

# DRAFT AGENDA -- 2025 LCMS SOUTH DAKOTA DISTRICT CONVENTION

## Mission Statement of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

*In grateful response to God's grace and empowered by the Holy Spirit through Word and Sacraments, the Mission of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod is vigorously to make known the love of Christ by word and deed within our churches, communities, and the world.*

### Sunday, February 16

- 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. Registration – Convention Center, Exhibit Hall #2  
7:00 to 8:30 p.m. Opening Service – Christ Lutheran Church, Sioux Falls  
Synod President, Rev. Dr. Matthew C. Harrison – Preacher

### Monday, February 17

- 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. Registration – Convention Center, Exhibit Hall #2

*NOTE: Each voting delegate will receive a voting keypad at the time of registration. It is extremely important that all voting delegates complete registration by 9:00 a.m. so that they will have their voting keypads available for practice voting during the Delegate Orientation.*

- 8:00 to 9:00 a.m. Floor Committee Hearings – Convention Center, Ballroom A  
9:15 to 9:45 a.m. Orientation of Delegates – Convention Center, Exhibit Hall #2  
(Due to the introduction and practice of the electronic voting system, all delegates are expected to participate in the Orientation Session.)  
9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Exhibits – Convention Center, Ballroom A

#### **10:00 a.m. to Noon First Session** – Convention Center, Exhibit Hall #2

- 10:00 to 10:20 a.m. Opening Devotion  
10:20 to 10:45 a.m. Call to Order  
Initial Report, Committee on Registration  
Public Relations Announcement  
Reading and Adoption of Standing Rules, Convention Workbook  
Adoption of Convention Agenda – Revised, Today's Business  
Appointment of Judge of Elections  
Appointment of Convention Parliamentarian  
Appointment of Assistant to the Secretary  
10:45 to 11:00 a.m. Floor Committee # 1  
Greetings to New Members - Synod President, Rev. Dr. Matthew C. Harrison  
11:00 to noon Synod President's Report – Synod President, Rev. Dr. Matthew C. Harrison  
Noon to 1:15 p.m. Recess / Noon Meal (meal ticket required) – Convention Center, Ballroom A

#### **1:15 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Second Session** – Convention Center, Exhibit Hall #2

- 1:15 to 2:00 p.m. Floor Committee #2  
2:00 to 2:05 p.m. Presentation and Adoption of Slate of Candidates for District President  
Ballot for District President  
2:05 to 2:15 p.m. Presentation and Adoption of Slate of Candidates for District Vice-Presidents  
Ballot for First Vice-President  
Ballot for Second Vice-President  
2:15 to 2:20 p.m. Thank-You Time  
2:20 to 2:55 p.m. Floor Committee # 1  
2:55 to 3:00 p.m. Greetings from the President-Elect of the SD District  
3:00 to 3:30 p.m. Recess / Coffee Break # 1 – Convention Center, Ballroom A

#### **3:30 p.m. to 6:15 p.m. Third Session** – Convention Center, Exhibit Hall #2

- 3:30 to 4:00 p.m. District President's Report  
4:00 to 4:15 p.m. Greetings  
Concordia University-St. Paul

Concordia University-Nebraska

4:15 to 4:50 p.m. Floor Committee #1  
 4:50 to 5:00 p.m. Lutheran Family Service Report – Rev. Max Phillips, Executive Director  
 5:00 to 5:30 p.m. Floor Committee #2  
 5:30 to 5:50 p.m. Reports from our Missionaries to Native Americans –  
 Revs. Andrew Utecht and Albert Sutton  
 5:50 to 6:00 p.m. Greetings - Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne  
 6:00 to 6:10 p.m. Closing Devotion  
 6:10 to 6:15 p.m. Announcements

Recess / Dinner (On Your Own)

6:15 p.m. *Circuits Caucus to select Circuit Visitor (if needed)*  
*Advisory Ordained Pastors Caucus to select Pastoral Advisory Delegate to the*  
*2026 Convention of Synod*

## Tuesday, February 18

7:00 to 8:00 a.m. Breakfast Buffet (meal ticket required) – Convention Center, Ballroom A

8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Exhibits – Convention Center, Ballroom A

### **8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Fourth Session** – Convention Center, Exhibit Hall #2

8:00 to 8:15 a.m. Opening Devotion  
 8:15 to 8:20 a.m. Adoption of Minutes of Sessions 1-3  
 Registration and Credentials – Updated Report  
 Floor Committee # 1  
 8:20 to 8:50 a.m. Greetings – Concordia Seminary, St. Louis  
 8:50 to 9:00 a.m. Convention Bible Study – Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Oschwald, Concordia Seminary  
 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. Recess / Coffee Break # 2 – Convention Center, Ballroom A

### **10:30 a.m. to Noon Fifth Session** – Convention Center, Exhibit Hall #2

10:30 to 10:45 a.m. District Treasurer's Report – Mr. Kent Harnisch  
 10:45 to 11:00 a.m. Nominating Committee Report / Ballots  
 District Secretary  
 Treasurer  
 Lay Members of the Board of Directors  
 11:00 to 11:10 a.m. Lutheran Church Extension Fund Report  
 11:10 to 11:20 a.m. Nominating Committee Report / Ballots  
 2028 District Nominating Committee  
 11:20 to 11:50 a.m. Assistant to the President's Report – Rev. Paul Winckler  
 11:50 to 11:55 a.m. Greetings from Our Together in Mission (TIM) Missionaries  
 11:55 a.m. to Noon Announcements / Prayer for Noon Meal

Noon to 1:30 p.m. Recess / Noon Meal (meal ticket required) – Convention Center, Ballroom A



### **1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Sixth Session** – Convention Center, Exhibit Hall #2

1:30 to 1:40 p.m. Greetings  
 Main Street Living – Mr. Jay Schaefer  
 District LWML  
 1:40 to 2:00 p.m. Reports from our District Ministries  
 Rev. Matthew Nix – Deaf Ministry  
 Rev. Micah Bauer, Rev. Matthew Bless – Campus Ministry  
 2:00 to 2:15 p.m. District Education Executive's Report – Mr. David Geidel

2:15 to 3:00 p.m. Floor Committee #2  
3:00 to 3:30 p.m. Recess / Coffee Break # 3 – Convention Center, Ballroom A

**3:30 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. Seventh Session** – Convention Center, Exhibit Hall #2

3:30 to 3:45 p.m. Ratify Selection of Circuit Visitors / Final Matters, including:  
Final Registration Report  
Final Minutes  
Election Ballots  
Final Greetings  
Final Thank You

3:50 p.m. Adjournment

4:00 p.m. **Closing Worship**, including:  
Installation of Officers  
Recognition of Faithful Departed Church Workers

5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Board of Directors' Meeting – Sheraton Cataract Room  
(Continuing and Newly Elected Board Members and District Executive Staff)

**DRAFT#4: OCTOBER 23, 2024**