

District Convention 2022 – Session 1

Minutes

Call to Order

The Convention Manager, Rev. Jon Zehnder, reported 101 pastoral delegates and 108 lay voters present and moved that this report form the voting body and establish quorum. Moved, second, PASS.

The meeting was called to order at 7:27pm, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

The Convention Parliamentarian, Rev. Pat O Brien, led the convention in an explanation of parliamentary procedure and the standing rules. The Chair called for a motion to adopt the standing rules, moved, second, PASS.

Rev. Zehnder explained changes to the agenda and moved adoption of the agenda. Moved, seconded, PASS.

President Rev. Dr. Gregory Walton gave the President's Report.

Rev. Ken Green, the Judge of Elections, led the convention in an explanation of using the voting devices.

Election of the District President

Following a prayer from the chaplain, Rev. Green called for a ballot for the election of the office of District President. On the ballot were: Rev. Dr. Victor Belton, Rev. Keith Lingsch, Rev. Dean Pfeffer, Rev. James Rockey, and Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Skopak. The results of the ballot were:

- Rockey 81 votes 38.39%
- Belton 66 votes 31.28%
- Lingsch 29 votes 13.74%
- Pfeffer 18 votes 8.53%
- Skopak 17 votes 8.06%

Since there was no clear majority, a second ballot was called for without Rev. Pfeffer and Rev. Dr. Skopak on the ballot. The results of the second ballot were:

- Rockey 103 votes 48.82%
- Belton 77 votes 36.49%
- Lingsch 31 votes 14.69%

Since there was no clear majority, a second ballot was called for without Rev. Lingsch on the ballot. The results of the third ballot were:

- Rockey 121 – 57.62%
- Belton 89 – 42.38%

A clear majority was declared and Rev. James Rockey was elected to the office of District President.

Rev Jon Zehnder moved **Resolution 03.6 – 2022 – To Confer Emeritus Status Upon Rev. Dr. Gregory S. Walton**. This was seconded and sent to a vote. The results of the vote were:

- FOR – 207 votes 99.04%
- AGAINST – 2 votes 0.96%

Bible Study 1

Dr. Reed Lessing led a Bible study for the Convention, discussing Hebrews 12.

Regional Caucuses

The convention separated into Regional Caucuses according to the five separate regions of the District in order to elect the Regional Vice Presidents and Regional Lay Representatives.

Orders of the Day

Due being behind schedule, Rev. Gregory Walton made a motion to move the ratification to the next day in Session 2. This received a second and was passed.

Essay 1

Rev. Ben Haupt presented an essay concerning “mission zeal” and 7 myths about mission in our Synod.

Regional Caucus Results

Rev. Walton declared the results of the Regional Caucuses as follows:

- Region 1
 - VP – Rev. Dr. Victor Belton
 - Lay 1 – Mrs. Karen Cerny
 - Lay 2 – Mr. Gary Engel
- Region 2
 - VP – Rev. Jay Winters
 - Lay 1 – Mrs. Deborah Beck
 - Lay 2 – Mr. Tracy Cripe
- Region 3
 - VP – Rev. Charles Reich
 - Lay 1 – Mrs. Sheryl DeWitt
 - Lay 2 – Mrs. Becky Hartmann
- Region 4
 - VP – Rev. Dr. David Brockhoff
 - Lay 1 – Mr. Mark Polzin
 - Lay 2 – Ms. Judy Schweichler
- Region 5
 - VP – Rev. Stephen Carretto
 - Lay 1 – Mr. Stephen Bradshaw
 - Lay 2 – Ms. Nancy Volz

Doulos Tou Christou Award 1

President Walton awarded the Doulos Tou Christou award posthumously to Rev. David C. Brighton. The award was accepted by his family.

Conclusion of Business

Business concluded in prayer by Chaplain Durant at 10:16pm.