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To: Ordained and Commissioned Ministers in the Southern Illinois District-LCMS, all school administrators, and all congregational presidents

From: Rev. Peter III, District Secretary

Date: July 31, 2024

Regarding: Procedures for Registration and Nomination for the 2025 Southern Illinois District Convention

The 2025 convention of the SID is February 20 - February 22, 2025, at the Regency Conference Center, O'Fallon, Illinois. While this may seem a long way off, because many congregations have quarterly or semi-annual meetings of their voters' assembly, there are several items pertaining to the convention which you will need to consider and to take action. These include the election of your congregational lay voting delegate and alternate lay voting delegate, nominating individuals to stand for election to the various District offices and boards, and submitting properly signed forms for the voting pastoral delegate and lay delegate. Congregations may also submit overtures to the convention. President Scharr has determined the deadline for overtures to be December 1, 2024.

The Bylaws of the district and synod require various nominating procedures depending on the office, as well as indicate a date by which all nominations must be received. The District Bylaws are available at sidlcms.org.

Each voting congregation of the District is entitled to nominate from the clergy roster of the Synod (preferably from within the District) two ordained ministers as candidates for **President**. A form for this is enclosed and **must be returned to the District Secretary, Rev. Peter III**. The deadline for receiving nominations for District President is October 31, 2024. The ballot presented to the convention by the nominating committee will be the five clergymen receiving the highest number of nominations provided they have received more than one nomination and are willing to serve if elected. The convention, by floor action, may alter the slate by amendment.

The District **vice presidents** are nominated by primary ballot at the convention itself.

Synod Bylaw 5.2.2 prescribes that **circuit visitors** are selected at a special meeting of the circuit forum, which will be called by your current circuit visitor. This forum must be held prior to October 31, 2024. Prior to the meeting, each congregation of the circuit should nominate a pastor serving a congregation or an emeritus pastor for the office of circuit visitor. These names must be submitted to your current circuit visitor by the date he specifies. The district president may also suggest pastors serving congregations or emeritus pastors for the position. Those men nominated by the congregations or suggested by the president of the district are eligible for election at the visitation circuit meeting held to elect a circuit visitor. (Dual or triple parishes will be considered as a single parish and entitled to one lay vote.) Nominations may not be submitted the day of the meeting. The current circuit visitor must return the form to **the District Secretary, Rev. Peter III** by October 31, 2024. (Reminder: The district limit of two full consecutive terms in the same office applies to Circuit Visitors. The following are not eligible to be elected circuit visitor: Circuit 3 - Rev. John Schank, Circuit 6 – Rev. Tony Troup)

Regarding **all other District offices and boards**, each congregation, individual members of the Synod, and laypersons of the district has the privilege of submitting names of suitable candidates for these positions. Lists of the current officers and board members and of the offices and boards to be filled by this procedure are included in this packet of information. **Note: Incumbents must be re-nominated.** Qualifications and consent to serve must be submitted by those who have been nominated. Nominees will be contacted for this information by the nominating committee. For the 2025 convention, nominations are being accepted by an online form at sidlcms.org/convention. A paper form is also available and included in this packet. You may duplicate as many as you like. The deadline for nominations is October 31, 2024. Nominations may be submitted online at www.sidlcms.org/convention or on the attached paper forms. **Nomination forms for all other District officers and boards are to be submitted online or sent to the District Office in care of the nominating committee.**

Nominations are needed for District Secretary (Ordained Minister), District Treasurer (Lay Member), Members of the Board of Directors (to elect 3 Commissioned Ministers and 8 Lay Members), Members of the Board of Missions (to elect 3 Ordained Ministers, 1 Commissioned Minister, and 4 Lay Members), Members of the 2028 District Nominating Committee (Ordained Members from Circuits 2, 4, 7, 9, and 11; Lay Members from Circuits 1, 3, 5, 6, 8, and 10, and 2 Commissioned Ministers), and Representatives to the 2026 LCMS Nominating Committee (1 Lay Member and 1 Lay Member Alternate)

For the convention, each congregation or parish will send two voting delegates, a pastoral delegate and a lay delegate. The Synod bylaws pertaining to the accreditation of delegates follow:

Synod Bylaw 4.2.2 The delegates of a voting congregation to a district convention shall be accredited.

(a) To be entitled to vote, delegates shall return the proper credentials provided by the district secretary and signed by two of the congregation's officers, either by mailing them to the district office at a date determined by the district or by presenting them to the district secretary at the opening of the convention.

(b) All duly elected voting delegates shall attend all sessions of the convention regularly until the close of the convention.

This means that each congregation needs to elect one **lay voting delegate** to represent it at the convention and it ought to elect one **lay alternate voting delegate** as well. (Dual or triple parishes will be considered as a single parish and entitled to one lay vote.) In order for the lay delegate and the pastoral delegate to be accredited and certified to vote, each congregation will need to complete the form, which has been included. This form must be signed by two officers of the congregation. The form may either be mailed to the district office by December 1, 2024 or brought to the convention. (Note: congregations with more than one pastor will need to specify on the form which pastor will be the voting delegate.) If forms have not either been submitted to the district office or brought to the convention, delegates will not be allowed to vote. **Forms sent to the District Office should be noted for the District Secretary.** However, for a pastor or lay delegate to be considered for appointment to a floor committee or to receive the *Convention Workbook* this form must be returned by December 1, 2024.

The nominations deadlines is October 31, 2024, including:

- Nominations for District President
- Nominations for Circuit Visitor (completed by circuit forum)

- Nominations for all other District offices except Vice President.

The deadline for reports and overtures for the *Convention Workbook* and for registration to be considered for service on a floor committee is December 1, 2024.

Our Bylaws require that the names and addresses of the members of the nominations committee are to be published. They are:

<p>Circuit 1 Rev. Chris Prumm 22009 E 19th Rd Nokomis, IL 62075 stpaulnokomis@gmail.com</p>	<p>Circuit 8 Rev. Eric Wood 204 E Schumacher St Okawville, IL 62271 myhomeontherange@juno.com</p>
<p>Circuit 2 Mr. Daryl Piering 4466 Fosterburg Rd Alton, IL 62002 cactiguy@prodigy.net</p>	<p>Circuit 9 Mrs. Mardell Granger 205 Ridge Drive Chester, IL 62233 mmg1014@yahoo.com</p>
<p>Circuit 3 Rev. Benjamin Ball 6969 W. Frontage Rd. Worden, IL 62097 bball@stpaulhamel.org</p>	<p>Circuit 10 Rev. Lyle Buettner 900 Belsha, New Athens, IL 62264 lylebuettner@yahoo.com</p>
<p>Circuit 4 Mr. Zachary Stegman 1704 Golfview Drive Collinsville, IL 62234 zstegman@gslcs.org</p>	<p>Circuit 11 Mr. George Trammell 200 Westernaire Drive Marion, IL 62959 grtram106@gmail.com</p>
<p>Circuit 5 Rev. Karl Gregory 801 N Madison St Lebanon, IL 62254 karlw.gregory@gmail.com</p>	<p>Commissioned Minister Mr. Bill Becker 1116 Teal Dr Red Bud, IL 62278 becker@stjohnsredbud.org</p>
<p>Circuit 6 Rev. Bruce Keseman 313 St Clair St Freeburg, IL 62243 brucekeseman@att.net</p>	<p>Commissioned Minister Mrs. Edith Laufer 201 Eastlawn New Athens, IL 62264 elaufer@coslhs.org</p>
<p>Circuit 7 Mr. Robert Thouvenin P.O. Box 128 Huey, IL 62252 bobthouvenin@gmail.com</p>	<p>Advisory Members: District President Timothy Scharr, Schools and General Executive Jeff Fick, District Secretary Peter III</p>

Form for Nomination to District Office

OFFICE/POSITION FOR WHICH NOMINATED: _____

The nominee is a (___) pastor, (___) Commissioned minister, (___) Layperson

Name of Nominee: _____ (Age) _____
(last name) (first name) (initial)

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Member of: _____
(congregation) (location)

Present Position in Congregation: _____

Current Occupation: _____ Employer: _____

This individual gave consent to place their name in nomination. (Yes)___ (No)___

Your name: _____

Your congregation (including city): _____

Submitting nomination as: [] Individual Member of Synod [] Member of a District Congregation
[] Congregation

This form or online nomination at sidlcms.org/nominations **must** be returned by **October 31, 2024.**

Mail to:
Nominating Committee
SID Office
2408 Lebanon Ave.
Belleville, IL 62221

President of the Southern Illinois District

_____ Lutheran Church, _____, IL nominates for the office of President of the Southern Illinois District:

Name of Nominee: Rev. _____

Address: _____

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Address: _____

Cong. Chairman _____

Cong. Secretary _____

This form **must** be returned by **October 31, 2024**.

Mail to:
Rev. Peter W. Ill
c/o Southern Illinois District Office
2408 Lebanon Ave
Belleville, IL 62221

Congregation Circuit Visitor Nomination Form
To be returned to your current circuit visitor.

Circuit Visitor, _____ Circuit

_____ Lutheran Church, _____, IL nominates for the office
of Circuit Visitor for its circuit:

Name of Nominee: Rev. _____

Address: _____

Cong. Chairman _____

Cong. Secretary _____

This form **must** be returned to your current circuit visitor by the date he specifies prior to the
circuit forum which will select the circuit visitor for ratification by the District convention.

Mail to:
Your current circuit visitor

Congregational Voting Delegates

_____ Lutheran Church, _____, IL has
elected as its voting lay delegate:

(last name) (first name) (initial)

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

The pastoral voting delegate of the congregation is:

Rev. _____
(last name) (first name) (initial)

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

The alternate lay delegate elected by the congregation is:

(last name) (first name) (initial)

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

This form, signed by two congregational officers, qualifies the named individuals to stand accredited and entitled to vote.

Cong. Officer _____ Cong. Officer _____

To be eligible for floor committee appointment this form **must** be returned by **Dec 1, 2024**.
Otherwise the form must be brought to registration at the convention.

Mail to:
SID Office
Att. Rev. Peter W. Ill, Dist. Sec.
2408 Lebanon Ave. / Belleville, IL 62221

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS DISTRICT OFFICERS

Current – July 27, 2024

“” Indicates that the candidate is ineligible for re-election due to term limits.*

“(--)” indicates that the incumbent was appointed to this position

District President: Rev. Timothy Scharr (-) (12) (15) (18) (22)

1st Vice President: Rev. Michael Walther (--)

2nd Vice President: Rev. Mark Surburg (--)

Secretary: Rev. Peter Ill (18) (22)*

Treasurer: Mr. Gary Hemmer (22)

Circuit Visitors

Circuit 1: Rev. Christen Prumm (--)(22)

Circuit 2: Rev. Timothy Appel (--)

Circuit 3: Rev. John Shank (18) (22)*

Circuit 4: Rev. Kyle Wright (22)

Circuit 5: Rev. Christopher Spelbring (22)

Circuit 6: Rev. Tony Troup (18) (22)*

Circuit 7: Rev. James Hennig (--)

Circuit 8: Rev. Arthur Eichorn (22)

Circuit 9: Rev. Timothy Sims (22)

Circuit 10: Rev. Scott Hojnacki (22)

Circuit 11: Rev. Jay Holden (22)

Board of Directors

8 lay persons

Larry Barringer (22)

Paul Bertels (22)

Matt Bierman (--)

Walter D. Blotevogel (18) (22)*

Virgil Gramenz (18) (22)*

Kurt Johnson (22)

Don Stallman (22)

Anna Rowden (22)

3 Commissioned Ministers

Bill Becker (22)

Jay Krause (18) (22)*

John Schaff (--)

1 Circuit Visitor

Rev. Tony Troup (22)

(The District President, Vice-Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer, and the Chairman of the Board of Missions are also voting members of the Board of Directors)

Board of Missions

Michael Burke (22)

David Dyson (18)

Sharon Holcomb (22)

Don Hutchinson (18) (22)*

Paul Miller (18) (22)* {Com Min}

Rev. Timothy Schnare (22)

Rev. Wille Stallworth (18) (22) Chairman

1 vacant Ordained position