

CLC 34th CONVENTION SUMMARY

Immanuel Lutheran College, Eau Claire, WI

Thursday, June 24, through Sunday, June 27, 2021.

By Secretary, Pastor Wayne Eichstadt

DOCTRINE

JOINT STATEMENT REGARDING THE TERMINATION OF FELLOWSHIP:

RESOLVED that we decline to adopt the Joint Statement as a settlement of the doctrinal difference between the CLC and the WELS and ELS concerning the termination of fellowship, and prayerfully seek the Lord's guidance in His Word for a different approach.

RESOLVED that we continue to use the doctrinal principles of the Joint Statement as a basis for discussion with WELS and ELS on the doctrine of termination of fellowship.

RESOLVED that the four-man CLC committee, in conjunction with the Board of Doctrine, clearly define what is necessary for a settlement of the doctrinal difference between the CLC and the WELS and ELS concerning the termination of fellowship.

RESOLVED that the four-man CLC committee work with the Board of Doctrine to address additional questions in our midst (e.g., role of admonition, pre-requisites for settlement, practice of the fellowship principle, the dangers expressed by Romans 16:18).

RESOLVED that these findings be brought before the 2022 Convention.

RESOLVED that the four-man CLC committee, in conjunction with the CLC Board of Doctrine, continues to work with the WELS and ELS to settle these doctrinal differences on the basis of Scripture.

The full Resolution will be printed in the Proceedings.

ROLE OF BOARD OF DOCTRINE:

The Standing Constitution Committee was directed to answer the question, "Does the CLC Constitution require the president to request the Board of Doctrine to represent the church body in doctrinal discussion with other church groups, or is this action at the president's discretion?" and report to the 2022 Convention. Missions

MISSION BOARD

FELLOWSHIP APPROVED: with Bangladesh Lutheran Church Mission.

CHURCH SCHOOLS: It was resolved that the Board of Missions encourage "domestic subsidized" (home mission congregations to open Christian Day Schools, and also that the Board develop and implement a model for a Christian Day School as an outreach tool in domestic subsidized congregations. It was resolved that the Board of Missions and the Board of Education & Publications explore other ways to make use of synod-subsidized Christian Day Schools as mission tools and report their findings to the 2022 Convention.

KINSHIP: "Project Kinship" was renamed simply "Kinship."

FINANCE

2021-2022 BUDGET

Missions	\$ 426,430	Education/Publications	\$ 18,000
ILC Regents	\$ 740,000	ILC Student Revenue	\$ 708,120
	Trustees	\$ 75,000	
TOTAL General Fund \$ 1,259,430 (with student revenue \$1,967,550)			

CHURCH EXTENSION FUND (CEF): A CEF “policy” was approved in place of “guidelines.” *The full policy will be printed in the Proceedings.*

RETIREMENT & COMPENSATION PLAN: Increased retirement contribution schedule approved, with plan that increases cease. A target base salary recommendation for called workers will be brought to the 2022 Convention.

GENERAL FUND ENDOWMENT: Established for receiving specific bequests:

OTHER

ILC PLANNING COMMITTEE: Proposed plans for a new gymnasium were presented. No decision. \$20,000 was allocated to develop the renovation plan for the old gymnasium for chapel, music,, art, and theater purposes, to be presented to the '22 Convention A stand-alone chapel will also be considered.

SEMINARY REQUIREMENTS FOR SECOND-CAREER PASTORS: In response to interest in reworking seminary requirements for those seeking to enter the pastoral ministry later in life, it was resolved that the seminary requirements for Candidates for the Reverend Ministry remain the same. However, the ILC Board of Regents and seminary faculty were encouraged to promote the much un-used revised Limited Pastoral Ministry program. The convention also established the position of “Recruiter for the Public Ministry.”

PUBLICIZING LIST OF NOMINEES WHEN CALLING A PROFESSOR: It was resolved that publicizing lists of qualified nominees for calls to professorships at ILC be continued, to allow for input from synod members at large. It was further recommended that the Board of Regents include an introduction to the announcements of any nomination lists, expressing that the list should only be considered in full respect for the divinity of the call and for differences in God given abilities; not in any way a competition between individuals. It should be further understood that the nominated individuals have not sought this nomination and may never receive the call.

CLC WEBSITE MEMIORIAL: We are grateful to those volunteers who have managed and updated our online presence for the Board of Education and Publications. The Board welcomes any input from CLC members. The Board was encouraged to investigate ways to expand our online presence and to work toward a common CLC look and feel for CLC websites.

NEW SYNOD VOTING MEMBERS (since 2018):

Teachers--Nathan Buck and Benjamin Hansen

Pastors--Cory Drehle, Drew Naumann, Samuel Naumann, Johnathan Schnose;

Professor--Daniel Schierenbeck

Congregations--Our Shepherd, Conroe, TX; St. Paul's, Melrose, WI

Congregations Dissolved--Bethel, Humble, TX: Living Word, Blue Springs, MO:

Mount Olive, Detroit Lakes, MN: Rock of Ages, Jenison, MI.

ELECTIONS

CONFERENCE VISITORS, as elected by conferences:

Great Lakes--Pastor Andrew Schaller

Minnesota--Pastor James Albrecht

Pacific Coast--Pastor David Naumann

West Central--Pastor Michael Roehl

South Eastern--Pastor Matthew Hanel

OFFICERS:

President: Pastor Michael Eichstadt

Vice President: Pastor Michel Wilke (new)

Moderator: Pastor Paul Nolting

Secretary: Pastor Wayne Eichstadt

ROTATING BOARD MEMBERS:

Board of Trustees--Pastor Michael Roehl, Mr. Neal Wietgreffe

Board of Regents--Teacher Matthew Thuro, Mr. Steve Ludvigson

Board of Missions--Pastor Rob Sauers, Mr. Jeff Radichel,

Board of Education and Publications--Teacher Seth Schaller, Mr. Rick Nelson.

NOMINATION PROCESS: It was resolved that nominations for officers and board members are to be made before convention, or at the convention through the written nomination process, or from the floor if biographical info. is provided and willingness to serve has been verified.

VOTING PROCESS: It was resolved to continue using electronic voting.

EDITORS APPOINTED:

Lutheran Spokesman--Professor Paul Naumann

Journal of Theology--Pastor Wayne Eichstadt

Ministry by Mail--Pastor Nathan Pfeiffer

Daily Rest--Pastor David Pfeiffer,

Non-Editorial: CLC Webmaster--Pastor Glenn Oster

A full list of appointments will be published in the Convention Proceedings.

CONVENTION OFFERING:

The Convention Communion Service offering was designated for the CLC General Fund--\$3,640.

NEXT CONVENTION: Lord-willing, Thursday, June 23 through Sunday, June 26, 2022, at Immanuel Lutheran College.

(slight modifications in report—by RK, 7-18-21)

