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Dear Pastors and Congregations of Iowa District East,

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Alleluia!

As you have most likely heard, the LCMS has voted to delay the next Synod Convention by one year to 2023. The IDE Board of Directors at their January meeting approved postponing the 2021 district convention to 2022 if Synod made that decision. Therefore, the IDE convention will be held on June 24-25, 2022 at the Cedar Rapids Marriott. What does this mean?

First, the one-year postponement means that **the current term** of the present officers, boards, committees, and circuit visitors, of both synod and district, have been extended an additional year. The triennial convention schedule will follow the new dates.

Secondly, **the convention timeline** will reset to the 2022 district convention dates, which means letters, notices and deadlines for the district convention will restart again this fall.

For those **congregations who submitted** nominations, memorials and/or delegates, those forms will remain valid and be held over for the 2022 district convention. In this fall's convention letter, we will include that information for your review. The congregation will have the choice to keep or to resubmit their nominations, memorials and/or delegates if something has changed. **The remaining congregations** will need to select delegates, submit memorials or make nominations by the new deadlines, which will be announced this fall.

For those **circuits** of the district who have held a forum and elected a circuit visitor, those selections will be held over to be ratified by the 2022 district convention. For the remaining circuits, a forum will be required by the new deadline to select a circuit visitor.

Finally, for the **treasurers of the congregations**, the Salary Study Committee will submit "Salary Guidelines" for 2022 to the IDE Board of Directors for "between convention" approval.

In His Service

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