



# *Our Great* **HERITAGE**

SYNOD CONVENTION 2017

## **Agenda\***

July 31–August 3, 2017

Luther Preparatory School, Watertown, Wis.

*\*The agenda is subject to change at any time.*

*A revised agenda for each morning and afternoon session may be distributed by the Steering Committee.*

### **MONDAY– JULY 31, 2017**

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| 3:00 PM | Training for committee chairmen and secretaries   |  |
| 4:00 PM | Delegate orientation  | <i>2nd Vice President Joel Voss<br/>Communications Director<br/>Lee Hitter</i> |
| 5:00 PM | Dinner service begins   |  |
| 6:30 PM | Opening service with communion at St. Mark Lutheran Church<br><i>Presiding minister: Rev. Mark Schroeder, WELS president<br/>Preacher: Rev. Jonathan Schroeder, Sharpsburg, Ga.</i> |  |
| 8:00 PM | Committees meet to organize and plan  |  |
| 9:00 PM | Fellowship and refreshments   |  |

### **TUESDAY MORNING – August 1, 2017**

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| 7-8:00 AM | Breakfast  |  |
| 8:00 AM   | Lutheran Women's Missionary Society presentation of the flags  |  |
| 8:30 AM   | Opening <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Call to order</li><li>• Morning devotion</li><li>• Welcome</li></ul> | <i>Pres. Mark Schroeder<br/>Rev. Douglas Tomhave<br/>LPS President Matthew Crass</i> |
| 9:00 AM   | Floor Committee #21 (Elections)<br><i>Nominating ballot for synod first vice president</i>                           |  |

9:15 AM	Introduction of special guests and observers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rev. Michael Herbst, Evangelical Lutheran Free Church of Germany</li> <li>• Rev. Dr. Kebede Yigezu, Lutheran Church of Ethiopia</li> <li>• Rev. Paul Zhao and Rev. Jonathan Li, East Asia Lutheran Synod</li> <li>• Rev. Titus Tse, South Asian Lutheran Evangelical Mission</li> <li>• Rev. Glenn Obenberger, Evangelical Lutheran Synod</li> <li>• Rev. Dr. Matthew Harrison, Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod</li> <li>• Rev. Dr. Jon Vieker, Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod</li> <li>• Rev. Michael Eichstadt, Church of the Lutheran Confession</li> </ul>	<i>Pres. Mark Schroeder</i>
9:20 AM	Floor Committee #21 (Elections) <i>Election for synod first vice president</i>	
9:40 AM	President’s report	<i>Pres. Mark Schroeder</i>
10:30 AM	Break	
10:45 AM	Floor Committee #21 (Elections) <i>Continuation of election for synod first vice president or Nominating ballot for synod secretary</i>	
11:00 AM	Ministry Financial Plan (budget) 2015–17	<i>WELS CFO Todd Poppe</i>
11:40 AM	Retirement of the synod capital debt	<i>WELS CFO Todd Poppe</i>
11:45 AM	Floor Committee #21 (Elections) <i>Election for synod secretary</i>	
12 NOON	Lunch <i>During the first half hour of the lunch period there will be a presentation on worship planning tools by the Hymnal Committee chairman, Michael Schultz. If interested, you may attend this session today or an identical presentation tomorrow, again during the first part of the lunch hour. There will be an identical presentation tomorrow during lunch for those who do not attend today.</i>	

## **TUESDAY AFTERNOON – August 1, 2017**

1:15 PM	Essay: “God’s Word is Our Great Heritage”	<i>Prof. John Brenner</i>
2:00 PM	Discussion of the essay	
2:15 PM	Floor Committee #21 (Elections)	
2:45 PM	Compensation Review Committee	<i>Prof. Earle Treptow</i>
3:15 PM	Break	
3:30 PM	Floor committee meetings	
5:30 PM	Dinner	

## TUESDAY EVENING – August 1, 2017

6:00 PM	Floor committee meeting time
7:00 PM	Mission presentations
8:30 PM	Floor committee meeting time Fellowship and refreshments

## WEDNESDAY MORNING – August 2, 2017

7-8:00 AM	Breakfast	
8:00 AM	Morning devotion	<i>Rev. James Hoff</i>
8:20 AM	World Missions	<i>Rev. Larry Schlomer Rev. Paul Janke</i>
8:50 AM	Home Missions	<i>Rev. Keith Free Rev. Wayne Uhlhorn</i>
9:10 AM	Board for Ministerial Education	<i>Rev. Paul Prange Rev. Duane Rodewald</i>
9:30 AM	Congregation and Ministry Support Group	<i>Rev. Jonathan Hein Rev. Bryan Gerlach Rev. Michael Hintz Mr. James Rademan Rev. James Behringer</i>
	Lutheran Military Support Group	<i>Dr. Erhard Opsahl</i>
10:30 AM	Break	
10:45 AM	Continuing Education for Called Workers <i>Educating Principals for the 21st Century</i>	<i>Mr. James Rademan Dr. John Meyer</i>
11:00 AM	Northwestern Publishing House	<i>Mr. Bill Ziche</i>
11:20 AM	Fraternal greetings Evangelical Lutheran Synod Evangelical Lutheran Free Church of Germany	<i>Rev. Glenn Obenberger Rev. Michael Herbst</i>
12 NOON	Lunch <i>During the first half hour of the lunch period there will be a repeat of the worship planning tools presentation for those who did not attend yesterday.</i>	

## WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON – August 2, 2017

1:15 PM	Commission on Inter-Church Relations Introduction of church representatives <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Lutheran Church of Ethiopia</li><li>• East Asia Lutheran Synod</li><li>• South Asian Lutheran Evangelical Mission</li></ul>	<i>Prof. John Brenner</i>  <i>Rev. Dr. Kebede Yigezu</i> <i>Rev. Paul Zhao, Rev. Jonathan Li</i> <i>Rev. Titus Tse</i>
	Floor Committee #4 (Commission on Inter-Church Relations)	
2:15 PM	Reformation 500 Committee <i>95 Theses for the 21st Century</i>	<i>Rev. John Braun</i> <i>Prof. Thomas Nass</i>
2:30 PM	Ministry of Christian Giving	<i>Rev. Kurt Lueneburg</i>
2:45 PM	WELS Christian Aid and Relief	<i>Rev. Robert Hein</i>
3:00 PM	CSB Review Committee	
3:15 PM	Break	
3:30 PM	Floor committee reports	
5:30 PM	Dinner	

## WEDNESDAY EVENING – August 2, 2017

6:30 PM	Screening of <i>A Return to Grace, Luther's Life and Legacy</i> film
8:30 PM	Fellowship and refreshments or floor committee meeting time

## THURSDAY MORNING – August 3, 2017

7-8:00 AM	Breakfast	
8:00 AM	Morning devotion	<i>Rev. Jeffrey Samelson</i>
8:20 AM	Floor committee reports	
10:00 AM	Break	
10:15 AM	Floor committee reports	
12 NOON	Lunch	

## THURSDAY AFTERNOON – August 3, 2017

1:15 PM Floor committee reports

1:50 PM Closing remarks

*Rev. Mark Schroeder*

2:00 PM Closing vespers service in Luther Preparatory School Chapel

*Presiding minister: Rev. Timothy Dolan, LPS Dean of Students*

*Preacher: Rev. John Steinbrenner, Pacific Northwest District President*