

MINUTES
65TH BIENNIAL CONVENTION OF THE
WISCONSIN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD
MARTIN LUTHER COLLEGE, NEW ULM, MINNESOTA
JULY 29—AUG. 1, 2019

Thursday, August 1, 2019

President Mark Schroeder called the morning session to order at 8 a.m. The morning devotion, prayer, and hymn were led by Rev. Daniel Heiderich serving at Good News Lutheran Church, Lehi, Utah. The devotion was based on Acts 8:26-35; the hymn was "Christ Alone, the World's Redeemer." Heiderich was thanked for his devotion.

Teacher Paul Schriver, chairman, Floor Committee #17, Constitutional Matters, presented the committee's report.

Resolution No. 01, Communication Services was moved and supported. The motion carried with more than a 2/3rds majority.

Resolution No. 02, Elections Synod Officers was moved and supported. The motion carried with more than a 2/3rds majority.

Resolution No. 03, Congregational Services was moved and supported. The motion carried with more than a 2/3rds majority.

Resolution No. 04, Subsidiaries and Support Services was moved and supported. The motion carried with more than a 2/3rds majority.

Resolution No. 05, World Missions and ICR was moved and supported. The motion carried with more than a 2/3rds majority.

Resolution No. 06, Term Limits Schools was moved and supported. The motion carried with more than a 2/3rds majority.

Resolution No. 07, Retirement Program Commission was moved and supported. The motion carried with more than a 2/3rds majority.

Resolution No. 08, VEBA Commission was moved and supported. The motion carried with more than a 2/3rds majority.

Resolution No. 09, Support Services was moved and supported. The motion carried with more than a 2/3rds majority.

Resolution No. 10, Constitutional Matters was moved and supported. The motion carried with more than a 2/3rds majority.

Resolution No. 11, Mission Districts and DMB was moved and supported. The motion carried with more than a 2/3rds majority.

Resolution No. 12, Ministry of Christian Giving was moved and supported. The motion carried with more than a 2/3rds majority.

Resolution No. 13, Publication Review Committee was moved and supported. The motion carried with more than a 2/3rds majority.

Resolution No. 14, Calling Procedure was moved and supported. The motion carried with more than a 2/3rds majority.

Resolution No. 15, Christian Aid and Relief was moved and supported. The motion carried with more than a 2/3rds majority.

Resolution No. 16, Officers was moved and supported. The motion carried with more than a 2/3rds majority.

Resolution No. 17, Application for Membership was moved and supported. The motion carried with more than a 2/3rds majority.

It was moved and supported to accept the report and to thank the committee for its work. The motion carried.

Pastor John Vieths, chairman, Floor Committee #09, Ministerial Education read Report No. 01, MLC Student Debt and Memorials 2019-05, 2019-10, 2019-11, 2019-14 and 2019-16. Report No. 02, Sunday School Training and Memorial 2019-12 were read. Report No. 03, Support of Michigan Lutheran Seminary and Memorial 2019-13 were

read. Report No. 04, Encouraging Recruitment for the Pastor Ministry and Memorial 2019-15 were read.

Resolution No. 01, Equipping Christian Witnesses, was moved and supported. The motion carried.

It was moved and supported to accept the report and to thank the committee for its work. The motion carried.

Teacher Keith Bowe, chairman of Floor Committee #13 - Support Services, read Report No. 01. A standing round of applause was given in thanks to the lay workers in synod employment.

It was moved and supported to accept the report and to thank the committee for its work. The motion carried.

Pastor Jonathan Kehren, chairman, Floor Committee #14, Subsidiaries and Benefit Plans, read Report No.01, WELS Historical Institute. Report No. 02 Support Services was read. Report No. 03, WELS VEBA was read. Report No. 04, Retirement Plans was read.

It was moved and supported to accept the report and to thank the committee for its work. The motion carried.

Pastor Matthew Zimpelmann, chairman of Floor Committee #15 - Northwestern Publishing House, read Report No. 01.

It was moved and supported to accept the report and to thank the committee for its work. The motion carried.

Pastor Fred Guldberg, chairman of Floor Committee #16 - Christian Aid and Relief, read Report No. 01.

Resolution No. 01, Promotion and Awareness was moved and supported. The motion carried.

It was moved and supported to accept the report and to thank the committee for its work. The motion carried.

Pastor Jay Bickelhaupt, chairman, Floor Committee #02, Conference of Presidents, returned to the podium. He read Report No. 01, Convention Attendance Report.

Resolution No. 01, Expressions of Gratitude, was moved and supported. The motion carried.

Resolution No. 02, Expressions of Gratitude, was moved and supported. The motion carried.

Resolution No. 03, Location of the Synod Convention, was moved and supported. The motion carried.

It was moved and supported to accept the report and to thank the committee for its work. The motion carried.

At 10:15 a.m., President Schroeder offered closing remarks. He reviewed highlights of the convention but above all, the amazing grace of our God. Go back home and share the unending grace of God.

It was moved and supported to close the convention. The motion carried. The assembly stood and joined in singing the Doxology.

The convention adjourned at 10:21 a.m.

At 10:45 a.m., the closing service was held in the Chapel of the Christ. The presiding minister was Rev. Mark Zarling, president of Martin Luther College. The preacher was Rev. Donald Tollefson, North Atlantic District President. During the service, Rev. Mark Schroeder was installed for his four-year term as WELS President and Rev. Joel Voss was installed for his four-year term as WELS Second Vice President.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Robert W. Pasbrig,
WELS recording secretary