

Southeastern District
Circuit Visitors' Webcast
December 8, 2020

Our Purpose

Review information about the upcoming district and synod conventions

Ensure Circuit Visitors/Staff have information needed to communicate accurate information

Provide information needed to ensure each congregation is fully able to participate in making a decision

Our Agenda

Welcome and Opening Prayer

- 1) Updating Circuit Visitors about the congregational vote about district and synod convention dates
- 2) Check in with the Circuit Visitors regarding the congregations and rostered workers

The Proposal

Proposal from President Harrison's Office

- Proposal: congregations vote on proposal to allow LCMS districts to meet either in 2021 or 2022 and move the synod convention to 2023
- Those in elected positions would stay in their position until the next district/synod convention
- Communications from Synod/District offices provides background and detail about the proposal, including FAQs and CCM Minutes

The Background

- DPs concern expressed last summer – few districts could legally meet on the basis of executive orders in their respective states
- The issue was raised again at our November 2020 meeting
- President Harrison said he would support the decision if COP supported it in an overwhelming way
- If the proposal receives a majority vote of participating congregations, Districts will be able to schedule their convention in 2021 or 2022, depending on their context

The Decision

The Decision is ultimately made by congregations

- Electronic vote of the congregations: January 1 – February 15th
- 25% of synod congregations must participate to be valid
- Majority vote needed

The SED Convention

- The SED Board of Directors had previously moved our convention from May 2021 to October, 2021 due to the executive orders and vaccine predictions
- The SED Board motion to move the convention back to May 2022 passed unanimously
- This would provide more assurance of safety for delegates and more likely ensure no scheduling problems
- This is one of the topics for a District-wide Webcast on Thursday evening, along with Colonel Nancy Boriack and health practices moving into Christmas services

Circuit Forums

If our Convention is October, 2021, Circuit Forums will meet January through April of 2021.

If our Convention is May, 2022, Circuit Forums will meet August through November 2021

Questions and Answers

Check in with Circuit Visitors

As you look across the congregations and rostered workers in your circuit:

- for what are you thankful
- what concerns you

What support do congregations and rostered workers need at this time?

Blessing