



DAILY MINUTES OF THE 39TH CONVENTION OF THE SOUTHEASTERN DISTRICT, LCMS

TUESDAY, MAY 10, 2022 (ONLINE SESSION)

Tuesday Evening

The 39th Convention of the Southeastern District reconvened at 6:00 pm. After experiencing technical glitches for several minutes the online event was restarted at about 6:15 pm with prayer. The orders of the day were changed to accommodate the difficulties.

Report from Rev. Dr. John Denninger

The SED President's Report was published in the Convention app on Yapp and formed the basis for what Pres. Denninger said to the Convention. He laid out the Convention theme "The Great Sending: God's Mission Heart for People Beating Through You" and its meaning for individuals, leaders, and congregations in the SED.

Despite the challenges we face, the Lord has given us tools to meet these challenges. The Lord of the Church continues to provide the resources that are needed.

Outreach Challenges – iNeighborhood and Ministry/Disciple Wheel of SED
Worker Harvest Challenges – Specific Ministry Pastor and SED Lay Deacon training Programs

Racism Challenges – Coalition of Lutherans in Black Ministry & Inter-ethnic Ministries

Church Conflict Challenges – Our four Dispute Reconcilers & others

Discouragement Challenges – Mid-Atlantic Lutherans in Mission provided a Barnabas style ministry

Aging Membership & Structure Challenges – Legacy Church Conversations

Ethnic Ministry Challenges – Iglesia Luterana Nazaret and its formation of a Hispanic Ministry Training Center in Baltimore

Pres. Denninger also reported on his Sabbatical studies and his ministry with Connie to help SED friends to visit the lands of Israel and travel in the footsteps of St. Paul.

Jesus is the key character in God's story and he sends us on his mission.

Evening Devotions

- Worship Leaders: The Lutheran Church of St. Andrew, Silver Spring, Maryland - Rev. Nicholas Gonzalez
- Rev. Dr. Lloyd Gaines, Proclaimer
- Music by Ethiopian Choir of St. Andrews Amharic Outreach



Report from the Registration Committee

Floor Committee Open Hearings were held earlier in the day with the following online attendances.

01: Mission Development : 43
02: Congregational Outreach: 53
03: Stewardship & Finance: 33
04: Bylaws: 37
05: Theology and Practice: 37

Online: 219 screens; Present at St. Andrew: 9

The Great Sending, Part I: Rev. Dr. Dale Meyer

In a recorded study, Dr. Dale Meyer led the Convention in a Biblical overview of the Great Sending, emphasizing the importance of recognizing and following Jesus as ascended Lord of all. His study was based on his work with First Peter.

Servant of Christ Awards

Three servants were recognized by the Board of Directors. The awards had been presented on location to each of the recipients and videos of each were played.

Sheila Edwards, Emmanuel, Asheville, NC
Marvin "Bo" Wingate, King of Glory, Williamsburg, VA
The Rev. Ralph Wiechmann, Our Savior's Way, Ashburn, VA

St. Martin of Tours Awards

Honoring those who have served in or supported chaplaincy in the Armed Forces these awards were presented earlier.

Chaplain Eric Malmstrom, Our Savior, Lynchburg, VA
Rear Admiral Jim Doeblor (Ret.), King of Glory, Williamsburg, VA

Convention was Adjourned at 8:25 pm until Wednesday.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary D. Rueter, Secretary Pro-Tem
(Reviewed by Beth Elgert, Rev. Dr. Roy Minnix, & Donna Roye)

