



Southern Illinois District—LCMS

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Newsletter #1

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Dear Fellow Servants of Christ,

Our Southern Illinois District Convention is rapidly approaching. The 60th District Convention will be held Thursday – Saturday, February 20-22, 2025, at the Regency Conference Center in O’Fallon, IL. The adjoining Hilton Garden Inn and Hampton Inn will serve as our Convention Hotels. All activities will take place at the Regency Conference Center (Exit #16 off I-64).

FACTS:

- **Theme: “Heirs of Eternal Life – Your Life Secured”**
- **Theme Verse: Titus 3: 3-8** ³For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, hated by others and hating one another. ⁴But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, ⁵he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, ⁶whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, ⁷so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life. ⁸The saying is trustworthy, and I want you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to devote themselves to good works. These things are excellent and profitable for people.”
- **Registration:** Thursday, February 20 from 4:00-5:45 PM at the Regency Conference Center
- **Opening Service:** Thursday, February 20 at 6:00 PM at the Regency. Rev. Dr. Matthew Harrison, LCMS President, Proclaimer.
- **Convention Essayist:** Rev. Dr. Brian Saunders; President of Iowa District East, Chairman of the LCMS Commission on Theology and Church Relations.
- **Floor Committee Meetings:** Floor Committee meetings will be held on Saturday, January 11, 2025 from 9:00 – 12:00 p.m. at Zion Lutheran Church, 1810 McClintock Avenue, Belleville, IL 62221. (Registration at 8:30 a.m.)
- **Hotel:** The Hilton Garden Inn and Hampton Inn in O’Fallon, IL will be our Convention “hosts”. The Hilton Garden address is 360 Regency Park, O’Fallon, IL 62269 Telephone: 618-624-4499. Individual attendees will make reservations for the event directly with the

hotel prior to 1/24/2025. The Group name is The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod Southern Illinois District.

The Hampton Inn address is 430 Regency Park, O'Fallon, Illinois 62269.

Telephone: 618-589-9006, Reservations by attendees must be received on or before Thursday, January 24, 2025.

Special pricing: Hilton Garden Inn: \$123.00 per night (Hot Breakfast Buffet included) for Standard King or Queen/Queen Room.

Hampton Inn: \$125.00 per night (Run of House)

- **Meals:** Provided at the Convention Center at no cost to voting delegates and advisory members. Meal Registration forms are provided and required to be returned.
- **Workbook:** The 2025 Convention Workbook will be distributed electronically via the District's Website () in early January. The Regency Convention Center is equipped with wireless technology, access to the Internet, and suitable access to electricity to enable delegates to retrieve information on site. Delegates needing a printed copy must contact the SID office by December 15th. Workbooks will be distributed by the Circuit Visitors.
- **Voting Delegates:** All congregations shall provide the names and addresses of voting delegates to the SID office by December 1, 2024. All completed forms are to be sent to the district office.

If you have any questions, please contact the SID office (618-234-4767).

Your Servants in Christ,

Southern Illinois District Staff