

# Here we **STAND**

66TH BIENNIAL CONVENTION OF THE  
WISCONSIN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD

## **AGENDA**

July 26-28, 2021

Luther Preparatory School, Watertown, WI  
*The Steering Committee may revise the agenda at any time.*

### **MONDAY—July 26, 2021**

- 4:30 p.m. Delegate orientation in the gymnasium  
*Rev. Joel Voss, WELS second vice president*  
*Mr. Lee Hitter, WELS communications director*  
*Mr. Martin Spriggs, WELS chief technology officer*
- 5:00-6:00 p.m. Dinner
- 6:30 p.m. Opening service with communion in the chapel  
Presiding minister: *Rev. Mark Schroeder, WELS president*  
Preacher: *Rev. Joel Voss, WELS second vice president*
- 8:00 p.m. Fellowship and refreshments

### **TUESDAY MORNING—July 27, 2021**

- 6:30-7:45 a.m. Breakfast
- 8:00 a.m. Lutheran Women's Missionary Society virtual presentation of the flags
- 8:15 a.m. Call to order  
*Rev. Mark Schroeder, WELS president*  
Morning devotion  
*Rev. Mark Luetzow, Michigan Lutheran Seminary president*
- 8:30 a.m. Welcome  
*Rev. Matthew Crass, Luther Preparatory School president*
- 8:40 a.m. Introduction of special guests and observers  
*Rev. Mark Schroeder, WELS president*
- 8:45 a.m. Announcement of election results  
*Steering Committee*

- 8:50 a.m. President's report  
*Rev. Mark Schroeder, WELS president*
- 9:20 a.m. Floor committee #1 (President's Report)
- 9:30 a.m. Ministry Financial Plan (budget) 2021-23  
*Mr. Kyle Egan, WELS chief financial officer*
- 10:00 a.m. Floor Committee #7 (Ministry Financial Plan)
- 10:15 a.m. Break
- 10:30 a.m. Commission on Inter-Church Relations  
*Prof. James Danell, chairman*
- 11:00 a.m. Floor Committee #3 (Commission on Inter-Church Relations)
- 11:15 a.m. Floor Committee #18 (Constitutional Matters)
- 11:30 a.m. Continuing education for called workers  
*Rev. James Huebner, WELS first vice president*
- 11:45 a.m. Fraternal greetings  
*Rev. Glenn Obenberger, Evangelical Lutheran Synod president*
- 12:00-1:00 p.m. Lunch

## **TUESDAY AFTERNOON—July 27, 2021**

- 1:00 pm. Convention theme and video  
*Rev. John Braun, Forward in Christ*
- 1:15 p.m. Essay: "Here We Stand"  
*Rev. Earle Treptow, Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary president*
- 2:45 p.m. Break
- 3:00 p.m. Discussion of the essay
- 3:30 p.m. Ministerial Education  
*Rev. Paul Prange, administrator*  
*Rev. Duane Rodewald, chairman*
- 4:00 p.m. *Equipping Christian Witnesses*  
*Rev. Richard Gurgel, Martin Luther College president*
- 4:15 p.m. Floor Committee #10 (Ministerial Education)

- 4:30 p.m. Northwestern Publishing House  
*Mr. William Ziche, president*
- 4:45 p.m. Floor Committee #16 (Northwestern Publishing House and Publication Coordinating Commission)
- 5:15-6:15 p.m. Dinner

## **TUESDAY EVENING—July 27, 2021**

- 6:30 p.m. Floor committee #2 (Conference of Presidents)
- 6:55 p.m. Floor Committee #6 (Synodical Council)
- 7:20 p.m. Floor Committee #5 (Communications)
- 7:30 p.m. Fellowship and refreshments

## **WEDNESDAY MORNING—July 28, 2021**

- 6:30-7:45 a.m. Breakfast
- 8:00 a.m. Morning devotion  
*Rev. Matthew Crass, Luther Preparatory School president*
- 8:20 a.m. WELS Christian Aid and Relief  
*Rev. Daniel Sims, director*  
*Rev. Robert Hein, chairman*
- 8:35 a.m. Floor Committee #17 (WELS Christian Aid and Relief)
- 8:50 a.m. World Missions  
*Rev. Larry Schlomer, administrator*  
*Rev. Paul Janke, chairman*
- 9:10 a.m. Floor Committee #9 (World Missions/Joint Mission Council)
- 9:20 a.m. Pension presentation  
*Mr. Joshua Peterman, director of Benefit Plans*
- 9:45 a.m. Floor Committee #19 (Pension Proposal)
- 10:15 a.m. Break
- 10:30 a.m. WELS Hymnal Project presentation  
*Rev. Michael Schultz, Hymnal Project director*

- 10:45 a.m. Home Missions  
*Rev. Keith Free, administrator*  
*Rev. Mark Gabb, chairman*
- 11:15 a.m. Floor Committee #8 (Home Missions)
- 11:30 a.m. Floor Committee #15 (Subsidiaries)
- 12:00-1:00 p.m. Lunch

### **WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON—July 28, 2021**

- 1:15 p.m. Congregational Services  
*Rev. Jonathan Hein, Commission on Congregational Counseling director*  
*Professor David Scharf, Commission on Congregational Counseling chairman*
- 1:45 p.m. Floor Committee #13 (Congregational Services “C” – Lutheran Schools)
- 2:00 p.m. Floor Committee #11 (Congregational Services “A” – Congregational Counseling, Evangelism, Discipleship)
- 2:15 p.m. Floor Committee #12 (Congregational Services “B” – Worship, WELS Hymnal Project, Special Ministries)
- 2:30 p.m. Break
- 2:45 p.m. Ministry of Christian Giving  
*Rev. Kurt Lueneburg, director*
- 3:15 p.m. Floor Committee #4 (Ministry of Christian Giving)
- 3:20 Floor Committee #2 (Conference of Presidents)
- 3:30 p.m. Closing remarks  
*Rev. Mark Schroeder, WELS president*
- 3:45 p.m. Closing worship in the chapel with installation of the officers  
Presiding minister: *Rev. Matthew Crass, Luther Preparatory School president*  
Preacher: *Rev. Charles Westra, South Atlantic District president*
- 4:45 p.m. Dinner (pick up packet to take and go)