



Iowa District East

The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod

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TO: Congregations of Iowa District East
RE: 2018 District Convention

Dear Congregation of Iowa District East,

The **40th District Convention** of the Iowa District East will be held June 29-30, 2018 at The Hotel at Kirkwood Center, 7725 Kirkwood Blvd SW, Cedar Rapids, IA. *Life Together: Laity and Clergy* is the theme for the convention.

In preparation for next summer's convention, your congregation will participate in a circuit forum to select your circuit visitor. The circuit forum will meet at the call of the Circuit Visitor.

Each congregation must designate their representatives to attend the Circuit Forum. One pastor and one lay person from each congregation is to be selected in a manner of the congregation's choosing.

Congregations may nominate candidates for Circuit Visitor. Any pastor in the circuit may serve as the Circuit Visitor. Nominations must be received by the current Circuit Visitor before the day of the Circuit Forum.

Congregations may participate in the triennial process of determining Synod priorities. Congregations are encouraged to send ideas and suggestions with their representatives to the circuit forum. The forum may, in the form of an overture, submit "triennial mission and ministry emphases" for consideration at the district convention.

The official convention mailing will be sent in late September. This mailing will include more information including deadlines, delegate forms, nomination forms and information on overtures.

In Christ,

Rev. Mark H. Brase, District Secretary