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Woke Culture Infects Concordia Mequon and Concordia Ann Arbor

2 Timothy 4:1-5 ¹I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: ²preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. ³For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, ⁴and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. ⁵As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

Concordia University Wisconsin and Ann Arbor have a tagline in their advertising, “Live Uncommon.” Lately our Concordia has been anything but, as it appears that our “Woke” culture has been making inroads into our Synod’s largest Concordia. I find it ironic that a university named after harmony and peace is allowing Critical Race Theory to be displayed and encouraged on their campuses.

Critical Race Theory (CRT), if you are not aware, is a Marxist based belief system that seeks equality of outcome instead of equality of opportunity. It seeks to explain differences from equality of outcome among people solely by race and “systemic racism,” the later designed to keep the majority in power while keeping minorities in subservience. Not only is this theory anti-American, but it is also anti-Christian, as it seeks to divide people by the amount of melanin in their skin and reject belief in individual responsibility in favor of a collective guilt, and two classes of people: repressor, and repressed.

CRT teaches that racism is present in every aspect of life, that white people only give people of color opportunities when it is mutually beneficial (interest convergence), that race issues are socially constructed groups (removing the individuals and individual responsibility), that science, reason, evidence, objective truth, and even Christianity are white concepts which hurt people of non-white races. This is interesting, seeing that Christianity was brought by people from the Middle East and Africa who sought to evangelize the white Europeans, but that would be evidence, and that is of course racist.

CRT is oppressive in its teachings because anyone who disagrees with CRT teachings or presuppositions is only “proving” he is racist. All potential alternatives such

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A Mid-South Resolution to Reject Racism and Advance the Gospel (Resolution 03-04A-21 passed at the Mid-South District Convention July 01-02, 2021)

(Reference Overture(s) 03-01-21, 03-02-21, 03-04-21, 03-06-21, 03-07-21, Late Overture 03-09-21 printed on pages 157-158, 159-160, 162-163, 165-166, 167-168 of Convention Workbook (can be downloaded from <https://mid-southlcms.org/resources/convention/>))

WHEREAS, God has created all people and they are blood related going back to our mutual fathers, Adam and Noah, and all are subject to the stain of original sin, but now also have been equally redeemed by the blood of Christ in order to be reconciled to God and to each other; and

WHEREAS, God’s Word says, “If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself,” you are doing well. But if you show partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors.” (James 2:8, 9); and

WHEREAS, Racism (the sinful notion that some races are inherently superior to others), misunderstanding, and strife are present in the world and experienced in congregations due to our sin; and

WHEREAS, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) abhors racism, and in convention has passed resolutions repudiating all racism (see 1992 Res. 3-03 and 2019 Res. 11-04A); and

WHEREAS, Critical Race Theory (CRT) has become a common, multifaceted, and controversial theory for discussion of contemporary race relations; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Mid-South District in convention reject the world view of CRT, as it is contrary to Scripture and counterproductive to true racial conversation and reconciliation, for it pursues equality of outcome (“equity”) between racial groups, which requires treating individuals

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Editor’s Note: In this issue we publish an article and a district resolution that deal with Critical Race Theory and its hugely divisive effect on society and the church

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as judging someone on his character, work-ethic, or as simply part of the melting pot called America without race modifiers are themselves racist.

Popular cultural concepts like “wokeness,” the social justice movement, Cultural Marxism, and the Black Lives Matter organization all use CRT. These movements continue to gain footholds in our culture, schools, and workplaces. The most shocking estate to welcome CRT into their doors is the church, since the church is the largest melting pot in the world. The church is united by sinners being drawn to their Savior Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of their sins through His life, death, and resurrection, as the Holy Spirit works to create and nurture faith through God’s means of Grace, His Holy Word and Sacraments.

We are all sinners in need of a Savior. We are all to love one another, for God loves us and all lives are precious in His sight.

One of our Synod’s largest Universities states in its “Diversity Resource Guide”:

“Concordia is community, and an increasingly diverse one. The ability to relate well and warmly with all people is a skill that each of us can develop. And it is effort we are glad to make. God has given us each other. He Calls us in Christ to love our neighbors; those we are most like and those very different from us. As we think together and walk together in our diverse community, let’s give thanks for it – for Jesus’ sake.”

The resources and activities on this website can help our community:

- Recognize how we place self-imposed limits on the way we think.
- Discover that, in many ways, people from different cultures and backgrounds hold similar values and beliefs to our own.
- Become more aware of our own cultural viewpoints and the stereotypes we all possess about those who are different from us.
- Respect the differences and similarities in people.

These activities are suitable for individuals or groups. Every Concordian is encouraged to select at least one. But don’t limit yourself! You are encouraged to participate as deeply as you like.”¹

This statement looks harmless enough. Who doesn’t want to stop racism and promote diversity? But like a magician using sleight of hand tricks, we are expected to pay no attention to the con going on. CUW’s Diversity Resource Guide recommends every Concordian read five books on racial issues: *I’m Still Here: Black Dignity in a World Made for Whiteness, Why are All the Black Kids Sitting Together in the Cafeteria, Talking to Strangers, Just Mercy, and White Fragility*. These books are a virtual Who’s Who of CRT and Social Marxist thinkers, and in themselves are racist. They would judge people’s hearts solely on the basis of skin

The Lutheran Clarion—14 Years!

With this issue we begin our 14th year of publishing the **Clarion**. We strive to present and uphold the truth of God’s Holy Word. **We could use your help.**



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color and promote a victimhood mentality, which gives a built-in excuse for failure to non-whites without the need for evaluation of their own effort, talent, and skill.

It seems that the “Diversity officer” at CUW is not very diverse: not one of the above books listed presents a view on racial issues from a Biblical/Christian/Lutheran perspective, or even from a moderate worldly perspective. Only the CRT perspective is promoted and appears to be accepted. Concordia must do better and be better if we are going to attempt to “live uncommon” Christian life. There is nothing uncommon about any of these materials. In fact they are very common and would be more than welcome at any non-Christian public University that has accepted the CRT model for race issues. If CUW wants to be like all the non-Christian public Universities, then it has lost its purpose, and is certainly not uncommon.

What is truly sad is that we as Christians have things that unite us no matter our melanin level. We are all created in the image of God. We are all sinners in need of a Savior. We are all to love one another, for God loves us and all lives are precious in His sight. The Church has the one message that can and has historically torn down the walls of racism and provides the only tool for healing the racial divide: the forgiveness of sins. As people who believe in six-day creation there is no basis for racism except in our sinful hearts. This sinful, racist heart is also something common to all people, and must be brought to repentance, not encouraged. So, a Lutheran University equipped with the Word of God is to call out racism as sinful, for it is a rejection of God as creator and then deliver the Good News of the forgiveness of our sins.

Maybe a review of the first article of the Apostle’s Creed and its meaning would be helpful.

“I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

“What does this mean?”

“I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them.

“He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life.

“He defends me against all danger and guards and pro-

Group Dinners at the 2022 LCA Conference

Besides a great set of speakers, the conference will feature the popular Sunday and Monday night dinners where attendees can informally meet the speakers and discuss issues facing church and society.



The dinners will be at 6:30 pm in a private dining room at the conference site: Holiday Inn Purdue - Fort Wayne, 4111 Paul Shaffer Drive, Fort Wayne, IN 46825.

Reserve your seat by checking the appropriate box on the registration form on page 7. Please also make your entrée selection for each evening and include the cost of each dinner with your registration fee. You can choose from chicken, sliced beef, pork and strip steak. The prices include the tax and tip.

We make seating arrangements way before the dinner, so to avoid missing out on these two great opportunities, please remember to check the appropriate boxes on the registration form.

Please send in your registration right away even if you intend to pay at the door on the day of the conference. We need to give the numbers to the hotel 72-hours ahead of time—and we know you don't want to miss any meals!

fects me from all evil.

"All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him.

"This is most certainly true."²

While CRT not only judges people by their melanin level, it also offers no opportunity to be absolved or mature past racial sins. How beneficial would reviewing the article above and its meaning be in bringing our sinful desire to judge others on their melanin level to repentance? Only the Christian faith has Holy Absolution to forgive the repentant sinner of his sinful wants and desires. This is the uncommon voice of the Christian which CUW has abdicated through its Diversity Resource Guide. To impose a standard on others by threat of punishment from the culture only exacerbates a hostile response that can and often will be racial in nature.

This problem is a clear improper division of Law and Gospel, and our sinful flesh will always desire to live under the law with all its self-made loopholes, yet only the Gospel has the power to change hearts and minds. CRT and its accusations of white privilege, bigotry, and racism cannot produce repentance but instead increases the very actions it claims to be trying to prevent.

All Christians should reject racism of every description because all are created in the image of God. And while CUW has non-Christian students on its campus, there still is only one answer the University should be giving, and that is the Christian view that accepts all people and loves all our neighbors even when their religious beliefs reject our own. But, we dare not teach false doctrines of men, nor promote those things that will divide us, except

when we are standing on the clear Word of God. For God's Word will divide - not by race, but by faith. We dare not forget St. John's vision in Revelation 7:9-10:

⁹ After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, ¹⁰ and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

Rev. Joseph Fisher, Pastor-Senior, Administrative, Pilgrim Lutheran Church, West Bend, WI

1. Diversity Resource Guide, Concordia University Wisconsin & Ann Arbor. www.cuw.edu/landingpages/diversity-guide/index.html, accessed 6/17/2021
2. Luther. (2017). *Luther's Small Catechism with Explanation* (p. 133). St. Louis, MO: Concordia Publishing House.

Mid-South Resolution Rejects Racism

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unequally based on race, and also reject all organizations, movements, petitions, and theological language that support that world view in a positive manner; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the LCMS Mid-South District reject any doctrine that teaches:

- One's race, ancestry, or nationality are inherently superior to the race, ancestry, or nationality of another.
- Any individual is inherently racist, or oppressive, whether consciously or unconsciously, because of his or her race, ancestry, or nationality; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the circuits of the Mid-South District of the LCMS develop an objective mission and ministry action plan for outreach to diverse communities among us; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the congregations of the LCMS Mid-South District be encouraged to conduct conversations on race and diversity, to strengthen unity within the congregation; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the congregations of the LCMS Mid-South District be encouraged to engage members of their communities in these conversations, in light of Christ's Gospel; and be it further

RESOLVED, We commend those within the LCMS Mid-South District who intentionally proclaim and work to reach out with the Gospel of Jesus to those who are different from themselves in the light of the Great Commission; and be it finally

RESOLVED, That the Mid-South District send this resolution to the Synod as it gathers at its 2023 Convention to do similarly.

CONVENTION ACTION: ADOPTED AS AMENDED

Mission in Motion: Jastram-Asia Mission News

“What’s the difference between Roman Catholics and Lutherans anyway?” a neighborhood Japanese friend asked me during a recent conversation. He was gardening in the backyard where his friend was providing a helping hand.

Both of them took a break from their gardening to learn a little about the Reformation, Luther, and salvation by grace alone, through faith in Christ alone, with Scripture alone as its foundation. All this came about from a conversation starting with the neighborhood Shinto shrine, its shared history with Japanese Buddhism, and the post WWII period of LCMS missionary work in Japan.

Meanwhile, in the larger Tokyo community, our mission efforts in leading worship and catechesis for LCMS expats continues steadily with additional requests received for LCMS folk in Okinawa, including military personnel. We continue to rely on such mission opportunities as God graciously opens doors for faithful confession, worship, and teaching throughout the world in his saving name.

Rev. Dr. Daniel Jastram, Missionary to Asia
Tokyo, Japan

Donald Rupert Zehnder

February 10, 1935 - July 19, 2021

*For all the saints who from their labors rest,
Who Thee by faith before the world confess,
Thy name, O Jesus be forever blest,
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Mr. Donald Zehnder's life serves as an example of *servanthood* to Christ. He was in the first graduating class of Cleveland Lutheran High School and attended Concordia Academy in Ft. Wayne, IN. He served in the Air Force in Japan in the Korean War.



In the 1970's when our beloved Synod was in turmoil over false doctrine, Don was very active in the Doctrinal Concerns Program. He served on the Board of Directors of Lutheran Concerns Association; served the Lutheran Home for the Aged in Westlake, OH; made three trips to the Dominican Republic doing mission work with members of his congregation in Ft. Myers, FL, that is served by his son—Rev. Jon Zehnder—and taught adult Bible Classes using Edward W.A. Koehler's "A Summary of Christian Doctrine."

Mr. Zehnder was one lay person who not only knew the meaning of the three "*solas*" but served a lifetime living their meaning. He was a blessing to the Synod and the LCA.

* *Lutheran Service Book*, no. 677

What does this mean? A Faithful Practice of Holy Communion

A significant issue in the church of this day and age for our pastors is the practice of closed communion. We educate our youth to be confirmed in the faith before they receive Holy Communion, and yet many would expect any and all people to be able to come and receive communion in our churches.

Therefore, the issue is “Why shouldn’t we commune anyone who wants to commune” and “Why shouldn’t we commune at other churches that are not LCMS?”

First, we really need to understand what church fellowship is. Churches are in fellowship when they believe, teach, and confess alike the teachings of God’s Word in all its truth and purity. Therefore, any church that has a different understanding of God’s Word (the Bible) — for example, we would say it is the Word of God and others claim it only contains the Word of God — has a different confession of faith. There is a different understanding of the rule and norm of what we believe, teach, and confess. A different confession of faith would be in opposition to God’s Word, because it is not with the apostles’ teachings and fellowship. This we would understand from Acts 2:42-44:

And they devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. And all who believed were together and had all things in common.

Some would say Holy Communion is an individual matter between them and God. The Lord’s Supper is not a personal matter, but rather about what we believe, teach, and confess as a church. The Bible teaches us that the church will have hypocrites who inhabit and serve her. There is no way to tell who is a true member and who is not, unless they have the integrity to actually put their theology on the table for discussion. The fact is we cannot see faith; we can only go by what is confessed with the mouth or where the membership is held (each denomination has a confession of what it believes, teaches, and confesses). If they want to commune while belonging to a different confession of faith, they either disagree with the teachings of their church or they are playing the hypocrite at the communion rail. To be a hypocrite is to “play act.” Here, they are play-acting as if they agree with the teachings of the church in which they are going to commune.

If you join a church at the communion rail that does not confess the truth of God’s Word, you are saying and confessing that you actually agree with them and not with the church you belong to; or you are only “play-acting” so as not to have to make a statement of your faith that is true from God’s Word.

The same is true if we allow those of a different confession of faith to come and commune at our table. We are allowing them to be hypocrites, and we also would be hypocritical because we cannot have two confessions of

faith (one true and one false). As Rom. 16:17 reads:

I appeal to you, brothers, to watch out for those who cause divisions and create obstacles contrary to the doctrine that you have been taught; avoid them.

In order to understand all of this better, we need to start with the Fifth Chief Part of the catechism, the Office of the Keys. In John 20, Jesus tells the apostles to forgive and retain sins. Any pastor who will not take this responsibility seriously should be removed from the Office of the Holy Ministry, for he is saying that he is willing to do “harm” to souls. In 1 Cor. 11:29, we hear that people can take the Lord’s Supper to their “harm.” The King James translation says “damnation”; other versions say “judgment” and “condemnation.” A loving congregation and pastor would not want anyone to take this Means of Grace to their “harm.”

When a person comes to the altar to receive communion, they are individually receiving the forgiveness of sins, which should never be said and proclaimed to someone who denies the truth, either by their membership and confession of another church body or as a hypocrite within the church. When the pastor communes someone who he knows does this “play-acting,” he is confirming them in their error. The church and the pastor—who is speaking “in the stead and the command” of Christ—are breaking the Second Commandment and are putting the soul at risk, for they are lying with God’s name and Word.

In summary, we should commune only with those with whom we share a confession of faith. We are not God and can’t see the faith of others, so all we can go by is their confession of faith with their mouth and the church that they claim to belong to with its confession of what it is they believe, teach, and confess.

Let us repent of our weakness in our understanding and practice of closed communion and come to the Lord’s Table to receive what Christ has promised — the forgiveness of sins. For where there is the forgiveness of sins, there is life and salvation.

What a joy it is to come to the Lord’s Table and have our bodily senses tell us that we have received what Christ has promised. Our eyes see, our noses smell, our lips feel, our tongues taste and our ears hear that we have received what Christ promised: the forgiveness of sins, for life and salvation.

Rev. Arie Bertsch
District President, North Dakota

A Classical Lutheran College for Lutherans

Last Spring saw the first publication of a new magazine: *Christian Culture: A Magazine for Lutherans*, with refreshingly relevant articles and uncompromisingly Lutheran content. At the same time, a website began to be shared all over social media in conservative Lutheran circles: lutherclassical.org. The occasion? A new college is starting in Casper, WY, on the campus of Mount

Hope Lutheran Church and School, LCMS. A Lutheran college with exclusively Lutheran professors and exclusively Lutheran students, with a new (but very old and proven) outlook.

The college is called **Luther** Classical College because it will be decidedly and unapologetically Lutheran. From theology to literature, from history to philosophy, from logic and rhetoric to geometry and biology, from music to art, whatever the subject, the college will teach with the conviction that the God of the Bible is the source of all order and beauty and eloquence and knowledge. The God who justifies sinners by faith in the blood of His Son, who meets us in church, who is praised and prayed to in our homes, who strengthens our arms for work, this God is the author of all true knowledge the students will learn at Luther Classical College. Luther Classical College will be Lutheran through and through.

It is called Luther **Classical** College because the college will ground students in the classics, the great tradition of the West, the tradition in which Christianity arose among the nations and to which Christianity gave shape. The poetry of Homer and Vergil, the histories of Herodotus and Thucydides, the philosophy of Plato and Aristotle, the eloquence of Cicero, the rise and fall of great civilizations, the Christian theological tradition from the Old Testament to the Lutheran Church in America, the great musical heritage of the western church, culminating in the Lutheran chorale and the brilliance of Bach, the scientific discoveries, all this and more will serve as the foundation of a lifetime of learning for students of the college. A classical education sifts out the frivolous and irrelevant and preserves the best.

It is called Luther Classical **College** because the college will remain just that, a college. Not a university with forty different departments and a hundred different majors. No bloated bureaucracy. No classes in gender studies or any other critical theory infecting our American universities. It is a college, a place where students study *together* the same wonderful subjects, discuss them together, learn to have conversations about important topics, to argue well together, to sing well together, to encourage one another in the pursuit of knowledge, humility, and Christian piety. A college provides what a university simply cannot.

It will be a college that knows it exists for the sake of Christ’s church, for the sake of Lutheran congregations and Lutheran families. And it will strive always to be faithful to the same Lutheran faith that is taught in our faithful Lutheran congregations.

The Board of Regents of Luther Classical College is asking for congregations and individuals to join us in this endeavor. Please visit our website, subscribe to our magazine, and consider supporting the college. God bless this godly mission for Jesus’ sake!

Rev. Dr. Christian Preus, Chairman, Board of Regents, Luther Classical College

* Congregations may request a Supporting Congregation Packet through our website (lutherclassical.org). As we wait

Student Aid Endowment Fund! Concordia Theological Foundation, Inc.

In early 2018, in honor of Mrs. Ginny Valleau's contributions to the publication of the *Lutheran Clarion*, a Concordia Theological Seminary Student Aid Endowment Fund was established at Concordia Theological Foundation, Inc., a 501(c)(3) organization. Contributions are tax deductible. As of July 31, 2021, the fund assets were \$24,587.00.

The Board of Directors of the Lutheran Concerns Association invites **Lutheran Clarion** readers to contribute to the Fund which can be done by sending your check marked Valleau Endowment Fund to:

Concordia Theological Foundation, Inc., 6041 Stellhorn Road, Box 15810, Fort Wayne, IN 46815
or to: **Lutheran Concerns Association**, 149 Glenview Drive, New Kensington, PA 15068-4921. Donors will receive receipts for their gifts.

for the IRS to approve our application for 501(c)(3), we are asking that individual contributions be made payable to the Wyoming District, LCMS. All funds will go to support of the college.

2022 LCA Conference Speakers January 17, 2022

- **Rev. Christopher S. Esget**, The Madness of Deneothor: Rescuing Missouri from the Pyre.

Rev. Esget is 5th Vice-President of the LCMS, representing the East-Southeast Region. He is Senior Pastor at Immanuel Lutheran, Alexandria, VA, where he has served since 2001. Rev. Esget attended Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, where he earned a Master of Divinity in 1997 and a Master of Sacred Theology in 2005. He and his wife, Kassie live in Alexandria, VA; they have one son.

- **Dr. Gerhard Mundinger**, Higher Education: Challenges and Opportunities for the Confessing Church, update 7-03 and LIMOS (Lutheran Identity and Mission Outcome Standards)

Dr. Gerhard H. Mundinger, Jr., has been has been an academic and Private Practice Cardiothoracic Surgeon for more than 35 years. He received his electrical engineering and medical degrees at the University of Colorado, *Magna Cum Laude*. He completed his general and vascular surgery residency at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine in Baltimore, MD. He completed a two-year fellowship in surgical oncology at the National Cancer Institute, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, MD, as well as a cardiothoracic surgery fellowship at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. Dr. Mundinger holds an honorary doctor of laws from Concordia University Wisconsin. He is chairman of the Board for the Concordia University System. Dr. Mundinger and his wife Sue have been married 52 years and are blessed with 3 children and 6 grandchildren.

- **Rev. David P. Ramirez**, The Great Awakening: What Are We Going to Do about It?

Rev. Ramirez is the pastor of St. Paul's, Union Grove, WI. He earned his M.Div. in 2008 and STM in 2020 from CTS, Fort Wayne. His thesis is entitled "Martin Luther and Religious Liberty." His current focus of research and study has been on the three estates--particularly the duties that civil government has in regards to religion and the question of resistance to legitimate authority. He also is a member of the Planning Committee for the Bugenhagen Conference. He and his wife Lisa have eight children.

- **Rev. Kevin D. Robson**, Received and Delivered: The Future of LCMS Mission.

Rev. Robson has served as the Chief Mission Officer of the LCMS since May 2015. Prior to this appointment, he served for nine years as pastor of Prince of Peace Ev. Lutheran, Baxter, MN. He earned a Master of Divinity degree from Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, in 2001. He has completed course work and is currently researching a final dissertation project for the Doctor of Ministry degree from CTS. Robson and his wife, Peg, reside in Kirkwood, MO; they have one son.

- **Rev. Dr. John Wille**, Confession vs. Mission: A False Dichotomy in the LCMS.

Dr. Wille has been President of the South Wisconsin District since 2016. Dr. Wille is a graduate of Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, Thiensville. He entered the LCMS by colloquy in 1983. Rev. Wille has served congregations in Ohio, Central Illinois and South Wisconsin. He served as a church planter for 16 years; he was founding pastor of Good Shepherd Lutheran, Tomah, WI. As part of the LCMS Council of Presidents, Dr. Wille has chaired multiple convention floor committees. Dr. Wille serves on the Board of Regents at Concordia University Wisconsin, and on the Regents for Concordia Seminary St. Louis. Rev. Wille and his wife, Lynette, have been married for 42 years. They are blessed with three daughters and six grandchildren.

Correction to the July 2021 Issue of the *Clarion*

The article "The International Lutheran Council 'A Beacon to Worldwide Lutheranism'" stated that "Aside from the ILC, there is no global association which promotes an historical understanding of Scriptures and the Lutheran Confessions."



In addition to the International Lutheran Council, the Confessional Evangelical Lutheran Conference (origin 1993, headquartered in Mankato, MN) is also an international association whose member church bodies confess the Holy Scripture as the inspired and inerrant Word of God and hold to a *quia* subscription to the Lutheran Confessions as contained in the Book of Concord.

LUTHERAN CONCERNS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Monday, January 17, 2022

“Do not be conformed to this world.” Romans 12:2 (NKJV)

The conference will be held Monday, January 17, 2022, at the Holiday Inn Purdue - Fort Wayne, 4111 Paul Shaffer Drive, Fort Wayne, IN 46825; 260-482-3800. The Holiday Inn rate is \$129.00 plus tax. To get this rate, make your room reservation by December 1, 2021. The Group Code (by phone) is Lutheran Concerns. The link to the hotel is <https://tinyurl.com/yr7yu4nr>

Dine with the Speakers and the LCA Board of Directors! On Sunday and Monday evenings a private dining room at the Holiday Inn has been reserved for conference attendees. Conference attendees will be dispersed among the speakers and LCA board members. Be sure to reserve your place right away by checking the appropriate box(es) and selecting your meal(s) on the registration form below. Everyone will dine at their own expense; the dining cost must be paid with the conference registration. Please register before the conference even if you pay at the door.

A New York Deli lunch will be provided at 12:15 p.m., for everyone registered for the full day. If you register for a half day and you want the lunch, the cost is \$29. Seminary students and seminary personnel will pay \$10 for the lunch.

Conference Schedule

Morning

- 6:45 am - Registration Opens
- 7:30 am - 8:10 am - Bible Study (**Rev. Joe Fisher**)
- 8:10 am - 8:20 am - Opening Devotion (**Rev. Dr. William Weinrich**)
- 8:20 am - 8:30 am - Welcome from the LCA (**Mr. Walter Dissen, Esq.**) and greeting from a representative of the Indiana District.
- 8:30 am - 9:00 am - Guest Speaker - **Rev. Dr. John Wille**,
“Confession vs. Mission: A False Dichotomy in the LCMS.”
- 9:00 am - 9:25 am - Questions and Answers
- 9:25 am - 9:50 am - Break
- 9:50am - 10:20 am - Guest Speaker - **Rev. Kevin Robson**,
“Received and Delivered: The Future of LCMS Mission.”
- 10:20 am - 10:40 am - Questions and Answers
- 10:40 am - 11:10 am - Guest Speaker - **Rev. David P. Ramirez**,
“The Great Awokening: What Are We Going to Do about It?”
- 11:10 am to 11:30 am - Questions and Answers

Afternoon

- 1:10 pm to 1:40 pm - Guest Speaker - **Dr. Gerhard Mundinger**,
“Higher Education: Challenges and Opportunities for the Confessing Church, update 7-03 and LIMOS.”
- 1:40 pm to 2:00 pm - Questions and Answers
- 2:00 pm to 2:30 pm - Guest Speaker – **Rev. Chris Esget**, “The Madness of Denethor: Rescuing Missouri from the Pyre.”
- 2:30 pm to 2:50 pm - Questions and Answers
- 2:50 pm to 3:15 pm - Break
- 3:15 pm to 4:30 pm - **Panel Discussion with All Presenters**
- 4:30 pm to 4:40 pm - Closing Remarks and Closing Prayer
(Rev. Jerome E. Panzigrau)
- 5:00 pm - LCA Annual Business Meeting (Paid Members Only)
- 6:30 pm - LCA Dinner (by Reservation Only)

12:00 noon - 1:10 pm - New York Deli buffet lunch served in the meeting room.



2022 LCA Conference Registration Form

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Printed Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

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Dinner: Sunday, January 16 (choose one entrée) *

- Boneless Breast of Chicken \$37.00
- Sliced Beef Sirloin Medallion \$40.00
- Pan Seared Pork Chop \$38.00

Dinner: Monday, January 17 (choose one entrée) *

- Chicken Parmesan \$37.00
- New York Strip Steak \$49.00
- Pan Seared Pork Chop \$38.00

* Prices include tax and tip.

Annual LCA membership fee (\$35) enclosed. _____

Paid LCA Member conference registration fee (\$110) enclosed. _____

Paid LCA Member half-day conference registration (\$40) encl. _____

Non-Member conference registration fee (\$120) enclosed. _____

Non-Member half-day conference registration fee (\$45) encl. _____

Seminary students & personnel registration fee waived. New York Deli lunch (\$10) enclosed _____

Half-day Conference New York Deli lunch (\$29) enclosed. _____

Dinner Sunday, January 16 (\$37 or \$40 or \$38) enclosed. _____

Dinner Monday, January 17 (\$37 or \$49 or \$38) enclosed. _____

Total Enclosed: _____

Even if you pay at the door, please send in your registration ahead of time.

Please indicate any special dietary requirements on this form. If your dinner plans change, please email jpanzigrau@comcast.net as soon as possible.

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