

# TODAY'S BUSINESS



**“FOR NO ONE CAN LAY A FOUNDATION  
OTHER THAN THAT WHICH IS LAID,  
WHICH IS JESUS CHRIST”  
1 CORINTHIANS 3:11 ESV**

## CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS, DAY 2



After a productive first day, the 2022 Southern Illinois District Convention continued on Saturday, February 5.

The day began with devotions, followed by the second presentation from featured essayist Rev. **Ken Schurb** (see page 2).

Further business was brought to the floor regarding Overture 2-01 (from the Workbook). However, after discussion, the move to bring the overture to the floor was withdrawn. All business was adjourned by 9:30 a.m.

The convention closed with worship, in which Rev. **Mark Nebel** gave the message, reminding us through His Means of Grace, Jesus makes us His disciples and equips us to cast the net of God's love and forgiveness into the world.

During the service, Rev. **Benjamin Ball**, pastor of St. Paul, Hamel, and sixth vice-president of the LCMS, installed Rev. **Timothy Scharr** as district president. All other elected positions, including circuit visitors (listed on page 2), were also installed.

We pray that each pastor, congregation, and Christian of our district would continue to stand firm on the one foundation, Jesus Christ, proclaiming His Gospel to all and serving one another in His name over the next triennium.

## SCHURB ON HOW OF MISSION

Building on his essay from Friday, Rev. Dr. **Ken Schurb** elaborated on how the Church can go about its mission today.

One aspect of mission is our synodwide effort to plant new churches. Rev. Schurb listed some benefits and encouraged everyone to support church planters in their own way, even if you yourself are not called to plant a church.

Another aspect of mission is service to neighbor, which is not done primarily through politics but through the Church's service of loving our neighbor as a witness to Christ. In a time of individuality, the Church is countercultural as it embodies Christlike love and proclaims the Gospel. "Don't be afraid to be spiritual with your friends, family, and neighbors!" Schurb exhorted. (continued on page 2)

## SCHURB, (continued)

Finally, Rev. Schurb offered these practical measures for mission during COVID and post-COVID times:

1. Acknowledge death and highlight the resurrection. Take this natural opportunity to discuss faith questions, especially the hope we have in Jesus.
2. Go out of your way to serve and be hospitable to local people as a witness to the Gospel.
3. Continue posting church services online, but make sure to connect with those watching online or reaching out to serve them further with the Word.



## CIRCUIT VISITORS, BOARD OF SPIRITUAL CARE AND SUPERVISION

- Circuit 1**—Rev. Christen Prumm  
**Circuit 2**—Rev. David Kern  
**Circuit 3**—Rev. John Shank  
**Circuit 4**—Rev. Kyle Wright  
**Circuit 5**—Rev. Chris Spelbring  
**Circuit 6**—Rev. Antonin Troup (Chair)  
**Circuit 7**—Rev. Aaron Kangas  
**Circuit 8**—Rev. Art Eichhorn  
**Circuit 9**—Rev. Tim Sims  
**Circuit 10**—Rev. Scott Hojnacki  
**Circuit 11**—Rev. Jason Holden



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## MISSION SPOTLIGHT: SEMINARIO CONCORDIA EL REFORMADOR

On Friday, the gathering approved Res. 1-07 to establish a partnership with Seminario Concordia El Reformador as the new foreign missions partner for the SID. The seminary, located in the Dominican Republic, serves Spanish-speaking Lutherans from all over Central and South America by training pastors and deaconesses who then plant churches in their home countries. The seminary is part of Iglesia Evangélica Luterana Confesional (Evangelical Confessional Lutheran Church), the church body in fellowship with the LCMS in the Dominican Republic.

LCMS missionary and seminary director Rev. **Joel Fritsche** sent greetings from the Dominican Republic and information about the seminary via video, which was shown during the convention.

We encourage congregations to pray for the students and staff of Seminario Concordia El Reformador, share information about their mission, and support it with mission offerings. May God greatly bless this partnership to raise up faithful leaders for the global church!



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