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## Getting Ready for the 2013 Synodical Convention

I commend Synodical Secretary, Dr. Raymond L. Hartwig, for sending frequent and informative reminders to congregations by postcard and e-mail about significant changes to convention procedures adopted at the 2010 convention. In this article, I intend to review only two of those changes: the process for electing the Synodical President and the process for memorializing the synodical convention. Persons interested in other issues of convention procedures may find relevant information at:

[www.lcms.org/convention/procedureupdates](http://www.lcms.org/convention/procedureupdates)

### Electing the Synodical President

The most important new procedure for 2013 is that the 2012 *district* delegates will elect the new *Synodical* President. The most important procedural fact is that these same district delegates need to be appointed by your congregation's voters' assembly *prior* to the deadline for registration for your 2012 district convention. For most districts that means you need to schedule your voters' assembly *as soon as possible*, if you have not already done so.

Here is the new procedure, step-by-step:

- 1) congregations appoint two persons (one pastor and one layperson) to be their delegates to their 2012 district convention, at a voters' assembly prior to the registration deadline for that convention;
- 2) district delegates may vote for Synodical President in 2013 only if they attend the 2012 district convention;
- 3) the Secretary of Synod will send out ballots and procedures for the nominations of president and first vice-president to congregations at least five months prior to the 2013 synodical convention;
- 4) each congregation may nominate two ordained ministers for synodical president and two ordained ministers for first vice-president;
- 5) the candidates for synodical president will be the top three nominees among ballots received for that position; candidates for the first vice-president will be the top twenty nominees among ballots received for that position; *no floor nominations will be accepted*;
- 6) the *Convention Workbook* will publish the names of the presidential and first vice-president candidates and their biographical data;

- 7) the two delegates from each congregation that attended the 2012 district convention will vote for the synodical president by audited mail or audited Internet ballot; if one or both delegates are unavailable, substitutes will be accepted;
- 8) if a nominee for synodical president does not receive a majority on the first ballot, the nominee with the least votes drops out, and a second ballot will be cast;
- 9) the synodical president-elect will choose five out of the top twenty nominees for first vice-president as the slate of nominees to be considered by the convention;
- 10) the first election to be conducted by the synodical convention will be for first vice-president, from the five nominees selected by the president-elect.

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### Memorializing the Synodical Convention

There has been some confusion about the new procedure for memorializing the Synodical Convention. Resolution 8-06A had intended to prioritize overtures submitted by circuits and districts. This would have resulted in overtures from individual congregations being *received* by the floor committees, but not, in most cases, being **considered** by the convention during its sessions. *Resolution 8-06A was declined, with the result that individual congregations may still send overtures directly to the synodical convention and they have as good a chance as others of being considered by the convention itself.* ...continued...

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At the same time, bylaw 4.2.1 (b) (2010 Handbook, p. 191) does state that “the district convention is *the* instrument to receive overtures (Bylaws 3.1.6.2-3.1.6.2.5)” [my emphasis]. The cited bylaws do not exist, because they were part of Resolution 8-06A and were declined. I believe that fair-minded people will see that, since Resolution 8-06A was declined, **the old process still exists** and therefore overtures for the *synodical* convention do not have to be received by the *district* convention.

However, a new procedure for **certain types of overtures** was adopted and is found in Bylaw 4.2.1 (b & d) (2010 Handbook, p. 191). These types of overtures pertain to “synodwide triennial mission and ministry emphases.” According to bylaw 4.2.1 (b), these types of overtures **may originate with an individual congregation**, but **must** be adopted by the respective circuit forum. Overtures thus adopted will be considered by the district convention, which **must** submit a list of two or three such emphases to the national convention. Emphases adopted by the national convention **must** then be used by the President, LCMS Board of Directors, and national offices in their setting of financial, budgetary, and programmatic goals for the triennium between conventions (see Bylaws 3.3.1.1 (a), 3.5.1, 3.5.2).

Since the officers and boards of the synod must follow these “emphases,” they are not slogans, but *real priorities* that determine where your offering dollar is spent. Congregations should consider where they want their “synod and mission” offerings spent as the deadline for submitting overtures to the circuit forums approach. Deadlines are normally the week prior to the circuit forum. You can determine the date and location of your circuit forum by contacting your Circuit Counselor.

### Suggestions for Overtures

This is the time in the synodical triennium when folks start thinking about what types of overtures they might send to Synod, partly since some folks discuss these matters at district conventions. Some deadlines have already passed, e.g., the deadline for overtures to the North Dakota District Convention was October 13<sup>th</sup>. Check your Circuit Counselor or district office for information about your deadlines and applicable procedures.

One area that was completely overlooked in the restructuring at the 2010 convention was the matter of the synod’s “dispute resolution process,” which is the LCMS “church court.” A case involving an LCMS teacher and her LCMS school is presently working its way through the U.S. Supreme Court. [See *Hosanna-Tabor Evangelical Lutheran Church and School, petitioner, v. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, et al., Respondents, U. S. Supreme Court Case No. 10-553.*] This may have significant implications both for the status of our teachers and the procedures of our church court. I have previously expressed concern that, since 1965, revisions to our church court, and to powers of “suspension,” were adopted for political reasons, not due to principles of justice or fair-

ness. [In 1992, the then existing adjudication system was abolished and the present reconciliation system adopted.] This is a highly complex area that affects *the livelihood of all church workers*. It deserves careful review by a committee appointed by the president, with revisions suggested for consideration by the 2016 convention.

Other areas of concern that I have heard about that could become overtures include:

- 1) training all pastoral candidates more thoroughly, which applies specifically to the Specific Ministry Pastor and other Alternate Route programs;
- 2) improving the information provided in district financial reports;
- 3) requiring use of doctrinally-reviewed Lutheran worship resources at all district and circuit gatherings;
- 4) encouraging regular use of *Lutheran Service Book* in all congregations, and reminding congregations of their constitutional agreement to use only doctrinally-reviewed Lutheran worship resources (Constitution Article VI.4);
- 5) supporting full-time campus ministries in proximity to major universities in the U.S., which could become a triennial mission and ministry emphasis; and
- 6) encouraging congregations to LIVE TOGETHER in peace, by seeking the *common good*, by supporting their pastors, teachers, and other church-workers with adequate compensation, and by protecting the same from personal attacks from within or without.

**Rev. Dr. Martin R. Noland**

Pastor, Trinity Lutheran Church, Evansville, Indiana



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## The Place of Campus Ministry

From time immemorial the saints of God have set apart certain places as sacred. When Noah emerged from the ark he built an altar to the Lord. Abram, Isaac and Jacob all built altars to mark the hallowed places where they had met with God. Moses was instructed to build not only an altar, but "the tabernacle of meeting" where God met His people and bestowed His grace. At last, Solomon erected a permanent temple in Jerusalem for the same purpose. Moreover, for the last two millennia Christians have built churches. These sacred spaces have always been important for a simple reason: people need to know where God is found and where they can receive His mercy, and they need places that remind them that they have indeed encountered Him.

During the middle portion of the last century, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod was busy building campus chapels at secular universities. One reason was simple practicality. Students needed a place to go to church. There were issues of transportation, of the difficulty of gathering students together when the places for gathering were varied throughout the week and often changing from semester to semester, of knowing where one could go to talk to the pastor, of establishing any sort of regular congregational life. If only for practical reasons we should be eager to keep and maintain the campus chapels we now have.

**“Sacramental Christians...build altars and buildings to house them, to mark the places where they have met and continue to meet Him.”**

But there is another, deeper reason. You see Lutherans are, like the patriarchs and saints who have gone before us, a sacramental people. We believe that the Father's will, the Son's mercy, the Spirit's grace are all accomplished and given through means. We know that God does not conjure faith in us out of thin air, but that He works through Water, through Word, and through Supper to do this. We know that the reason God established the Church on earth is so that we might have access to these sacramental means of grace and by them have access to Him.

Sacramental Christians value the sacred place where this encounter with God happens. They build altars and buildings to house them, to mark the places where they have met and continue to meet Him. In a way, the church building itself becomes a sacramental sign; not that it delivers grace itself, but that it proclaims that God is present and at work in a particular place. By its very existence it preaches something to the community and to the people

of the Church. It's stones cry out, "turn in here if you seek wisdom, if you seek knowledge, if you seek brotherhood, if you seek forgiveness, if you seek Christ."

There is a movement afoot in the LCMS that says that brick and mortar are unimportant or perhaps even hindrances to the work of the Gospel. Campus ministry, they say, can take place in just about any kind of space. While it is true that God does not require a building to be present, sacramental Christians, like Noah, Jacob, Solomon, Ezra, Constantine, Boniface, Luther, Walther and countless others have valued the sacredness of the Church's place. They have valued altars, tabernacles and chapels because they value the sacramental encounter with Christ and the grace He gives, and because they value the message the place proclaims. No where is that message more needed than on the campuses of our nation's colleges and universities. Let's not destroy the sacred places our students have, but let us be bold to build more.

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[Editor's Note: In a Memorandum of September 28, 2011, from the Minnesota South District Treasurer to the Minnesota South District Board of Directors it was stated:

"On September 23, 2011 I executed a purchase agreement on behalf of the District with Doran Development, LLC (the 'Purchase Agreement') that obligates Doran to pay the District 3.5 million dollars for the Property. This will produce a net price to the District in excess of 3.2 million dollars...If Doran timely acknowledges that all conditions have been met, the sale closes on July 1, 2012 (subject to a right of Doran to move up the closing date)."

It should be noted that this University Lutheran Chapel has provided many pastors to the Missouri Synod.]

## Hallowed be Thy Name What Does This Mean?

We have prayed the First Petition of The Lord's Prayer, HALLOWED BE THY NAME, countless times in our Christian life. Do we fully realize and understand what hallowing God's name really means for our daily Christian life and the life of the holy, Christian Church?

When we studied the First Petition of The Lord's Prayer in Junior Confirmation and Adult Instruction Classes, I have many times asked the Lutheran question, "What Does This Mean?" Either there is total silence from the class or the First Petition is explained with the words of the Second Commandment, "You shall not take the name of the Lord in vain." To hallow God's name certainly includes not taking His name in vain by cursing, swearing, using witchcraft, lying or deceiving by His name. It certainly

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also includes leading a holy life according to the Word of God.

But there is much, much more to hallowing God's name! It is meet, right, and salutary that those who call themselves by the name of Christ know, teach, confess, believe and practice the full meaning of hallowing God's name.

Luther's Small Catechism (1943 edition) Question 219: "How is God's name hallowed?" The answer:

- A. When the Word of God is taught in its truth and purity.
- B. When we, as the children of God, also lead a holy life according to the Word of God.

Allow me to briefly focus our attention on what is mentioned first: hallowing God's name means teaching it in its truth and purity.

Why is the truth and purity of God's Word so important that our Savior commands us to hallow it, keep it holy? Only God's Word contains the saving Gospel, the unbelievably good news that Jesus Christ, God's beloved Son, suffered, died, and rose for us to give us the full and free forgiveness of all our sins and the sure and most certain gift and hope of eternal life! Through His perfect life on earth, Jesus kept the Law of God perfectly as our Substitute and thus we know we will not be punished, as we deserve for time and eternity, for all our sins in thoughts, desires, words, and deeds, all our sins of commission and all our sins of omission.

In John 17:17 our Savior commands us: "Sanctify them through Thy truth; Thy Word is truth." All of God's Word is truth. All of God's Word was, is, and always will be holy, God-breathed, inspired, inerrant, without any error!

Our holy God commands us in Jeremiah 23: 28: "He that hath My Word, let him speak it faithfully." All of God's Word is to be believed, spoken and proclaimed by both clergy and laity.

The Large Catechism states that we are to hallow and not profane God's Name: "God's name is profaned when people preach, teach, and say in God's name what is false and misleading."

May we and our church body speak His Word faithfully, all of it, in both doctrine and practice. It's time for all of us to turn back the clock and remember the days of our confirmation instruction:

#### **HALLOWED BE THY NAME**

##### **What Does This Mean?**

God's name is hallowed when the Word of God is taught in its truth and purity, and we, as children of God, also lead a holy life according to it. This grant us, dear Father in heaven. But he that teaches and lives otherwise than God's Word teaches, profanes the name of God among us. From this preserve us, Heavenly Father.

**PRAYER:** Our Father, Who art in heaven, help us as indi-

viduals, congregations, districts and synod to always hallow Your name. Amen.

**Rev. Andrew Simcak, Jr.,**  
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## **Schedule of 2012 District Conventions**

The 35 districts of the LCMS will hold their conventions during the year 2012, with the earliest in January (North Dakota) and the latest in July (Central Illinois).

So why is it important to know the date of your 2012 district convention now? Because there are important deadlines to be met far in advance of the convention. Nominations for district offices, election of lay delegates, submission of overtures, etc.--the due dates for these things may be up to five or six months before your convention. Check your district newsletter or website (there are links at the directory at [www.lcms.org](http://www.lcms.org)), or check with your pastor, circuit counselor, or district office to find out the deadlines for these various actions.

And these deadlines in turn require action by congregational voters' assemblies, which therefore typically need to be held this fall. So while your particular district convention could be four to ten months away, right now is a good time to begin preparing.

Here is a link to a two-page pdf file of the schedule of the 2012 District Conventions:  
<http://www.lcms.org/Document.fdoc?src=lcm&id=1352>

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**Lutheran Clarion** readers need to keep in mind the date of their District Convention as well as the location. As indicated above, dates are especially important with respect to submitting overtures or memorials to the Convention, etc.

- January 22–25, 2012. **North Dakota.** Alerus Center, Grand Forks, ND.
- February 16–18, 2012. **Southern Illinois.** Hilton Garden Inn Convention Center, O'Fallon, IL.
- March 09–10, 2012. **Northern Illinois.** Concordia University, Chicago, IL.
- April 16–18, 2012. **Minnesota North.** Madden's Resort on Gull Lake, Brainerd, MN
- April 18–21, 2012. **South Dakota.** Sioux Falls Convention Center & Sheraton Hotel, Sioux Falls, SD.
- April 20–21, 2012. **Oklahoma.** National Center for Employee Development, Norman, OK.
- April 27–29, 2012. **California-Nevada-Hawaii.** Crown Plaza, Burlingame, CA.
- May 10–12, 2012. **Wyoming.** Best Western Ramkota Hotel, Casper, WY.
- May 31 – June 02, 2012. **Southeastern.** The Founders Inn, Virginia Beach, VA .
- May 31 – June 02, 2012. **New Jersey.** Doubletree Suites by Hilton, Mount Laurel, NJ.
- June 03–05, 2012. **Missouri.** University Plaza Hotel & Convention Center, Springfield, MO.
- June 07–09, 2012. **Kansas.** Capitol Plaza, Topeka, KS.
- June 07–09, 2012. **Rocky Mountain.** Hyatt Regency Tech Center, Denver, CO.
- June 08–09, 2012. **Atlantic.** Concordia College, Bronxville, NY.
- June 08–09, 2012. **Nebraska.** Concordia University, Seward, NE.
- June 10–11, 2012. **North Wisconsin.** The Patriot Center, Rothschild, WI.
- June 10–12, 2012. **South Wisconsin.** Concordia University, Mequon, WI.
- June 11–14, 2012. **Montana.** Holiday Inn Billings, MT.
- June 14–16, 2012. **Minnesota South.** Concordia University, Saint Paul, MN.
- June 14–16, 2012. **New England.** Sheraton Hotel, Springfield, MA.
- June 14–16, 2012. **Ohio.** Embassy Suites, Dublin, Ohio.
- June 14–16, 2012. **Southern.** Atonement Lutheran Church and School, Metairie, LA.
- June 15–16, 2012. **Eastern.** Daemen College, Amherst, NY.
- June 21–23, 2012. **Texas.** City of Lubbock Civic Center, Lubbock, TX.
- June 21–23, 2012. **Northwest.** Oregon Convention Center, Portland, OR.
- June 22–24, 2012. **Florida-Georgia.** Lake Mary Mar-

riott, Lake Mary, FL.

- June 22–24, 2012. **Mid-South.** Memphis Marriott East Hotel, Memphis, TN.
- June 22–24, 2012. **SELC.** Saint Luke's Lutheran Church, Oviedo, FL.
- June 24–26, 2012. **Iowa West.** Camp Okoboji, Milford, IA.
- June 24–27, 2012. **Michigan.** Concordia University, Ann Arbor, MI.
- June 27–29, 2012. **Pacific Southwest.** Hyatt Regency, Irvine, CA.
- June 27–30, 2012. **English.** *To be determined.* Saint Louis, MO.
- June 28–29, 2012. **Indiana.** Grand Wayne Convention Center, Fort Wayne, IN.
- June 29–30, 2012. **Iowa East.** Cedar Rapids Marriott Hotel, Cedar Rapids, IA.
- July 8–10, 2012. **Central Illinois.** Crowne Plaza, Springfield, IL.

### **Lutheran Clarion** Articles that will Help You Prepare for Upcoming Conventions

Past articles from **The Lutheran Clarion** will give you a better understanding of the changes that were implemented in 2010 as you prepare for the 2012 and 2013 conventions.

- ✓ **New Rules for Synodical Conventions.** Rev. Dr. Martin R. Noland explains the new procedures for electing the Synodical President prior to the Convention! (May 2011)
- ✓ **Synod-wide Study on Conditions of Membership, Resolution 8-30B.** The 2010 Convention adopted Resolution 8-30B "Congregations Walking Together in Mission with Covenants of Love: To Study Article VI [Conditions of Membership] of Synod's Constitution." Dr. Noland gives the background and explains that when the study is completed, a proposal will be submitted to the 2013 convention to "clarify and affirm or amend Article VI. He gives strong reasons to be cautious about changing Article VI." (May 2011)
- ✓ **Synod-Wide Study on Relation of Synod to Its Members, Res. 8-32B.** Dr. Noland explains that the final action of this resolution, adopted at the 2010 Convention, will be the decision at the 2013 Convention to clarify and affirm Article VII of our constitution (Relation of the Synod to Its Members) or amend it. Does Article VII really need to be changed? (July 2011)
- ✓ **A Response to Resolution 2-05, "To Commend Theses on Worship and Model Theological Conference on the Theology of Worship."** In this two part article, Rev. Paul Strawn carefully examines Resolution 2-05, passed during the last moments of the 2010 convention. It is part of a trend, beginning in 1998 to abandon uniform worship practices across the Synod in favor of fostering unique worship formats in individual congregations. (September & November 2011).

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## The January 16, 2012, LCA Conference Speakers

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**Rev. Joseph Fisher** Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, IN, Master of Divinity 1994; Senior Pastor, Pilgrim Lutheran, West Bend, WI; Pastoral Advisor, Wisconsin Lutherans for Life; served on Board of Concordia Theological Foundation; member, Board of Directors, Lutheran Concerns Association; member, Board of Directors, Concordia Bible Institute; member, South Wisconsin District Communication Task Force; worked with Wisconsin state legislators on enacting legislation allowing pastors to bring wine into Correctional Institutions; he and his wife have two daughters.

**Rev. Charles Froh** Concordia Seminary, Saint Louis, MO, Colloquy 1977; Senior Pastor, Grace Lutheran, San Mateo, CA; Circuit Counselor nine years; Lutheran Women's Missionary League Counselor 20 years; Board of Directors of California-Nevada-Hawaii District nine years; Instructor at Matengo Theological College, Kenya, three years; he and his wife have four children.

**Rev. Michael Kumm** Concordia Seminary, Saint Louis, MO, Master of Arts 2006; Senior Pastor, Trinity Lutheran, Millstadt, IL; Vice-Chairman Synod's Board of Directors since 2010; served as Interim Manager of Synod's radio station KFYO summer of 2011; retired as a Chief Master Sergeant in U.S. Air Force; second career pastor having skills in radio and government; he and his wife have four children.

**Mr. Scott Meyer, Esq.** Juris Doctor, Northwestern University; retired Patent Attorney, Monsanto Company, Saint Louis, MO; Concordia Historical Institute Board of Directors 20 years, currently Board President; Missouri District Constitutional Committee nine years; has written many articles relating to Missouri Synod church history; elder at LCMS congregations; board of Directors, Lutheran Concerns Association; LCMS Christian Day School nine years; he and his wife have two sons.

**Rev. Dr. Lawrence Rast:** Concordia Theological Seminary (CTS), Fort Wayne, IN; Master of Divinity 1990, Doctor of Philosophy Vanderbilt University, 2003; served Ascension Lutheran, Madison, TN, 1992-1996; called to CTS, Fort Wayne 1996 as a professor in the Historical Department; Academic Dean CTS, Fort Wayne; President CTS, Fort Wayne since September 2011; served on Board of Directors of Concordia Historical Institute; CTS faculty representative on Synod's Commission on Theology & Church Relations; CTS Archivist also serving as Assoc Editor, Book Reviews of *Concordia Theological Quarterly*; member, Board of Editorial Advisors for the *Lutheran Quarterly* as well as the editorial committee of *Concordia Historical Institute Quarterly*; he and his wife have three children.

**Rev. Kevin Vogts** Concordia Seminary (CS), Saint Louis, MO, Master of Divinity 1986; graduate studies at CS, Saint Louis, and Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne; Pastor, Holy Cross Lutheran, Dakota Dunes, SD; Director of Communications and Church Relations, Concordia Mequon, WI, 1998-2003; Vice-Chairman LCMS Board for Communication Services 2004-2010; served as Chairman of South Dakota District Evangelism Committee, served as secretary of Synodical Convention Floor Committees at the 1998 and 2001 Conventions; written articles for *The Lutheran Witness*, *Logia* and *Higher Things*; he and his wife have two children.

**Rev. Dr. William Weinrich** Concordia Seminary, Saint Louis, MO, 1972; University of Basel, Switzerland, Doctor of Theology 1978; called to Concordia Theological Seminary (CTS), Fort Wayne 1978 as Assistant Professor of Early Church History; later served CTS as Vice President Academic Affairs and Dean of Graduate Studies; last served as Rector, Luther Academy, Riga, Latvia; LCMS Commission on Theology and Church Relations nine years; LCMS Third Vice President 1998-2001 and Fifth Vice President 2001-2004; Indiana Air National Guard Chaplain 1977-2004; prolific author who wrote, *It is Not Given to Women to Teach* appearing in *Church and Ministry Today*, *Three Confessional Essays: Preus-Marquart-Weinrich*; he and his wife have three children.

**Rev. Dr. John Wohlrabe** Concordia Seminary (CS), Saint Louis, MO, Master of Divinity 1982; Doctor of Divinity, 1987; Naval Reserve Chaplain 1986-87; active duty 1987-2009; Pastor, Concordia Lutheran Geneseo, IL, 2009 to present; served as Assistant Director of Concordia Historical Institute; elected Third Vice President of LCMS in 2007 and Second Vice President in 2010; recipient of many Naval and Church awards; frequent writer of articles for theological journals, church and military publications; condensation of his doctoral dissertation of 1987 was published by Lutheran Concerns Association in 1992 under the title *Ministry in Missouri Until 1962*; he and his wife have three children.

**Rev. C. Bryan Wolfmueller:** Concordia Theological Seminary (CTS), Fort Wayne, IN; Master of Divinity, CTS, Fort Wayne, IN, 2005; Pastor at Hope Lutheran, Aurora, CO, since 2005; elected to Synod's Board for National Missions in 2010; co-host of a weekly theological game show Table Talk Radio; conference speaker; written for journals and publications, and authored *Final Victory*, a funeral planning booklet published by Concordia Publishing House; likes Law and Gospel; he and his wife have four children.

## LUTHERAN CONCERNS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL CONFERENCE

**Monday, January 16, 2012**

**The Lutheran Concerns Association extends a cordial invitation to all LCMS Congregants to attend the LCA Annual Conference. We look forward to meeting you and working together to make the LCMS a faithful and strong voice for Evangelical Lutherans.**

The conference will be held at Don Hall's Guest House. The rates are **\$79 + taxes** for a single; **\$89 + taxes** for 2-4 per room. When making your reservation, mention that you are attending **THE LUTHERAN CONCERNS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL CONFERENCE, CODE: GROUP #1151**. To be guaranteed a room, reservations must be made by December 17, 2011. There is free airport shuttle service from the airport to Don Hall's. At the time of check-in, breakfast and dinner coupons (free breakfast and free dinner) will be given for each room (maximum two of each per room). A free lunch will be served in the meeting room. **Registration for the free lunch MUST BE POSTMARKED by December 17, 2011.** You must make your own Guest House reservation.

### LCA CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

"TEACHING THEM TO OBSERVE ALL THINGS I HAVE COMMANDED YOU." (Matt 28:20a)

6:40 a.m. - <b>Registration</b>
7:00 a.m. - <b>Rev. Charles Froh</b> - Bible Study: How God Still Makes Disciples
8:00 a.m. - <b>Rev. Dr. William Weinrich</b> - Devotions
8:10 a.m. - <b>Mr. Walt Dissen, Esq.; District Pres. Rev. Dr. Dan May; Balance-Concord Rep</b> - Welcome & Greetings
8:20 a.m. - <b>CTS President Rev. Dr. Lawrence Rast</b> - For Better or for Worse: Seminaries, Theological Education & Pastoral Formation after Google (8:50 a.m. Q&A)
9:35 a.m. - <b>Rev. Kevin Vogts</b> - Our Concordia System: The Dying of the Light or Light from Above? (10:05 a.m. Q&A)
10:25 a.m. - <b>Break</b>
10:40 a.m. - <b>Rev. Michael Kumm</b> - Synodical Issues and Update (11:10 a.m. Q&A)
11:30 a.m. - <b>Rev. Bryan Wolfmuller</b> - Youth Ministry & the Disappearing Demographic. What's Gone Wrong & How Can We Fix It? (12:00 p.m. Q&A)
<b>12:20 - 1:20 p.m. - Lunch Served in the Meeting Room</b>
1:20 p.m. - <b>Mr. Walter Dissen, Esq.; Mr. Scott Meyer, Esq.</b> - Theology: the Real Issue of the Preus Era (2:20 p.m. Q&A)
3:00 p.m. - <b>Break</b>
3:15 p.m. - <b>Rev. Dr. John Wohlrabe, LCMS Second Vice-President</b> - Office of the Ministry (3:45 p.m. Q&A)
4:05 p.m. - <b>Wrap-Up, Closing Remarks &amp; Prayers</b>
5:30 p.m. - <b>Dismissal</b>
5:45 p.m. - <b>LCA Annual Business Meeting (Paid Members Only)</b>

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I will attend the meeting:

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