



## RESOLUTIONS LIST

**Resolution 22.1.1** TO establish 100 new faith communities within the Pacific Southwest District by the time of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the district at the 2031 convention

**Resolution 22.1.2** TO create a third pathway for general pastoral colloquy for members of LCMS congregations who have graduated with an accredited Masters of Divinity Degree from a Non-LCMS Seminary.

**Resolution 22.1.3** TO increase the number of Pacific Southwest District men and women preparing for church work professions.

**Resolution 22.1.4** TO increase the number of students preparing for General Ordination by expanding the work of the Cross-cultural Ministry Center - CUI (CMC).

**Resolution 22.1.5** TO celebrate the work of the Mission Training Center (MTC) and encourage congregations to make use of this excellent resource for their ministries

**Resolution 22.1.6** To Reconsider the Use of Licensed Lay Deacons in Word and Sacrament Ministry

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**Resolution 22.2.6** TO Apply Term Limits to the President, the First Vice-President, Regional Vice-Presidents, and Secretary of Synod



## **RESOLUTIONS LIST**

**Resolution 22.3.1** To Give Thanks To God For The Faithful Ministry Of The Ordained And Commissioned Ministers And The Congregations And Schools Of PSD In The Midst Of COVID-19

**Resolution 22.3.2** To Reject Racism And Recognize The Pacific Southwest District's Successes, Failures, And Opportunities In Ministry Within Communities Of Color

**Resolutions 22.3.3** To Incorporate Prison Ministry Into The Pacific Southwest District As A Recognized Mission Field

**Resolution 22.3.4** To Celebrate The 100th Anniversary of The Pacific Southwest District

**OMNIBUS RESOLUTION 22.01**

## RESOLUTION 22.1.1

1 **TO 100 new faith communities**  
2 **established within the Pacific**  
3 **Southwest District by the time of the**  
4 **100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the district at the**  
5 **2031 convention**

6  
7 WHEREAS, God has called His people  
8 throughout the Scriptures to engage in  
9 His mission, The Missio Dei (The Mission  
10 of God), to reconcile the world to himself;  
11 and

12  
13 WHEREAS, He accomplished the act of  
14 reconciliation through the sacrifice of  
15 Jesus on the cross, offering His grace  
16 and forgiveness to all people; and

17  
18 WHEREAS, Jesus sent the forgiven  
19 children of God to proclaim that message  
20 so that all would hear it and be saved  
21 (John 20:21; Matthew 28:19-20; 1 Peter  
22 2:9); and

23  
24 WHEREAS, He created the church, the  
25 Body of Christ, to be the mission-sending  
26 entity through which the people of God  
27 and the means of grace (His Word and  
28 Sacraments) would be employed to  
29 proclaim the Good News of Christ to the  
30 world; and

31  
32 WHEREAS, the Pacific Southwest  
33 District celebrates all our congregations  
34 and ministries as unique representations  
35 of the Body of Christ, working together to  
36 bring the hope of Jesus to our  
37 communities, the southwestern United  
38 States, the nation, and to the world; and

39  
40 WHEREAS, the most effective way to  
41 reach unbelievers with the Gospel occurs  
42 when new faith communities are formed  
43 through the efforts of existing

44 congregations and partnerships within  
45 circuits; therefore be it

46  
47 RESOLVED, that the congregations of  
48 the Pacific Southwest District establish  
49 the goal of beginning 100 new faith  
50 communities (traditional congregations  
51 and schools, micro-churches, micro-  
52 schools and other innovative Lutheran  
53 education delivery models, intentional  
54 Gospel-proclaiming mission societies,  
55 etc.) by the time of the celebration of the  
56 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding of the  
57 Pacific Southwest District at the triennial  
58 convention in 2031; and be it further

59  
60 RESOLVED, that congregations  
61 prayerfully consider equipping  
62 themselves for this effort by making use  
63 of the book (a collection of Bible studies),  
64 *The Great Sending – God’s Heart for the*  
65 *World Beating Through You* (edited by  
66 Will Sohns, 2021, Tenth Power  
67 Publishing, Elgin, Illinois), a resource  
68 provided to each delegate at the 2022  
69 PSD Convention; and be it further

70  
71 RESOLVED, that congregations are  
72 encouraged to work together in their  
73 geographical regions and circuits to  
74 identify locations for new faith  
75 communities in their context,  
76 understanding that many of these new  
77 ministries will reflect the great cultural  
78 diversity and need within our district; and  
79 be it further

80  
81 RESOLVED, that the members of  
82 congregations are encouraged to commit  
83 themselves to the mission-sending  
84 efforts of their circuits and congregations  
85 by volunteering their time, activity,  
86 prayers, and resources in support of this  
87 effort; and be it further



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89 RESOLVED, that congregations are  
90 encouraged to set aside a portion of their  
91 annual budget to contribute to the  
92 financial support for new faith  
93 communities in their area, the support  
94 and training of lay missionaries from  
95 within their own congregations, and the  
96 development of professional church  
97 workers for the expansion of the  
98 Kingdom of God; and be it finally

99

100 RESOLVED, that the staff of the Pacific  
101 Southwest District regularly tell the  
102 stories of how congregations and circuits  
103 are working to fulfill this mission  
104 commitment and to provide a formal  
105 report at each triennial convention,  
106 leading up to the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
107 celebration in 2031, so that the people of  
108 the district can track, pray, celebrate, and  
109 give in support of this effort.

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111 Adopted on February 9, 2022

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113 Pacific Southwest District Board of

114 Directors

115 Rev. Vince Harman, Chairman BOD

116 Rev. Dr. Richard Burkey, Secretary

117 BOD

## RESOLUTION 22.1.2

1 **TO create a third pathway for general**  
2 **pastoral colloquy for members of LCMS**  
3 **congregations who have graduated**  
4 **with an accredited Masters of Divinity**  
5 **Degree from a Non-LCMS Seminary.**

6  
7 WHEREAS, God’s Word call us to pray for  
8 additional workers in the harvest, “When he  
9 (Jesus) saw the crowds, he had  
10 compassion for them, because they were  
11 harassed and helpless, like sheep without  
12 a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples,  
13 “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers  
14 are few; therefore pray earnestly to the  
15 Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into  
16 his harvest;” (Matthew 9:36-37, ESV); and

17  
18 WHEREAS, pastors of the Lutheran  
19 Church-Missouri Synod are retiring in  
20 larger numbers than ever before  
21 (estimated 1/3 of our Congregations will be  
22 without a Pastor by 2035) and the number  
23 of men entering our seminaries is less than  
24 what is needed to replace these faithful  
25 servants and expand further mission and  
26 ministry; and

27  
28 WHEREAS, the congregations of the  
29 Pacific Southwest District – LCMS give  
30 thanks to God and celebrate the various  
31 alternate routes to ordination and pastoral  
32 ministry available in the LCMS, such as  
33 Specific Ministry Pastors (SMP), there is a  
34 growing need for general ordination  
35 pastors who are able to receive divine calls  
36 from congregations without restriction,  
37 provide supervision for other rostered  
38 church workers, supervise vicars, hold  
39 elected or appointed office on the district or  
40 national Synod level such as a Circuit  
41 Visitor, and vote as delegates at the  
42 Synodical conventions of the church; and

43  
44 WHEREAS, there are pathways by which  
45 pastors, from church bodies outside the  
46 Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, who  
47 meet specific criteria may secure  
48 admission to the ministerium of LCMS as  
49 general ordination pastors through

50 Colloquy. This admission may be provided  
51 through a “colloquy” (discussion, interview)  
52 with the Colloquy Committee for the  
53 Pastoral Ministry; and

54  
55 WHEREAS, The Policy Manual for  
56 Admission to the Pastoral Ministry of The  
57 Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod by  
58 Colloquy: Bylaws and Policies states that  
59 applicants for Colloquy must fit into one of  
60 two categories (the Colloquy Committee  
61 for the Pastoral Ministry is responsible for  
62 the final determination of the category in  
63 each individual situation):

64 1. Active Pastors from  
65 Other Christian Church  
66 Bodies: Men who, at the  
67 time of application are in  
68 good standing and in active  
69 service as pastors in  
70 another Christian Church  
71 body/denomination may  
72 apply for colloquy.

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74 1. Men who have  
75 prepared for pastoral  
76 ministry but, at the time of  
77 application, are not in active  
78 service as pastors: Such  
79 applicants must be  
80 graduates of a program of  
81 study that leads to  
82 ordination, from an  
83 accredited institution, with  
84 no fewer than 60 semester  
85 hours (90 quarter hours) of  
86 required academic credit.  
87 Applicants with prior  
88 pastoral service must  
89 provide the date (month and  
90 year) and the reason (e.g.  
91 retirement, resignation,  
92 dismissal) their active  
93 service ended. Such an  
94 applicant also must have  
95 been a communicant  
96 member in good standing in  
97 a congregation of The  
98 Lutheran Church—Missouri

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99 Synod for at least two years 148  
100 immediately prior to the 149  
101 time of application. This 150 Christ's Greenfield Lutheran Church  
102 category does not apply to 151 Gilbert, AZ  
103 LCMS members who while 152 Rev. Tim Ahlman  
104 members of LCMS 153  
105 congregations have 154 Trinity Lutheran Church  
106 obtained Master of Divinity 155 Casa Grande, AZ  
107 degrees outside the LCMS; 156 Rev. Jonathan Burkee  
108 and  
109  
110 WHEREAS, Men who have been long-time  
111 members in good standing in a  
112 congregation of The Lutheran Church-  
113 Missouri Synod, but are graduates of  
114 programs of study leading to ordination  
115 from an accredited institution outside the  
116 Lutheran Church-Missouri (meeting all the  
117 necessary academic credit requirements),  
118 are not afforded the same opportunity to  
119 apply for Colloquy as are pastors from  
120 church bodies outside the LCMS, but must  
121 enroll in the Residential Alternative Route  
122 Program (requiring a two year residential  
123 academic program at one of our two  
124 seminaries and a one year vicarage)  
125 before becoming a general ordination  
126 pastor in the LCMS;  
127  
128 WHEREAS, requiring a residential  
129 program for individuals who have  
130 completed an accredited degree is  
131 cumbersome and burdensome to many, be  
132 it therefore  
133  
134 RESOLVED, that the Pacific Southwest  
135 District memorialize the 2023 LCMS  
136 Convention to create a third pathway for  
137 general pastoral colloquy that provides the  
138 opportunity for members of LCMS  
139 congregations who have graduated from  
140 programs of study leading to ordination  
141 from outside the seminaries of the LCMS  
142 (satisfying all the necessary academic  
143 credit requirements) to become general  
144 ordination pastors in the LCMS by way of  
145 the Colloquy process, without enrolling in  
146 the Residential Alternative Route  
147 Program.

## RESOLUTION 22.1.3

1 **TO increase the number of Pacific**  
2 **Southwest District men and women**  
3 **preparing for church work**  
4 **professions.**

5  
6 WHEREAS, all Christ-followers are  
7 called to engage in the Mission of God,  
8 “Go therefore and make disciples of all  
9 nations, baptizing them in the name of  
10 the Father and of the Son and of the  
11 Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all  
12 that I have commanded you. And  
13 behold, I am with you always, to the end  
14 of the age” (Matthew 28:19-20);” and

15  
16 WHEREAS, in Matthew 9:37-38, Jesus  
17 tells us “to pray to the Lord of the  
18 harvest to send out laborers into his  
19 harvest;” and

20  
21 WHEREAS, the status of need for  
22 called workers has been recognized by  
23 the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod,  
24 resulting in the formation of the Synod-  
25 wide effort, “Set Apart to Serve;” and

26  
27 WHEREAS, the need for Ordained and  
28 Commissioned Ministers who are  
29 willing to serve in the congregations  
30 and schools of the Pacific Southwest  
31 District is increasing, evidenced by the  
32 growing length of time that  
33 congregations are engaged in church  
34 worker call processes; and

35  
36 WHEREAS, potential church workers in  
37 the congregations and schools of the  
38 Pacific Southwest District love their  
39 communities, understand the context,  
40 are not afraid of the challenges of our  
41 context, and desire to serve in the  
42 Southwestern United States, to bring  
43 the hope of the Gospel to their family,  
44 friends, neighbors, classmates, and  
45 work associates; therefore be it

46 RESOLVED, that the Pacific  
47 Southwest District of the Lutheran  
48 Church-Missouri Synod develop a  
49 district wide program for recruiting and  
50 retaining both commissioned and  
51 ordained ministers, and be it

52  
53 RESOLVED that this program would  
54 equip congregations and schools of the  
55 Pacific Southwest District to identify  
56 men and women in their local ministries  
57 who show interest in and gifts of serving  
58 the Lord as a rostered church worker;  
59 making use of the Called to Serve  
60 resources to assist in enlisting future  
61 ministers of the Gospel; and be it  
62 further

63  
64 RESOLVED, that the Pacific Southwest  
65 District in convention calls upon  
66 present and future District Presidents  
67 and Staff to do everything possible to  
68 bring these PSD church work students  
69 back to the congregations and schools  
70 of the district when they receive their  
71 first calls/assignments, so that they can  
72 joyfully serve in the context for which  
73 God has prepared them.

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75 Adopted by:  
76 Abiding Savior Lutheran Church  
77 Lake Forest, CA  
78 Rev. Glenn Lucas  
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80 Trinity Lutheran Church  
81 Simi Valley, CA  
82 Rev. Robert Baker  
83  
84 Crown of Life Lutheran Church  
85 Sun City West, AZ  
86 Rev. Phill Robbins

## Resolution 22.1.4

1 **TO increase the number of students**  
2 **preparing for General Ordination by**  
3 **expanding the work of the Cross-**  
4 **cultural Ministry Center - CUI (CMC).**  
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6 WHEREAS, God has greatly blessed  
7 the congregations of the Lutheran  
8 Church-Missouri Synod and our global  
9 partner church bodies since 1839 with  
10 pastors educated and shaped by our  
11 wonderful Seminaries; and  
12

13 WHEREAS, the congregations of the  
14 Pacific Southwest District – LCMS  
15 acknowledge that there is a growing  
16 need for well trained, general ordination  
17 pastors who are able to receive divine  
18 calls from congregations without  
19 restriction, provide supervision for other  
20 rostered church workers, supervise  
21 vicars, hold elected or appointed office  
22 on the district or national Synod level  
23 such as a Circuit Visitor, and vote as  
24 delegates at the Synodical conventions  
25 of the church; and  
26

27 WHEREAS, pastors of the Lutheran  
28 Church-Missouri Synod are retiring in  
29 larger numbers than ever before  
30 (estimated 1/3 of our Congregations will be  
31 without a Pastor by 2035) and the number  
32 of men entering our seminaries is less than  
33 what is needed to replace these faithful  
34 servants and expand further mission and  
35 ministry; and  
36

37 WHEREAS, most students in today's  
38 world of education expect that they will  
39 be afforded the opportunity to learn in a  
40 variety of educational methods which  
41 include both online as well as in-person  
42 instruction; and  
43

44 WHEREAS, it has become increasingly  
45 difficult and prohibitive for prospective  
46 LCMS seminary students to leave  
47 homes, family, employment, and  
48 ministry context to move cross-country  
49 to enroll in a four-year residential  
50 Master of Divinity program; and  
51

52 WHEREAS, the Cross-cultural Ministry  
53 Center at Concordia University Irvine  
54 has, for 27 years, faithfully offered the  
55 only Master's-level degree in the LCMS  
56 with a hybrid model of online and in-  
57 person education leading to general  
58 ordination with certification through  
59 Concordia Seminary St. Louis; and  
60

61 WHEREAS, enrollment in the Cross-  
62 cultural Ministry Center is currently  
63 limited by: 1) A total enrollment of 29  
64 students in the program; 2) where  
65 those students are geographically  
66 located (LCMS Region 5 – Western  
67 US); and 3) A seemingly narrow  
68 definition of "culture crossing" that is  
69 required for enrollment, be it therefore  
70

71 RESOLVED, that the Pacific Southwest  
72 District memorialize the 2023 LCMS  
73 Convention to direct Concordia  
74 Seminary St. Louis to remove the  
75 current limitations for the Cross-cultural  
76 Ministry Center (number of students,  
77 geographical locations of students, and  
78 criteria for culture-crossing ministries)  
79 to enable more men to prepare for the  
80 pastoral ministry.  
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83 Adopted on Feb. 22, 2022  
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85 Mountain View Lutheran Church  
86 Las Vegas, NV  
87 Rev. Derek Klemm



## RESOLUTION 22.1.5

1 **TO celebrate the work of the Mission**  
2 **Training Center (MTC) and encourage**  
3 **congregations to make use of this**  
4 **excellent resource for their ministries**

5  
6 WHEREAS, the Mission Training Center  
7 (MTC) has, for 37 years, been training  
8 men and women in districts of the LCMS  
9 to serve in ministry alongside their  
10 pastors, and

11  
12 WHEREAS, MTC has been a resource  
13 used by many districts to train Parish  
14 Ministry Assistants and Deacons, who  
15 served congregations as Licensed Lay  
16 Deacons, and

17  
18 WHEREAS, MTC was effectively  
19 connected with the Northwest District-  
20 LCMS, and Concordia University,  
21 Portland until its closure, and

22  
23 WHEREAS, the Pacific Southwest,  
24 California-Nevada-Hawaii, and  
25 Northwest Districts, in partnership with  
26 Concordia University Irvine, are now  
27 providing leadership and financial  
28 support for the continued work of MTC  
29 (based in PSD) to benefit congregations  
30 and districts across the Synod, and

31  
32 WHEREAS, districts can no longer  
33 license deacons for congregation-based  
34 Word and Sacrament ministry because of  
35 a decision at the 2016 LCMS  
36 Convention, districts continue to support  
37 and certify the training of deacons, parish  
38 ministry assistants through the work of  
39 the Mission Training Center, supporting  
40 and equipping lay people to partner with  
41 their pastors for ministry and service  
42 within local congregations, outreach,  
43 church planting, and community service,  
44 and therefore be it

45 RESOLVED, that individuals and  
46 congregations within the Pacific  
47 Southwest District renew their  
48 commitment to the Mission Training  
49 Center as a primary resource to prepare  
50 men and women for ministry in their  
51 congregations; and be it further

52  
53 RESOLVED, that the members of the  
54 Pacific Southwest District be encouraged  
55 to promote the use of MTC in their  
56 congregations, pray for the translation of  
57 MTC courses into other languages, and  
58 to become the go-to training platform with  
59 expanded offerings to host on-demand  
60 seminars and courses for elders, church  
61 treasurers, youth leaders, Sunday  
62 School teachers, etc. and be it finally

63  
64 RESOLVED, that the Pacific Southwest  
65 District give thanks to God for the past,  
66 present, and future work of the Mission  
67 Training Center by standing in  
68 convention and singing the common  
69 doxology.

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72 Faith Lutheran Church  
73 Vista, CA  
74 Rev. Mike Hall

## Resolution 22.1.6

1 **To Reconsider the Use of Licensed**  
2 **Lay Deacons in Word and**  
3 **Sacrament Ministry**

4  
5 WHEREAS, there is an increasing  
6 number of congregations who are  
7 unable to support a pastor and his  
8 family on a full time basis, and,  
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10 WHEREAS, Licensed Lay Deacons  
11 served effectively in the Synod from  
12 1989-2016 (with a short pause), and  
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14 WHEREAS, the Synod has changed its  
15 position on the use of Licensed Lay  
16 Deacons in Word and Sacrament ministry  
17 a number of times during these  
18 years: 1989, ministry of LLDs established  
19 at Synod convention (res. 3-05b); 1995,  
20 ministry of LLDs taken back (res. 3-07a)  
21 by requiring LLDs to apply for colloquy;  
22 2001 - ministry of LLDs resurrected (res.  
23 3-08b) and calls for DELTO oversight  
24 committee; 2007, SMP put into play;  
25 2016, LLDs severely limited (res. 13-02a),  
26 and

27  
28 WHEREAS, the number of  
29 congregations facing shared ministry or  
30 potential closure continues to increase,  
31 and  
32

33 WHEREAS, the present technological  
34 resources available to congregations  
35 make supervision of Licensed Lay  
36 Deacons by Ordained Ministers more  
37 accessible and effective, and  
38

39 WHEREAS, the Lutheran Church-  
40 Missouri Synod affirms the Word of  
41 God and the work of the Holy Spirit calls  
42 people to faith in Jesus Christ and  
43 sustains them in that faith, therefore be  
44 it

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46 RESOLVED, that the Pacific Southwest  
47 District would memorialize the 2023  
48 LCMS Convention to establish a Task  
49 Force to reconsider the use of Licensed  
50 Lay Deacons in Word and Sacrament  
51 ministry within its congregations, and  
52 be it further

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54 RESOLVED, that members of the Task  
55 Force specifically include Districts that  
56 have historically made extensive use of  
57 Licensed Lay Deacons in Word and  
58 Sacrament ministry, and be it further

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60 RESOLVED, any use of Licensed Lay  
61 Deacons in Word and Sacrament  
62 ministry must occur under the direct  
63 supervision of an Ordained Minister,  
64 and be it finally

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66 RESOLVED, that the appointed Task  
67 Force study the document, Workers for  
68 His Harvest, submitted by the  
69 Northwest District Board of Directors  
70 following the 2016 Synod Convention.

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73 Adopted on *(date)*  
74 Faith Lutheran Church  
75 Vista, CA  
76 Rev. Michael Hall

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## RESOLUTION 22.1.7

1 **To Encourage and expand support**  
2 **for immigrant and non-Anglo**  
3 **pastoral formation through**  
4 **Learning-In-Ministry, Non-**  
5 **Residential, Distance Programs that**  
6 **lead to Ordination**

7  
8 WHEREAS, Jesus said, “The Harvest  
9 is plentiful, but the laborers are few;  
10 therefore, pray earnestly to the Lord of  
11 the harvest to send out laborers into his  
12 harvest.” (Matthew 9:37-38); and

13  
14 WHEREAS, Jesus set an example of  
15 what a robust theological education  
16 looks like by teaching his disciples  
17 theology while they were, at the exact  
18 same time, engaged in real-world, real-  
19 time, hands-on ministry with him; and

20  
21 WHEREAS, the Apostle Paul educated  
22 and raised up new pastors and leaders  
23 by inviting them to join him and assist  
24 him and work alongside him in real-  
25 world, real-time, hands-on ministry;  
26 and

27  
28 WHEREAS, God is bringing thousands  
29 of new immigrants to our communities  
30 and thereby providing our  
31 congregations with new and vast  
32 harvest fields; and

33  
34 WHEREAS, our Pacific Southwest  
35 District pastors and congregations are  
36 identifying new potential pastoral  
37 leaders in and among these immigrant,  
38 non-Anglo communities; and

39  
40 WHEREAS, the pool of men who are  
41 interested in and gifted for pastoral  
42 ministry and who are, at the same time,

43 able to give up jobs, sell homes, and  
44 relocate their spouse and children to  
45 either St. Louis, Missouri or Ft. Wayne,  
46 Indiana continues to get smaller; and

47  
48 WHEREAS, an unintended  
49 consequence of synod promoting  
50 residential seminary education as the  
51 preferred option for the preparation of  
52 men for pastoral ministry (2019 LCMS  
53 Resolution 6-02) is that non-residential,  
54 immigrant students receive,  
55 proportionally, a lower percentage of  
56 tuition aid from the seminary to cover  
57 the costs of their academic programs  
58 than do residential students; and

59  
60 WHEREAS, pastors of the Lutheran  
61 Church-Missouri Synod are retiring in  
62 larger numbers than ever before  
63 (estimated 1/3 of our Congregations will be  
64 without a Pastor by 2035) and the number  
65 of men entering our seminaries is less than  
66 what is needed to replace these faithful  
67 servants and expand further mission and  
68 ministry; be it therefore

69  
70 *Resolved*, That the District in  
71 convention encourage its pastors,  
72 leaders, and congregations to continue  
73 to cultivate, from our immigrant, non-  
74 Anglo communities, new leaders who  
75 are intentionally engaged in the mission  
76 of God, and be it finally

77  
78 *Resolved*, That the Pacific Southwest  
79 District in convention memorialize the  
80 2023 LCMS Convention to encourage  
81 the seminaries to maintain and  
82 strengthen their non-residential,  
83 learning-in-ministry, distance  
84 programs, and to award financial aid

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85 more equitably toward the students in  
86 these programs.

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89 Loving Savior Lutheran Church

90 Chino Hills, CA

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92 Rev. Andy Wu

**RESOLUTION 22.2.1**

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1	<b>TO Update the Pacific Southwest</b>	44
2	<b>District Bylaws</b>	45
3		46
4	WHEREAS, the constitution of the	47
5	Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod is	48
6	also the constitution of each district of	49
7	Synod; each district is at liberty to	50
8	adopt such bylaws and pass such	51
9	resolution as it deems expedient for its	52
10	conditions, provided that such bylaws	53
11	and resolutions do not conflict with the	54
12	Constitution and bylaws of Synod	55
13	(LCMS Constitution Article XII.2.), and	56
14		57
15	WHEREAS, the Pacific Southwest	58
16	District Bylaws needs updating to	59
17	reflect current language and practice of	60
18	the district, changes in wording and	61
19	practice required by Synod in	62
20	convention, and removal of redundant	63
21	sections of the	64
22	bylaws already covered by Synod's	65
23	bylaws, and	66
24		67
25	WHEREAS, the proposed changes	68
26	have been approved by the Pacific	69
27	Southwest District Board of Directors	70
28	on February 9, 2022 and approved by	71
29	Synod's Commission on Constitutional	72
30	Matters on <u>April 8 – 9, 2022</u> , therefore	73
31	be it	74
32		75
33	RESOLVED, that the Pacific Southwest	76
34	District Bylaws be amended as follows	77
35	(following 16 pages):	78
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37	Adopted on February 9, 2022	80
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39	Pacific Southwest District Board of	82
40	Directors	83
41	Rev. Vince Harman, Chairman BOD	84
42	Rev. Dr. Richard Burkey, Secretary	85
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THAN ALL WE ASK OR THINK Ephesians 3:20-21

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# **Pacific Southwest District**

**The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod**

# **BYLAWS**

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1 **BYLAWS**

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3 **1.0 DISTRICT OFFICERS**

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5 1.1 The district shall elect a president; first, second, third and fourth vice presidents; a secretary; a  
6 treasurer; and a circuit counselor from each authorized district circuit.

7 1.2 The district shall also elect: A

- 8 board of directors  
9 A Church Extension committee chairperson  
10 A committee on constitutions

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12 1.3 Elected Officers

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14 1.3.1 No one in the district, or between the Synod and District, shall hold more than one  
15 elective office; or hold more than two offices, although one or both be appointive; or ever  
16 hold two office of which one is directly responsible for the work done by the other.

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18 1.3.2 No one shall be elected to more than one district office.

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20 1.3.3 No more than two executive officers shall be elected from any one congregation. The  
21 executive offices shall be understood to include the president, the vice-presidents, the  
22 secretary, the treasurer, and members of the Board of Directors.

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24 1.3.4 The term of the office for all elected to district offices shall be three years.

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26 1.3.5 The offices of the president, the first vice president, the secretary, and the treasurer of the  
27 district shall be without limitation as to reelection.

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29 1.3.6 All other elected officers, members of the board, and elected committee members may  
30 serve a total of no more than three successive terms in the same positions.

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32 1.3.7 Any officer, member of the board, or elected committee member may be elected to his  
33 previous position after an interval of three or more years.

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35 1.3.8 Any officer or member of a board, ineligible for reelection, may be elected or  
36 appointed to any other position.

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38 1.3.9 All new officers, the board, and committees will assume their duties in the second month  
39 following the convention elections, and the current officers and the board shall continue to  
40 serve until that time, except that members elected to the board of regents of Concordia





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41 University Irvine take office at the close of the district convention at which they are elected.  
42 (Synod Bylaw 3.2.4.)

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### 1.4 Vacancies

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1.4.1 A vacancy in the office of the presidency shall be filled by the first vice president.

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1.4.2 A vacancy in any vice presidency shall be filled by advancing the lower- ranking vice presidents. The remaining vacancy shall then be filled by the president from the nominees left after the previous election, according to the number of votes received.

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1.4.3 A vacancy in the office of secretary or treasurer shall be filled by appointment by the Board of Directors.

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1.4.4 A vacancy in the office of circuit counselor shall be filled by appointment by the district president.

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1.4.5 A vacancy in any other office shall be filled by appointment by the district president in consultation with the appropriate body.

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### 1.4 Procedures for Nominating and Electing

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1.4.1 All officers shall be elected at each convention.

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#### 1.4.1.1 President

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##### 1.4.1.1.1 Nominations

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1.4.1.1.1 Six months prior to the District Convention, the secretary of the district will request from all congregations of the district the nomination of up to two ordained ministers from the clergy roster of the Synod for the office of District President.

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1.4.1.1.2 The candidates receiving the three highest total number of nominations who are willing to serve if elected shall be on the ballot for District President.

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1.4.1.1.3 The biographical information of the three nominees as well as

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84 mission and vision statements from the candidates will be  
85 printed in the convention workbook for prayer and study by  
86 the delegates.

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88 1.4.1.1.4 The election of District President will occur during the first  
89 session of the District Convention.

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92 1.4.1.2 Vice Presidents

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94 1.4.1.2.1 Candidates for these offices shall be listed on the Clergy Roster of The  
95 District and shall hold membership in a congregation of the region  
96 represented.

97 1.4.1.2.2 Vice presidents shall be elected to serve the following

98 Region 1	Circuits 1-6
99 Region 2	Circuits <del>7-11, 17, 20</del> 7-9, 15, 18
100 Region 3	Circuits <del>12-16, 18,</del> <del>19, 21-24</del> 10-14, 16,
101 17, 19, 20-23	
102 Region 4	Circuits <del>25-32</del> 24-30

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108 1.4.1.2.3 Nominations for each of the four regional vice presidents shall  
109 be made by the congregations within each region. Six months  
110 prior to the District Convention, **the district office shall supply**  
111 **to the congregations of each region a list of eligible ordained**  
112 **ministers who are members of member congregations of the**  
113 **region.** Each congregation may nominate from this list two  
114 ordained ministers. The four nominees for each region, who  
115 receive the most nominations and, who with their consent to  
116 serve, shall be placed upon the convention ballot and  
117 information about each candidate shall be published prior to  
118 the convention.

119  
120 1.4.1.2.4 Following the elections of the four regional vice presidents,  
121 another ballot election shall be conducted to determine, by  
122 majority vote, the positions of the vice presidents. The  
123 names of the four vice presidents shall be listed on the ballot  
124 in alphabetical order without reference to their regions  
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126 1.4.2 The Circuit ~~counselors~~ *Visitors* shall be elected ~~in the following manner:~~ *according*  
127 *to the procedure outlined in LCMS Bylaw 5.2.1 – 5.2.2.1 (2019 LCMS Handbook)*

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129 ~~1.4.2.1 Nominating~~

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131 ~~1.4.2.1.1 Every voting congregation of each circuit shall nominate as~~  
132 ~~candidates for the office of circuit counselor two men from the~~  
133 ~~clergy roster of the Synod. Nominations may also be suggested~~  
134 ~~by the district president." The nominations shall be made at~~  
135 ~~least six months prior to the elections and shall be submitted to~~  
136 ~~the~~  
137 ~~current Circuit Counselor.~~

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139 ~~1.4.2.1.2 Selection of the circuit counselor shall be done in a Circuit~~  
140 ~~Forum convened by the circuit counselor. Each congregation~~  
141 ~~of the circuit sends a pastoral and lay delegate who votes for~~  
142 ~~the circuit counselor.~~

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144 ~~1.4.2.2 Ratification~~

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146 ~~1.4.2.2.1 The convention shall have the right to alter the slate by~~  
147 ~~amendment.~~

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149 ~~1.4.2.2.2 The convention shall then ratify the slate of circuit counselor,~~  
150 ~~which ratification shall constitute election.~~

151  
152 1.4.3 The district representative on the Synod's Committee for Convention  
153 Nominations shall be elected ~~in the following manner:~~ *according to the*  
154 *schedule and process in LCMS Bylaw 3.12.3 - 3.12.3.3.*

155  
156 ~~1.4.3.1 The District Convention shall elect a representative to serve on~~  
157 ~~Synod's Committee for Convention Nominations.~~

158  
159 ~~1.4.3.2 The district will be informed by Synod whether it is to elect a church~~  
160 ~~worker (ordained or commissioned member of the Synod) or a~~  
161 ~~lay person. The alternate should be in the same category.~~

162  
163 1.4.4 Board of Regents, Concordia University Irvine shall be elected in the  
164 following manner:

165  
166 1.4.4.1 The district shall elect four members for the Board of Regents, Concordia  
167 University Irvine—one ordained minister, one commissioned minister,  
168 and two lay persons.

169  
170 1.4.4.2 Members of the Board of Regents shall serve three-year terms,

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171 renewable twice.

172  
173 1.4.5 The nominating and election procedures shall include the following:

174  
175 1.4.5.1 Prior to each district convention each regional vice president shall  
176 appoint from his region at least two ordained ministers, two  
177 laypersons, and two commissioned ministers to stand for election to  
178 the District Nominating Committee. The District Convention shall elect  
179 from each region one pastor, one lay person, and one commissioned  
180 minister who shall serve on the 12- member Nominating Committee for  
181 the following District Convention. The committee shall choose its  
182 chairperson at its first meeting.

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184 1.4.5.2 The committee shall elicit from all nominees for office, prior to the  
185 convention, an indication of their willingness to serve if elected. The slate  
186 of nominees, including the qualifications of each person nominated, shall  
187 be included in each convention packet, and these materials shall be  
188 ~~mailed~~ distributed to each lay delegate, pastoral delegate, and ~~to each~~  
189 advisory ~~member~~ delegate and ~~to each pastor~~ at least one month before  
190 the convention begins.

191  
192 1.4.5.2.1 Additions to the slate of nominees may be made from the  
193 floor by voting delegates, with the consent of the person so  
194 nominated.

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196 1.4.5.3 The president shall appoint a committee of nine members—three  
197 pastors, two commissioned ministers, and four laypersons—to conduct  
198 and supervise all elections.

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201 1.4.5.4 This committee shall have the privilege of the floor at the discretion  
202 of the convention chairman.

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204 1.4.5.5 A majority of all votes cast shall be required to elect. The result of each  
205 ballot shall be announced to the convention.  
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207 **2.0 BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

208  
209 2.1 Shall consist of sixteen members: the president, the four vice-presidents, the secretary,  
210 the treasurer, one layperson and one commissioned minister from each region and the  
211 chairperson of the LCEF Board.

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213 2.2 Nomination

214 Six months prior to the District Convention, the secretary of the district will request  
215 nominations for all board positions with regional representation being achieved as

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216 follows: Each congregation in a region will be invited to nominate up to two people  
217 for commissionedminister and up to two lay people from their region. All who are  
218 nominated must be a member of a parish in their region. The individuals receiving  
219 the four highest numbers of nominations from each region will be placed on the  
220 ballot for election by the entire convention.

221  
222 **2.2.1** If an elected member of the board ~~would move out of their region~~ *changes their*  
223 *membership to a congregation outside their region* during their term of office,  
224 ~~the position would be vacated~~ and a new candidate from the region would be  
225 appointed as outlined in the District By-laws. ~~(this change is necessitated due to~~  
226 ~~Synod Constitution change)~~

227  
228 2.3 The Board of Directors shall:

229  
230 2.3.1 Develop policies to facilitate the efficient functioning of the district as it carries  
231 out itsmission.

232  
233 2.3.2 Be the legal representative of the district and the custodians of all property of  
234 the district, and it shall be responsible for the general management of the  
235 district, actingon its behalf, between conventions.

236  
237 2.3.3 Employ ~~an Executive Team Leader~~ *a Chief Operating Officer* to carry out the  
238 administration functions of the district according to the policies established by  
239 the Board of Directors and under thedirection of the district president.

240  
241 2.3.4 Elect, immediately following each convention, a chairperson from the elected  
242 Boardmembers, and meet regularly according to its needs.

243  
244 2.3.5 Approve or disapprove of all appeals for money of a general nature to be  
245 made tocongregations or individuals, not previously authorized by the  
246 district.

247  
248 2.3.6 Keep on file an accurate inventory of all properties, legacies, and other  
249 valuabledocuments of the district.

250  
251 2.3.7 Be authorized to draw upon the district treasury for its expenses.

252  
253 2.3.8 Be accountable to the District Convention for all its transactions. Any decisions of  
254 theboard may be appealed to the District Convention.

255  
256 2.4 Fidelity bonds shall be provided for the Treasurer, the ~~assistant to the treasurer~~ Chief  
257 Financial Officer, and other district personnel as determined by the Board of  
258 Directors.

259 2.5 The president and the secretary of the district shall be empowered and instructed to sign  
260 all legal documents in the name of the district. The treasurer shall be empowered to sign  
261 legal documents in the absence of the secretary, and the first vice president in the

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262 absence of the president. *Other District personnel can be designated by the Board of*  
263 *Directors.*  
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265 **3.0 DISTRICT CONVENTIONS**

266 3.1 The district president shall be responsible for the organization of the District Convention.

267 3.2 The convention shall meet during the calendar year preceding the year in which there  
268 is anational synodical convention.  
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270 3.3 Convention Expenses  
271

272 3.3.1 All congregations of the district shall be urged to include in their budgets the  
273 convention expenses of their respective pastors, commissioned ministers, and  
274 laydelegates.  
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276 3.3.2 All congregations of the district *are asked to include* in their budgets the  
277 assessment for convention general expenses as determined by the Board of  
278 Directors.  
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280 3.4 Reports and Overtures  
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282 3.4.1 Reports to the convention by district committees as well as overtures shall **be**  
283 **sent** to the district president.  
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285 3.4.2 The district president shall assign overtures to convention committees.  
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287 3.4.3 The Convention Proceedings shall be maintained as part of the permanent  
288 records of the district.  
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290 3.5 Convention Committees  
291

292 Prior to the convention, the district president shall appoint floor committees. The  
293 district president shall name the chairperson. Each committee shall select its own  
294 secretary from itsmembers.  
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296 3.5.1 The chairperson of each committee shall arrange for meetings to  
297 consider thereports and overtures assigned to it by the district president.  
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299 3.5.2 Each committee shall consult with the chairperson of appropriate committees,  
300 taskforces, and staff concerning ministry related to the committee's subject  
301 area.  
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303 3.5.3 Each committee shall submit its report and recommendations to the convention.  
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308 3.5.4 Additional convention committees shall be appointed by the district  
309 president as required.  
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### 312 4.0 DISTRICT CONFERENCES

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314 4.1 All professional workers on the Synodical roster shall attend official conferences in  
315 accord with ~~synodical regulations~~ *Synod bylaw 4.8.2*.

316

317 4.2 All congregations of the district *are encouraged to include* in their annual  
318 budgets the conference expenses of their professional workers.

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320 4.3 Conference for All Ordained Ministers

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322 4.3.1 The Conference for All Ordained Ministers shall meet annually ~~in the fall~~  
323 and be governed by its own procedures and bylaws.

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325 4.4 Conference for All Commissioned Ministers

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327 4.4.1 The Conference for All Commissioned Ministers shall meet annually ~~in the fall~~ and  
328 be governed by its own procedures and bylaws.

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330 4.5 Joint Conference for All Ordained and Commissioned Ministers

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332 4.5.1 A joint Conference for all ordained and commissioned  
333 ministers may be called at the discretion of the Conference  
334 for All Ordained Ministers and the Conference for all  
335 Commissioned Ministers.

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339 4.6 Circuit Visitors' Conference

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341 4.6.1 The Circuit Visitors' Conference shall meet twice a year.

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343 ~~5.0 PRESIDENT, VICE PRESIDENT, CIRCUIT COUNSELORS,  
344 SECRETARY, TREASURER, EXECUTIVE TEAM LEADER, AND  
345 REGIONAL MISSION FACILITATORS~~

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### 347 **5.0 DISTRICT OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE STAFF MEMBERS**

348

349 5.1 The duties of the President, Vice Presidents, Circuit ~~counselors~~ *Visitors*, Secretary, and  
350 Treasurer shall be as outlined in the Synodical Handbook except as supplemented in

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351 these Bylaws.

352  
353 5.2 The Vice Presidents shall fulfill their responsibilities as directed by the President.

354  
355 5.3 The ~~executive team leader~~ *Chief Operating Officer* is responsible for the overall  
356 administration of the Pacific Southwest District office, ~~the support, and coordination of~~  
357 ~~the regional mission facilitators~~. The ~~executive team leader~~ *Chief Operating Officer* shall  
358 work under the direction of the District President. The general duties of the ~~executive~~  
359 ~~team leader~~ *the Chief Operating Officer* are listed in the job description for the position.

360  
361 5.4 ~~Regional mission facilitators~~ *The Executive Director of School Ministries, Mission and*  
362 *Ministry Executive and Chief Financial Officer* will serve ~~groups of the congregations and~~  
363 ~~schools of the District, by~~ effectively resourcing ~~them~~ *congregations and schools* to carry  
364 out their mission and ministry. These ~~facilitators~~ *Executive Staff members* are  
365 accountable to the District President for the administration of their positions.

366  
367 5.5 The ~~regional mission facilitators~~ *The Chief Operating Officer, Executive Director of*  
368 *School Ministries, Mission and Ministry Executive, and Chief Financial Officer*, shall be  
369 given calls or contracts with a limited tenure of four years, *renewable* by the Board of  
370 Directors upon recommendation by the District President. *The four-year period begins*  
371 *July 1 in the year following each District Convention.*

372  
373 5.6 *The Board of Directors, in consultation with the District President, may establish, hire,*  
374 *and call other Executive and Support Staff Positions as needed.*

375 ~~5.5.1—The positions of regional mission facilitators and executive team leader shall be~~  
376 ~~filled from lists of candidates submitted by district congregations, and members~~  
377 ~~of the Board of Directors and others in the LCMS.~~

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379 5.6.1 The *job descriptions and* renumeration package for ~~these all~~ positions shall be  
380 established by the *District President in consultation with the* Board of  
381 Directors.

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383 ~~5.5.2 The general duties of the regional mission facilitators these positions shall be as~~  
384 ~~outlined in their separate job descriptions by the District President in consultation~~  
385 ~~with the Board of Directors. for these positions.~~

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387 ~~5.6.2—The job descriptions for these all positions shall be prepared by the District~~  
388 ~~President in consultation with the Board of Directors.~~

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391 **6.0 FISCAL OFFICE**

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393 6.1 Accounting for all District funds shall be under the direction of the Treasurer. It  
394 shall be the duty of the treasurer *to work in direct partnership with the Chief*



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395 *Financial Officer of the District:*

- 396  
397 6.1.1 To maintain all records, which reflect the financial condition of the district  
398 at all,times.  
399  
400 6.1.2 To receive all monies for budget and non-budget purposes of the district or  
401 Synodand issue receipts for the same.  
402  
403 6.1.3 To deposit all monies in the name of the district in the bank(s) designated  
404 by theBoard of Directors.  
405  
406 6.1.4 To issue and co-sign checks covering district expenses.  
407  
6.1.4.1 Each of the following persons shall be authorized to co-sign  
408 checks:~~Controller~~ *Chief Financial Officer*  
409 President  
410 One of the Vice  
411 Presidents  
412 Secretary  
413 ~~Executive Team Leader~~ *Chief Operating Officer*  
414  
415 6.1.4.2 In case of the absence of the treasurer any two of the above  
416 shall beauthorized to sign.  
417  
418 6.1.4.3 All persons authorized to sign checks shall be bonded at district expense.  
419  
420 6.1.5 To submit all District financial records at least once a year to a licensed and  
421 reputable auditing firm as selected by the Board of Directors, or whenever  
422 requiredby the Board of Directors.  
423  
424 6.1.6 To cause the report of the audit(s) to be submitted to the Board of Directors  
425 and tothe District Convention.  
426  
427 6.1.7 Be the custodian of all the valuable papers, *securely* keeping the same under the  
428 name of the district ~~in the fireproof vault~~.  
429 6.1.8 Report regularly to the ~~executive team leader~~ *Chief Operating Officer*, to the  
430 Board of Directors, and to the District Convention on matters of the district  
431 budget and finances.  
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433 **7.0 CIRCUIT FORUMS** *(Remove this section entirely. Covered by Synod*  
434 *Bylaws 5.3 – 5.4)*

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436 ~~7.1 Statement of Purpose~~  
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- 438 ~~7.1.1—The Circuit Forum shall serve as a setting to review and evaluate programs,~~
- 439 ~~plans and long-range directions of the district and the Synod and thus~~
- 440 ~~participate in the triennial process of suggesting, developing and attaining the~~
- 441 ~~Synod's priorities and goals.~~
- 442
- 443 ~~7.1.2—The Circuit Forums shall examine the needs of the congregations within their~~
- 444 ~~circuits, and their general community, and relate these needs in a written format~~
- 445 ~~to the district president's office, at least two (2) months prior to the district Goal~~
- 446 ~~Setting Conference.~~
- 447
- 448 ~~7.1.3—The Circuit Forum shall invite the district president, or a member of his staff, to~~
- 449 ~~attend one Circuit Forum meeting every three years in order to share the hopes~~
- 450 ~~and needs of circuit, the district, and the Synod.~~
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- 452 ~~7.2—Organization and Meetings~~
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- 454 ~~7.2.1—Each Circuit Forum shall consist of one pastor and one lay member from~~
- 455 ~~each congregation of the circuit. The circuit lay delegate to the Synodical~~
- 456 ~~Conventions shall function as an advisory member.~~
- 457
- 458 ~~7.2.2—Additional officers, as required, shall be elected by the Circuit Forums.~~
- 459
- 460 ~~7.2.3—The circuit counselor shall ordinarily serve as the chairman of the circuit~~
- 461 ~~forum, providing guidance, direction, coordination to the plans and~~
- 462 ~~programs, which the forum intends to implement.~~
- 463
- 464 ~~7.2.4—The Circuit Forum membership shall be elected by the congregations in the~~
- 465 ~~year following the district convention.~~
- 466
- 467 ~~7.2.5—The chairperson of each Circuit Forum shall be the presiding officer of all~~
- 468 ~~Circuit Forum meetings.~~
- 469
- 470 ~~7.2.6.1 In the absence of the chairperson, the forum shall be empowered to~~
- 471 ~~appoint an acting chairperson from its membership.~~
- 472
- 473 ~~7.2.6—Each Circuit Forum may appoint Standing Committees as needed.~~
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- 475 ~~7.2.6.1—As specific needs arise, additional standing committees may be~~
- 476 ~~formed at the discretion of the Circuit Forum.~~
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- 478 ~~7.2.6.2 Standing committee chairpersons shall be appointed by the~~
- 479 ~~chairperson of each Circuit Forum.~~
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- 481 ~~7.2.6—These standing committees shall research the needs of~~
- 482 ~~congregations in their circuit and implement district programs, or~~
- 483 ~~design programs of their own, to meet these needs.~~

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~~7.2.6.4 The standing committees shall report to their Circuit Forum at each regular meeting.~~

~~7.2.7—Each Circuit Forum meets as follows:~~

~~7.2.7.1 The Circuit Forum shall meet at least four (4) times per year or as often as necessary to plan and carry out its responsibilities.~~

~~7.2.7.2 The chairperson shall be empowered to call special meetings as required.~~

~~7.2.7.3 Standing committees shall meet during regular Circuit Forum meetings and as often as necessary to plan and implement programs.~~

## 8.0 STANDING COMMITTEES

### 8.1 Committee on Constitutions

8.1.1 The district shall elect a Committee on Constitutions composed of two ordained ministers and one layman.

8.1.2 All new and revised constitutions of the congregations the district are to be reviewed by this committee, in accordance with the synodical Bylaws.

8.1.3 The Committee on Constitutions shall examine the constitution and bylaws of congregations to ascertain that they are in harmony with Holy Scripture, the Confessions and the teachings and practices of the Synod in order that any necessary changes may be made by the congregation before the application is acted upon.

8.1.4 If at any time there is a disagreement between the committee and the congregation applying for membership on any scriptural doctrine or Synod policy that cannot be resolved by the district president or Board of Directors, and if the Board of Directors denies the application, the district president shall submit the application to the next convention of the district (Synod Bylaw 2.3.1 [c]).

8.1.5 The committee will also suggest such improvements in congregations and organizations constitutions and bylaws as will better serve the administration of their affairs.

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~~8.2—Mission Committee~~

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~~8.2.1 The Mission Committee shall consist of a representative from each region appointed by the district president in consultations with the region's vice president.~~

~~8.2.2 The committee shall assist the regional directors and vice presidents in enabling the congregations to carry out the mission activities of each region and the district.~~

*8.2 District and Regional Mission Councils*

*8.2.1 The District Mission Council (DMC) shall consist of a representative from each region and each special affinity circuit (Affinity Circuits can be gatherings of specific culture pastors, groups reflecting similar ministry environments - large church or small church pastors, pastors engaged in church planting, etc.) appointed by the district president in consultations with the regional vice presidents and the district mission and ministry staff.*

*8.2.2 The District Mission Council (DMC) shall assist the district president and staff in setting the overall district mission strategy and equipping the Regional Mission Councils, circuits, local congregations, and schools to carry out the mission activities within the district in each region. The DMC will report on the status of all mission activity to the district president and board of directors.*

*8.2.3 The Regional Mission Councils (RMC) shall consist of a representative from each electoral and affinity circuit operating in the region. The RMC Chair shall be appointed by the district president in consultations with the local RMC members, regional vice presidents and the district mission and ministry staff.*

*8.2.4 The Regional Mission Councils shall assist the district president and staff in the local distribution of an annual budget allocation from the District Board of Directors. The RMC will provide ongoing encouragement and support to all grantees, connections to coaching and mentoring, as well as accountability for the proper use of funds. The RMC will report on the status of all mission activity to the DMC.*

8.3 Church Extension Committee

8.3.1 The District Convention shall elect a chairperson who shall be a layperson. The

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566 remainder of the committee, *as at* a minimum, shall consist of *at least one*  
567 *ordained minister who is currently serving a congregation of the district who is*  
568 *a member of the Pacific Southwest District* and one representative from each  
569 region. Each is appointed by the ~~district president~~ *LCEF District Vice President*  
570 in consultation with the ~~region's vice president~~ *district president*. ~~All~~  
571 ~~appointments are to be subject to consultation with the Lutheran Church~~  
572 ~~Extension Fund vice president for the district.~~

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574 8.3.2 The committee shall assist congregations by approving real estate  
575 loans in conformity with the policies of Lutheran Church Extension  
576 Fund.

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578 ~~8.3.3 The committee shall assist congregations by having developed and~~  
579 ~~implemented a program to encourage individuals and congregations to~~  
580 ~~participate and invest in the Lutheran Church Extension Fund.~~

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582 8.4 Youth & Family Ministry Committee

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584 8.4.1 The committee shall provide planning and leadership for district youth & family  
585 ministry events and training events/conferences.

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587 8.4.2 The committee shall provide an avenue for youth selected for District ~~LYF (Lutheran~~  
588 ~~Youth Fellowship)~~ *Youth leadership* positions to be involved in leadership experiences.

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590 8.4.3 The ~~council~~ *committee* membership:

591 8.4.3.1 The chairperson shall be nominated by district staff and appointed by the  
592 District President.

593 8.4.3.2 One adult representative each from Arizona, Nevada and California be  
594 nominated by the ~~area DCE groups~~ *committee*.

595 8.4.3.3 Six high school youth, ~~selected~~ *recruited to district LYF youth*  
596 *committee positions through district youth ministry events or trainings*.

597 8.4.3.4 Project directors and coordinators, selected by the Youth &  
598 *Family* Committee, to serve as committee chair or coordinators for district youth  
599 activities.

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601 8.4.4 The committee shall normally meet three times a year.  
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603 8.5 Committee on Stewardship

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605 8.5.1 The District President shall appoint a District Committee on Stewardship to  
606 work inconjunction with the Synod’s Department of Stewardship to assist and  
607 advise localcongregations with the development and promotion of an adequate  
608 stewardship program.

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610 9.0 TASK FORCES

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612 9.1 Task forces may be developed for specific purposes at the discretion of the  
613 district president, regional mission facilitators, Board of Directors, or standing  
614 committees. Task forces function under the direction of the person or group  
615 that appointed them.The task forces may be regional or for the district as a  
616 whole.

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618 9.2 Task forces should be chartered with a specific purpose and task and  
619 include aspecific ending time.

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621 10.0 PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

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623 10.1 The Constitution and Bylaws of the Synod, the Bylaws of the District, any special  
624 rules of order the District may adopt, and the rules contained in the current  
625 edition of Robert’s Rules of Order, Newly Revised shall govern the district as  
626 parliamentary authorities wherever they are applicable and in decreasing order  
627 of precedence as listed.

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629 11.0 SPECIAL RULE OF ORDER

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631 11.1 The following special rule of order shall apply to the proceedings in the district:

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633 11.1.1 If a substitute motion is made and seconded the presenter shall be  
634 offered two minutes to provide the rationale for presenting the motion.  
635 The convention shall then first decide by majority vote without debate  
636 whether ornot to consider the substitute motion. If the decision is in the  
637 affirmative and the substitute motion is subsequently adopted, the  
638 original motion fails; if thesubstitute motion does not receive favorable  
639 action either to consider or to adopt, the original motion is again before  
640 the convention.

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642 12.0 AMENDMENTS TO THE BYLAWS

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644 12.1 These Bylaws may be amended as follows:

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646 12.1.1 At a meeting of the District Convention by a majority vote provided that the  
647 amendment has been submitted in the Convention Workbook or in the  
648 Unprinted Reports and Overtures for that meeting and the delegates have a  
649 minimum of one night to review it. Prior review and approval by the  
650 Commission on Constitutional Matters will be required. When prior approval is  
651 not possible, actions taken will not become effective until and unless such  
652 approval has been obtained.

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654 12.1.2 At a meeting of the Board of Directors by a majority vote upon the  
655 express direction of the District Convention to amend the Bylaws to  
656 implement a specific resolution adopted by the convention. Prior  
657 review and approval by the Commission on Constitutional Matters will  
658 be required. When prior approval is not possible, actions taken will not  
659 become effective until and unless such approval has been obtained.

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661 12.1.3 *When necessitated by amendments to the Synod Constitution or*  
662 *Bylaws or otherwise expressly directed by a resolution of the Synod in*  
663 *convention, amendments may be made by a two-third's majority of the*  
664 *District Board of Directors. Such amendments shall be drafted by the*  
665 *District Secretary in partnership with the District Committee on*  
666 *Constitutions and shall be reviewed in advance by the LCMS*  
667 *Commission on Constitutional Matters.*

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## RESOLUTION 22.2.2

1 **To Realign the Las Vegas and**  
2 **River Circuits**

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4 WHEREAS, The Pacific Southwest  
5 District Circuits 29, 30, and "River  
6 Circuit" have determined that it is  
7 beneficial for their shared ministry  
8 and geographical proximity to realign  
9 the congregations into two circuits,  
10 therefore be it

11  
12 RESOLVED, That the Pacific  
13 Southwest District in convention  
14 approve the Circuit  
15 Realignment

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17 **FROM:**

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19 **Circuit 29 – Region 4**

20 Kingman – Good Shepherd  
21 Lake Havasu City – Lamb of God  
22 Las Vegas - Faith Community  
23 Las Vegas – Lamb of God  
24 Las Vegas – Mountain View  
25 Needles – Grace  
26 Las Vegas - Oromo Lutheran

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28 **Circuit 29 River Circuit – Region 4**

29 Bullhead City – St. John Evangelical

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31 **Circuit 30 – Region 4**

32 Boulder City – Christ  
33 Henderson – Grace  
34 Henderson – Our Savior's  
35 Las Vegas – First Good Shepherd  
36 Las Vegas – Redeemer  
37 Mesquite – Mesquite  
38 Pahrump – Shepherd of the Valley

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46 **TO:**

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48 **Circuit 29 – Region 4**

49 Henderson – Grace  
50 Las Vegas – First Good Shepherd  
51 Las Vegas – Lamb of God  
52 Las Vegas – Mountain View  
53 Mesquite – Mesquite  
54 Pahrump – Shepherd of the Valley  
55 Redeemer – Las Vegas

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57 **Circuit 30 – Region 4**

58 Boulder City – Christ  
59 Bullhead City – St. John  
60 Henderson – Our Savior  
61 Las Vegas – Faith Community  
62 Las Vegas – Oromo Lutheran  
63 Kingman – Good Shepherd  
64 Lake Havasu City – Lamb of God  
65 Needles - Grace

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68 Adopted on February 9, 2022

69 Pacific Southwest District

70 Board of Directors

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## RESOLUTION 22.2.3

1 **To Strengthen the Nonvoting**  
2 **Advisory Delegate Participation at**  
3 **(District) Conventions**

4  
5 WHEREAS; Currently there are 12,010  
6 Ministers of Religion - Commissioned  
7 (Church Worker Update System March  
8 2021) who serve the mission and  
9 ministry of congregations, schools, child  
10 development centers, camps,  
11 compassion centers and mission  
12 worked throughout the national and  
13 global mission fields; and

14  
15 WHEREAS; The current structure of the  
16 Synod does not allow for a third  
17 category of voting delegates at District  
18 and Synod conventions (Synod  
19 Handbook: Article IX, Article XIL10b);  
20 and

21  
22 WHEREAS; the Synod highly values  
23 commissioned ministers for their  
24 eagerness to serve the Lord and His  
25 Church (2019 Resolution 19-17 To  
26 Study Voting Privilege in the LCMS p.  
27 201 of 2019 LCMS Convention  
28 Proceedings); and

29  
30 WHEREAS; Ministers of Religion –  
31 Commissioned are considered Advisory  
32 Members with representation, voice, but  
33 no vote at conventions of Districts and  
34 Synod, “along with those ordained  
35 ministers not eligible for election as a  
36 voting delegate” under  
37 Bylaw3.1.2.1(d)...(p.101 Handbook  
38 2019) with representation, voice, but no  
39 vote at conventions of Districts and  
40 Synod; and

41  
42 WHEREAS; four districts (Northern  
43 Illinois, Nebraska, Midsouth, and Pacific  
44 Southwest) utilize the voice and  
45 guidance of their commissioned workers

46 in district convention through a non-  
47 counted advisory member vote; and

48  
49 WHEREAS; this honors the bylaw and  
50 structure of Convention while allowing  
51 the Nonvoting Advisory Delegate voice  
52 to be heard and their vote recognized;  
53 therefore be it

54  
55 Resolved, That the Pacific Southwest  
56 District, LCMS affirm the trial practice of  
57 the 2022 PSD Convention (supported by  
58 the PSD Board of Directors) to enable  
59 Nonvoting Advisory Commissioned  
60 Minister Delegates to provide a  
61 preliminary advisory vote on all non-  
62 election, convention actions, and be it  
63 further

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65 Resolved, that this becomes a regular  
66 practice of the Pacific Southwest District  
67 starting with the next District Convention  
68 in 2025, and be it finally

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70 Resolved, That the Pacific Southwest  
71 District, LCMS in convention  
72 memorialize the 2023 Synod  
73 Convention to pass a like-minded  
74 resolution, encouraging other Districts to  
75 do the same, and implementing this  
76 practice at the Synodical Convention in  
77 2026.

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## RESOLUTION 22.2.4

1 **To: Reduce the required numbers of**  
2 **congregations and communicant**  
3 **members in an electoral circuit**

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5 WHEREAS, in preparation for a  
6 Synodical convention, creation of  
7 electoral circuits out of existing visitation  
8 circuits is required, and

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10 WHEREAS, electoral circuits meet as  
11 required by the Bylaws of the Synod to  
12 elect pastoral and lay circuit voting  
13 delegates (LCMS Bylaw 3.1.2), and

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15 WHEREAS, electoral circuits are  
16 required to consist of 7 to 20 member  
17 congregations with an aggregate  
18 confirmed membership ranging from  
19 1,500 to 10,000 (3.1.2.a), and

20  
21 WHEREAS, many visitation circuits (the  
22 usual geographic gathering of  
23 congregations within a district) do not  
24 meet the required electoral circuit  
25 threshold of 7 to 20 congregations and  
26 an aggregate membership of 1,500 to  
27 10,000 due to declining congregational  
28 membership and closure in some cases,  
29 and are therefore required to combine  
30 with an adjacent visitation circuit to meet  
31 the required threshold and form an  
32 electoral circuit (3.1.2.a), and

33  
34 WHEREAS, in preparation for the 2019  
35 Synodical Convention, 165 out of 622  
36 visitation circuits Synod-wide were  
37 identified as too small to fit the  
38 parameters for electoral circuits (over  
39 25%), and

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41 WHEREAS, an increasing number of  
42 requests for exceptions to these  
43 requirements are made by District

44 Boards of Directors to the President of  
45 Synod (3.1.2.b), and

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47 WHEREAS, adherence to these  
48 numbers and the combining of visitation  
49 circuits to form electoral circuits  
50 significantly reduces the representation  
51 and voice of the members of Synod at  
52 its national convention, therefore be it

53  
54 RESOLVED, that the Pacific Southwest  
55 District memorialize the 2023 LCMS  
56 Convention to reduce the threshold  
57 requirements for an electoral circuit to 5  
58 to 20 congregations and an aggregate  
59 membership of 750 to 10,000.

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62 Adopted on February 9, 2022

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64 Pacific Southwest District Board of  
65 Directors  
66 Rev. Vince Harman, Chairman BOD  
67 Rev. Dr. Richard Burkey, Secretary  
68 BOD



## RESOLUTION 22.2.5

1 **TO: Apply Term Limits to the** 46  
2 **President, the First Vice President,** 47 Adopted on November 18, 2021  
3 **the Secretary, and the Treasurer of** 48  
4 **the Pacific Southwest District.** 49 Pacific Southwest District Circuit 26  
5 50 Rev. Gregory Werdin  
6 WHEREAS, the saints of the Pacific 51 Circuit Visitor  
7 Southwest District of The Lutheran 52  
8 Church—Missouri Synod give thanks for 53  
9 persons willing to use their gifts and  
10 abilities to serve as president, the first  
11 vice president, the secretary, and the  
12 treasurer; and  
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14 WHEREAS, term limits provide an  
15 opportunity to utilize the gifts and  
16 abilities of a greater number of qualified  
17 persons; and  
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19 WHEREAS, there is an optimal balance  
20 between experience in an office and  
21 healthy turnover in that office; and  
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23 WHEREAS, the Synod has already  
24 seen wisdom in limiting the tenure of  
25 those who serve in office by Synodical  
26 Bylaw 3.2.4.2, which limits board and  
27 commission members of Synod to two  
28 consecutive six- year terms; and  
29 WHEREAS, there are districts of Synod  
30 that already term limit their district  
31 president and/or Praesidium; therefore  
32 be it  
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34 RESOLVED, That Pacific Southwest  
35 District Bylaw 1.3.5 be amended as  
36 follows: ~~PRESENT~~/PROPOSED  
37 WORDING 1.3.5 The offices of the  
38 president, the first vice president, the  
39 secretary, and the treasurer of the  
40 district shall be ~~without limitation~~ limited  
41 to four 3-year terms as to reelection.  
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## RESOLUTION 22.2.6

1 **TO: Apply Term Limits to the**  
2 **President, the First Vice-President,**  
3 **Regional Vice-Presidents, and**  
4 **Secretary of Synod**

5  
6 WHEREAS, the saints of the Pacific  
7 Southwest District of The Lutheran  
8 Church—Missouri Synod give thanks  
9 for the men willing to use their gifts and  
10 abilities to serve as President, the First  
11 Vice-President, regional vice-  
12 presidents, and Secretary; and

13  
14 WHEREAS, the positions of Synod  
15 President and First Vice- President are  
16 full-time elected positions recognized  
17 as solemn calls in the *Handbook*  
18 (Bylaw 3.11.1 [a]); and

19  
20 WHEREAS, term limits provide an  
21 opportunity to utilize the gifts and  
22 abilities of a greater number of qualified  
23 men; and

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25 WHEREAS, there is an optimal balance  
26 between experience in office and  
27 healthy turnover in office; and

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29 WHEREAS, the Synod has already  
30 seen wisdom in limiting the tenure of  
31 those who serve in office by Bylaw  
32 3.2.4.2, which limits board and  
33 commission members of Synod to two  
34 consecutive six- year terms; and

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36 WHEREAS, There are districts of  
37 Synod that already term limit their  
38 district president and/or Praesidium;  
39 therefore be it

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41 RESOLVED, That Bylaw 3.2.4.1 be  
42 amended as follows:

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44 PRESENT/PROPOSED WORDING  
45 3.2.4.1 The offices of President, the  
46 First Vice-President, regional vice-  
47 presidents, and Secretary shall be  
48 without limitation limited to four 3-year  
49 terms as to reelection.

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51 Adopted on November 18, 2021  
52 Pacific Southwest District Circuit 26  
53 Rev. Gregory Werdin  
54 Circuit Visitor

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## RESOLUTION 22.3.1

1 **To Give Thanks To God For The**  
2 **Faithful Ministry Of The Ordained**  
3 **And Commissioned Ministers And**  
4 **The Congregations And Schools Of**  
5 **PSD In The Midst Of COVID-19**

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7 WHEREAS, The spread of COVID-19  
8 asked the congregations and schools of  
9 the Pacific Southwest District to do more  
10 than they could have ever imagined; and

11 WHEREAS, The Lord has enabled them  
12 to do immeasurably more (Ephesians  
13 3:20); and

14 WHEREAS, Congregations and schools  
15 adapted to the challenges of ministry,  
16 caring for one another, and responding  
17 to the requirements to modify the  
18 number of worship services, limiting the  
19 number of people in attendance,  
20 implementing the use of streaming and  
21 recording services, and providing the  
22 highest quality in person and virtual  
23 education for the students of our  
24 schools; therefore be it

25 *Resolved*, That the Pacific Southwest  
26 District in convention give thanks for the  
27 faithful service of ordained and  
28 commissioned ministers as they seek to  
29 faithfully serve God, the saints in their  
30 care, and the education and nurture of  
31 children, while continuing to proclaim  
32 the hope of Christ to the community and  
33 world during the challenges of COVID-  
34 19; and be it finally

35 *Resolved*, That the Pacific Southwest  
36 District in convention give thanks for the  
37 multitude of people within our  
38 congregations, schools, and other  
39 organizations who support, encourage,  
40 and assist in various ways the ministry  
41 of the church in these difficult days.

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43 Adopted on February 9, 2022

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45 Pacific Southwest District Board of  
46 Directors

47 Rev. Vince Harman, Chairman BOD

48 Rev. Dr. Richard Burkey, Secretary

49 BOD

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## RESOLUTION 22.3.2

1 **To Reject Racism And Recognize**  
2 **The Pacific Southwest District's**  
3 **Successes, Failures, And**  
4 **Opportunities In Ministry Within**  
5 **Communities Of Color**

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

14 WHEREAS, The Synod in convention  
15 (2019 Resolution 11-04A, "To Affirm the  
16 Common Humanity of All People and  
17 Ethnicities") resolved, "That the  
18 members of the congregations of the  
19 Synod be encouraged to work toward  
20 racial reconciliation and equality within  
21 the Church and within society-at large";  
22 and

23 WHEREAS, We appreciate and recognize  
24 the work of the Commission on  
25 Theology and Church Relations in their  
26 1994 study, "Racism and the Church:  
27 Overcoming the Idolatry", further  
28 research and study is necessary; and

29 WHEREAS, The legacy of racism enacted  
30 through prejudice and discrimination  
31 has negatively impacted the needs,  
32 well-being, income, and property of  
33 people based solely on the color of their  
34 skin; and

35 WHEREAS, The people of God are  
36 striving to live faithfully, but still  
37 participate in sinful thoughts, words, and  
38 deeds in what they do and leave undone  
39 (1 John 1:8-10), which can and has  
40 included the sin of racism; and

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42 WHEREAS, Jesus tells us that the  
43 greatest commandments are to love  
44 God and love your neighbor (Mark  
45 12:30-31); and

46 WHEREAS, Jesus illustrates for his  
47 disciples that they are to treat all  
48 persons as neighbor (Luke 10:29-37);  
49 and

50 WHEREAS, Paul exhorts us to show the  
51 love of Christ as we "bear one another's  
52 burdens" (Galatians 6:2); and

53 WHEREAS, Martin Luther extolls us to  
54 show that love as we care for our  
55 neighbors as we support them in their  
56 needs, well-being, income, and property  
57 in his explanations of the fifth and  
58 seventh commandments; and

59 WHEREAS, In order for the Pacific  
60 Southwest District to better engage acts  
61 of reconciliation and equality it should be  
62 informed of its history within  
63 communities of color to understand its  
64 successes and its failures; therefore be  
65 it

66 *Resolved*, That the Pacific Southwest  
67 District reject any teaching that:

68 • One's race, ancestry, or  
69 nationality are inherently superior to the  
70 race, ancestry, or nationality of another.

71 • Any individual is inherently racist,  
72 or oppressive, whether consciously or  
73 unconsciously, because of his or her  
74 race, ancestry, or nationality; and be it  
75 further

76 *Resolved*, That the congregations of the  
77 Pacific Southwest District be  
78 encouraged to conduct conversations  
79 on race and diversity, to strengthen unity  
80 within the congregation; and be it further

81 *Resolved*, That the congregations of the  
82 Pacific Southwest District be

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83 encouraged to engage members of their  
84 communities in these conversations, in  
85 light of Christ's Gospel; and be it further

86 *Resolved*, That the Board of Directors of  
87 the Pacific Southwest District  
88 commission a task force to study the  
89 Pacific Southwest District's history of  
90 mission, ministry, and education within  
91 communities of color, to be completed  
92 within eighteen months, so that we  
93 better recognize and give thanks to God  
94 for our successes and make confession  
95 of our failures; and be it further

96 *Resolved*, That the results of this task  
97 force's study would also provide us with  
98 tangible ways to move forward in our  
99 present and future outreach efforts in  
100 communities of color, which could be  
101 new ministries or support for existing  
102 ministries; and be it further

103 *Resolved*, That the study will be  
104 distributed by mail to all congregations  
105 in the district, made available on the  
106 district website, and discussed at the  
107 2025 Pacific Southwest District  
108 Convention; and be it finally

109 *Resolved*, That the Pacific Southwest  
110 District in convention memorialize the  
111 Synod in convention in 2023 to call on  
112 the faculty of our two seminaries to do  
113 an in-depth study of our national  
114 mission, ministry, and education efforts  
115 within communities of color to be  
116 completed within twenty-four months  
117 after district proceedings and made  
118 available on the Synodical website and  
119 emailed to member congregations of the  
120 Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

121 Rev. Mark Stirdivant  
122 Good Shephard Lutheran Church  
123 Yucaipa, CA

### RESOLUTION 22.3.3

1 **To Incorporate Prison Ministry Into**  
2 **The Pacific Southwest District As A**  
3 **Recognized**

4 WHEREAS, Jesus commends those who  
5 visit the incarcerated (Matthew 25:36)  
6 and the apostles commend us to  
7 remember those who are in chains  
8 (Hebrews 13:3); and

9 WHEREAS, Resolution 6-10 was approved  
10 at convention in 1995 to Emphasize  
11 Importance of Prison Ministry; and

12 WHEREAS, Resolution 6-04A was  
13 approved at convention in 1998 to  
14 Encourage Ministry to the Imprisoned,  
15 Ex-offenders, Their Families, and to  
16 Victims of Crime; and

17 WHEREAS, The Pacific Southwest District  
18 of the Lutheran Church- Missouri Synod,  
19 empowered by the Holy Spirit in Word  
20 and Sacrament, is in a vital position to  
21 offer comfort and hope to people affected  
22 by crime so that they may share in  
23 reconciliation and abundant life; and

24 WHEREAS, The goal of prison ministry  
25 program is to include and motivate the  
26 church to seize Gospel opportunities and  
27 responsibilities to the imprisoned,  
28 formerly incarcerated, their families, and  
29 train persons for ministry with the above;  
30 therefore be it

31 *Resolved*, That the District will increase  
32 awareness and encourage  
33 congregations to participate in prison  
34 ministry as a mission outreach of the  
35 Synod-approved ministry; and be it  
36 further

37 *Resolved*, That the District will designate  
38 prison ministry as a mission objective;  
39 and be it finally

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42 *Resolved*, That the District will include  
43 prison ministry on their website and  
44 social media platforms.

45 Grace Lutheran Church, Los Angeles,  
46 CA

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## Resolution 22.3.4

1 **To Celebrate The 100th Anniversary**  
2 **of The Pacific Southwest District**

3 WHEREAS, The Pacific Southwest  
4 District of the Lutheran Church –  
5 Missouri Synod was formed on July 2,  
6 1930 as the Southern California District;  
7 and

8 WHEREAS, The Southern California  
9 District, now known as the Pacific  
10 Southwest District, has for 92 years  
11 effectively resourced congregations and  
12 schools to transform lives and make the  
13 Great Commission real; and

14 WHEREAS, The book, *The Romance of*  
15 *Lutheranism in California*, tells the story  
16 of the growth of LCMS congregations  
17 and schools in California from August  
18 24, 1860 through 1959; and

19 WHEREAS, The Pacific Southwest  
20 District will celebrate its 100th  
21 anniversary on July 2, 2030; therefore  
22 be it

23 *Resolved*, That the congregations of the  
24 Pacific Southwest District – Lutheran  
25 Church-Missouri Synod declare the  
26 twelve months from July 1, 2030 – June  
27 30, 2031 as a Year of Jubilee to be set  
28 aside to give thanks to God for His  
29 faithfulness through the ministries of our  
30 congregations and schools; and be it  
31 further

32 *Resolved*, That the triennial District  
33 Convention, to be held in the summer of  
34 2031, be identified as the official  
35 occasion for the 100th Anniversary  
36 Celebration; and be it further

37 *Resolved*, That the Pacific Southwest  
38 District raise funds to cover the cost of  
39 researching and writing, under the

40 leadership of the district archivist, a new  
41 book to be made available to the church  
42 that tells the “rest of the story” of  
43 mission, congregation, and school  
44 development in Nevada, Arizona, and  
45 Southern California since 1959; and be  
46 it further

47 *Resolved*, That over the next eight  
48 years, congregations and schools  
49 accept the task of telling their own story  
50 of God’s faithfulness in their context by  
51 writing their history, gathering photos,  
52 film, videos, etc. and contributing the  
53 content to the district archives for  
54 inclusion in the new district history book;  
55 and be it finally

56 *Resolved*, That the District Presidium  
57 appoint an Anniversary Committee to  
58 provide resources for congregations and  
59 schools to use throughout the Year of  
60 Jubilee and specifically for the triennial  
61 district convention of 2031.

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63 Adopted on February 9, 2022

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65 Pacific Southwest District Board of  
66 Directors  
67 Rev. Vince Harman, Chairman BOD  
68 Rev. Dr. Richard Burkey, Secretary  
69 BOD

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## OMNIBUS RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Overture 12, presented to the Pacific Southwest District Convention, concerns an issue previously addressed by Synod in convention; and

WHEREAS, After careful consideration of these matters, there appears to be insufficient rationale to change or alter the stated position of the Synod; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that petitioners offer the following overture be referred to previous convention action as indicated

<u>Overture</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Previous Action</u>
Ov. 12	Encourage A Clear and Charitable Presentation of Closed	Synod 2019
Res. 4-11A	Communion To Those Unaware of Its Importance	Synod 2013 Res. 4-10 Synod 2007, Res.3-09