fairfield, IA 52556. **Please note: Rev. Dr. Rueger has served the limit of four terms and is not eligible to be nominated as 1st Vice President.**

District Officer & Board Nominations

Nominations are also being solicited for officer, board and committee positions by the Nominating Committee. See the enclosed Official Notice for details.

Memorials, including recommendations of triennial mission and emphases may be submitted by congregations, boards, circuits, etc. Again the deadline for delegates, nominations and memorials is **January 30, 2015.**

In Christ,

Rev. Mark H. Brase, District Secretary



Presidium Nominations

There are three separate nomination forms: one for the office of District President, one for the First Vice-President and one for Second Vice-President. This process is in conformity with the resolution passed at a previous District Convention which states:

Nominations for the office of District president, and first vice-president and second vice-president shall be made in the following manner.

a. Each voting congregation shall be entitled to nominate from the clergy roster of Synod up to two ordained ministers as candidates for president.

Each voting congregation shall be entitled to nominate from the clergy roster of the District up to two ordained ministers for first vice-president, and up to two ordained ministers for second vice-president.

b. The secretary of the District shall mail to each voting congregation of the District ballots for nominating these candidates.

c. Each nominating ballot shall be signed by the president and secretary of the voting congregations and shall be sent to the District secretary.

d. The District secretary shall report to the District in IDE TODAY or some other public forum the names and tallies of all ministers who have received nominating votes for the offices of president, first vice-president and second vice-president.

Please note that these nomination forms must be received by the Secretary on or before January 30, 2015.

The following are the official Presidium nominations from _____
(Church/City)

Signed _____
(Congregation's President) (Congregation's Secretary)

District President Nominating Ballot

Nomination 1 _____

Nomination 2 _____

1st Vice- President Nominating Ballot

Nomination 1 _____

Nomination 2 _____

2nd Vice-President Nominating Ballot

Nomination 1 _____

Nomination 2 _____



Mail nominating ballot to: Sec. Rev. Mark Brase
710 W. Tyler Ave
Fairfield, IA 52556

Official Notice: 2015 Convention Call for Nominations

The Nominations Committee for the 2015 District Convention will supply candidates for the following offices, boards, and committees of the Iowa District East:

Secretary of District (3 yr. term)*

Treasurer of District (3 yr. term)*

Board of Directors

- Two Laypersons (6 yr. term)*
- One Ordained Minister (6 yr. term)*

Board for Constitutional Review

- One Ordained Minister (6 yr. term)
- One Layperson (6 yr. term)*

Nominations Committee

- Two Ordained Ministers (3 yr. terms)
- Two Laypersons (3 yr. terms)
- One Commissioned Minister (3 yr. term)

** indicates incumbent is eligible for reelection*

The Nominations Committee invites suggestions for nominees from the Circuit Counselors, pastors, teachers, laypersons, circuit forums and congregations of the District. This Official Notice is an invitation to all in the Iowa District East of The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod to make their nominations at this time. You are asked to use the form "Recommendation for Nomination" which accompanies this notice. Please reproduce this form as needed. The deadline for these recommendations is January 30, 2015 and the recommendations should be sent to Jon Kohlmeier at the District Office either by email - jon@lcmisde.org - or by the address below:

**Jon Kohlmeier – Nominations Committee
1100 BLAIRS FERRY ROAD
MARION IA 52302-3093**

The Nominations Committee is comprised of the following members:

Rev. Gary Sears, Chairman; Rev. John Preus; Mr. Daniel Sanchez; Mr. Gerry Peterson;
Mr. Lucas Tanney; Rev. W. Max Mons, Advisor

Information on Positions

- Secretary of District - (one ordained minister to be elected, 3 year term) The Secretary of the District records the proceedings of the District Convention and the District Program conferences; serves as secretary of the Board of Directors, prepares and signs official papers and documents of the District; and prepares and arranges for the publication of the District Convention Proceedings.
- Treasurer of District - (one person to be elected, 3 year term) The District Treasurer is custodian of all monies and all financial documents of the District; is responsible for an exact record of all monies received and expended; administers District's financial affairs according to its instructions; interprets financial activity and position of all funds to the Board of Directors; and carries out other duties as outlined in the Bylaws of the District.
- Board of Directors - (one ordained minister and two laypersons are to be elected, 6 year terms). Board members are vested with the general management and supervision of the District's business affairs; are the legal representative of the District and the custodian of the District's property; have charge of all District finances; and carry out other duties as outlined in the Bylaws of the District.
- Board for Constitutional Review - (one ordained minister and one layperson elected, 6 yr. terms). Members of the Board for Constitutional Review shall review all new and revised congregational constitutions.
- Nominations Committee - (two ordained ministers, two laypersons, and one commissioned minister to be elected, 3 year terms). The Nominations Committee nominates candidates for positions to be filled at the next District Convention. Members of this committee may not be re-elected.

Reminder: Nominations for District President and Vice-Presidents are returned to Rev. Mark Brase, District Secretary. All other nominations are returned to Jon Kohlmeier at the District Office. All nominations are due by January 30, 2015 but please send in as soon as ready. Please submit the proper - and signed - forms for these nominations.



Recommendation for Nomination

Offices, Boards and Committees - Iowa District East

My recommendation for _____ Secretary _____ Treasurer _____ Board of Directors
(select one) _____ Board for Constitutional Review _____ Nominations Committee

This nominee is a _____ Layperson _____ Ordained Minister _____ Commissioned Minister

Information on Nominee

Please provide as much of the following information as possible.

Name _____

Address _____
(Street, Box)

(City) (State) (Zip Code)

Age _____ Occupation _____ Cell phone (____) _____ - _____

Phone (____) _____ - _____ Email _____

Congregation _____

Pastor's Name _____
(Name, City)

Has this individual consented to your nomination? _____
(Must have their permission) Yes No

Qualifications

Briefly explain why you believe this individual would serve well in the position for which you have nominated him/her.

Feel free to provide further information on the back of this Nomination Form.

Your Information

Name _____

Address _____
(Street, Box)

(City) (State) (Zip Code)

Cell phone (____) _____ - _____ Phone (____) _____ - _____

Email _____

Your Signature

Please return as soon as possible but no later than January 30, 2015 to Jon Kohlmeier by email
jon@lcmiside.org or by mail: Jon Kohlmeier - NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE
1100 BLAIRS FERRY ROAD MARION IA 52302-3093



September 15, 2014

Dear Pastor,

In March we begin the process of making floor committee assignments for our District Convention which will be held in Cedar Rapids June 26-27. Therefore, we need your help in supplying the information requested on these forms. Please return them to the District Office as soon as possible but no later than **January 30, 2015**. This is needed in order to make the best possible selection of lay talent for the District Floor Committees. Thank you for your help.

In our Crucified and Risen Savior,

Brian S. Saunders



Rev. Dr. Brian S. Saunders President

Delegate Characterization Form
Iowa District East 39th Convention - LCMS
June 26-27, 2015

Congregation: _____ City: _____

Delegate Name: _____ Age: _____ Occupation: _____

Address: _____
Street City Zip Code

Phone number: _____ Email address: _____

Educational/Academic Background: _____

Previous Convention Experience: _____

District or Circuit offices held: _____

Outstanding qualities/characteristics of delegate:

Particular leadership strengths (e.g. evangelism, missions, education, youth, etc.)

Alternate Delegate Characterization Form

Alternate Name: _____ Age: _____ Occupation: _____

Address: _____
Street City Zip Code

Phone number: _____ Email address: _____

Educational/Academic Background: _____

Previous Convention Experience: _____

District or Circuit offices held: _____

Outstanding qualities/characteristics of delegate:

Particular leadership strengths (e.g. evangelism, missions, education, youth, etc.)

Pastor's Signature

Date

