

District Convention 2022 – Sessions 2 & 3 Minutes

Session 2 – Friday, June 17

Business resumed at 7:59am with opening devotions from Convention Chaplain Rev. Tony Durante.

The second session was called to order in the Name of the Father, the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, at 8:10am

Rev. Zehnder gave an attendance report of 105 voting pastoral and 112 lay delegates present, 217 delegates in all.

Ratification of Regional Elections

The slate of regional vice presidents from the caucuses was moved for ratification by the convention. The slate of regional lay representatives were added to this slate for ratification. The ratification was passed by acclamation.

Report from the Synod

Rev. Dr. Matthew C. Harrison led the Convention in a report from the Synod, followed by a time of questions and answers.

Bible Study 2

Dr. Reed Lessing continued with a second study on Hebrews 12:1-2

Missions and Outreach Floor Committee

President Walton called forward Rev. Charles Reich, chair of Floor Committee 1 – Missions and Outreach, and the members of the Floor Committee.

The committee moved Resolution 01.1a – “To Pray That God would raise up church workers and lay leaders” for adoption and received a second. PASS

- FAVOR – 194 votes 94.48%
- Against – 3 votes 1.52%

The committee called for the ability to dispense with the reading of the Whereas statements. This received a second. PASS.

- FAVOR – 178 votes 88.56%
- Against – 23 votes 11.44%

The committee moved Resolution 1.2 – 2022 – “To Continue to Support Campus Ministry in the FLGA District” for adoption and received a second. PASS.

- FAVOR – 197 votes 98.99%

- Against – 2 votes 1.01%

The committee moved Resolution 1.3a – 2022 – “To Encourage Learning-In-Ministry, Non-Residential Distance Programs Leading to Ordination” and received a second. PASS.

After some time of discussion, the question was called. PASS

- FAVOR – 174 votes 92.06%
- Against – 15 votes 7.94%

The question being called, the resolution was brought to a vote.

- FAVOR – 169 votes 86.67%
- Against – 26 votes 13.33%

Missions and Outreach

The Chair invited Rev. Dr. Peter Meier forward who presented concerning the work of Missions and Outreach in the District.

Doulos Tou Christou Award 2

President Walton awarded the Doulos Tou Christou award to Ms. Lois Schaefer.

The convention broke for a lunch break at 12:03pm.

Session 3 – Friday, June 17

The 3rd session was called to order at 1:18pm in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Rev Zehnder gave the update of 102 pastoral delegates, 110 lay, 212 total.

Reading of the Minutes

Secretary Rev. Jay Winters read the minutes of Session 1 of the Convention. These were approved by acclamation.

Doulos Tou Christou Award 2

President Walton awarded the Doulos Tou Christou award to Ms. Lois Schaefer.

Ranking of the Vice Presidents

Judge of Elections, Ken Green came forward to explain the ranking process. Following the explanation, Rev. Green called for a ballot for the ranking of the Vice Presidents. Several ballots were necessary to determine majorities which resulted in the following ranking of the Vice Presidents:

- 1st Vice President – Rev. Dr. Victor Belton
- 2nd Vice President – Rev. Jay Winters
- 3rd Vice President – Rev. Charles Reich
- 4th Vice President – Rev. Dr. David Brockhoff
- 5th Vice President – Rev. Stephen Caretto

Ministry and Leadership Floor Committee

President Walton called forward Rev. John Zehnder, chair of Floor Committee 2 – Ministry and Leadership, and the members of the Floor Committee.

The committee moved Resolution 02.1a - 2022 “Multiculturalism and the Great Commission” and received a second. PASS.

- FOR – 155 votes 84.24%
- Against – 29 votes 15.76%

The committee moved Resolution 02.2 - 2022 “To Provide Disaster Response Training for Circuit Visitors” and received a second. PASS.

- FOR – 178 votes 91.75%
- Against – 16 votes 8.25%

The committee moved Resolution 02.3 - 2022 “To Give Thanks for Concordia College – New York and Explore Future Lutheran Higher Education Opportunities in the East Coast Region” and received a second. PASS.

- FOR – 181 votes 92.82%
- Against – 14 votes 7.18%

The committee moved Resolution 02.4 - 2022 “To Commend the Study on Lending and Interest” and received a second. FAILED.

- Against – 100 votes 51.55%
- FOR – 94 votes 48.45%

District Secretary

The Rev. Ken Green was invited forward as judge of elections for the election of District Secretary.

It was determined that no floor nominations had been presented to the Nominations Committee. Rev. Green called for a vote closing nominations. PASS.

- FOR 194 votes 98.98%
- Against 2 votes 1.02%

Chaplain Durante was brought forward to share a prayer, and a ballot was called for the office of District Secretary. A majority was determined and Rev. Gregory Michael was elected to the office of District Secretary.

- Rev. Gregory Michael – 101 votes 52.33%
- Rev. Jacob Roedsens – 53 votes 27.46%
- Rev. Joseph Warnke – 39 votes 20.21%

Schools and Youth Ministry

The Chair invited Mrs. Jennifer Tanner forward who presented concerning the work of Schools and Youth Ministry in the District.

Ratification of Circuit Visitors

The Judge of Elections moved the ratification of the elected Circuit Visitors and received a second. PASS

- FOR – 181 votes 97.31%
- Against – 5 votes 2.69%

Administration and Theology Floor Committee

President Walton called forward Rev. Dave Wesche, chair of Floor Committee 3 – Administration and Theology, and the members of the Floor Committee.

The committee moved Resolution 03.1a - 2022 “To Have Synod Regional Representation Determined by Regional Constituency” and received a second. PASS.

- FOR – 162 votes 93.10%
- Against – 12 votes 6.90%

The committee moved Resolution 03.2a - 2022 “To Strengthen the Nonvoting Advisory Delegate Participation at Conventions” and received a second. PASS.

- FOR – 153 votes 85%
- Against – 27 votes 15%

The committee moved Resolution 03.3a - 2022 “A Request to Re-evaluate Size Requirements for Electoral Circuits in the Synod” and received a second. PASS.

- FOR – 169 votes 94.94%
- Against – 9 votes 5.06%

The committee moved Resolution 03.4 - 2022 “To Provide Comment to the LCMS 2019 Res. 7-03 Committee Concerning the CUS Governance Model Proposal” and received a second. PASS.

- FOR – 164 votes 92.13%
- Against – 14 votes 7.87%

The committee moved Resolution 03.5 “To Amend Bylaw D2.05.a – Transition of Administrations” and received a second. PASS.

- FOR – 166 votes 91.21%
- Against – 16 votes 8.79%

The committee moved Omnibus Resolution C-2 “Declining overture 03.1-2022” and received a second. PASS.

- FOR – 173 votes 96.65%
- Against – 6 votes 3.35%

Election of Commissioned Ministers of Religion

Judge of Elections, Rev. Ken Greene, was invited forward for the election of the Commissioned Ministers of Religion Representatives to the Board of Directors.

It was determined that no floor nominations had been presented to the Nominations Committee. Rev. Green called for a vote closing nominations. This passed by acclamation.

Chaplain Durante was called forward to lead prayer concerning this election, after which it was explained that there were three offices to fill and three candidates to fill those offices. The Convention declared the election of the following by acclamation.

- Ms. Lori Lee Jorez
- Mr. David Leimer
- Mrs. Tamie Worthington

Doulos Tou Christou Award 3

President Walton awarded the Doulos Tou Christou award to Mr. Mark Brink.

Closing

Business was closed for the day with prayer by Chaplain Durante at 5:08pm