

To The 60th Convention of
The Northern Illinois District of
The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod
July 30-31, 2021

OVERTURE

- SUBJECT** Adoption of “Word, Wellness, Witness” as The Northern Illinois District’s Ministry Focus
- WHEREAS,** Our Lord has given us His inspired Word to make us wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus and to equip us for every good work [II Timothy 3:14-17], and
- WHEREAS,** Our Lord has blessed us in wellness, giving us our very lives and richly and daily providing us with all we need to support this body and life. [Luther’s Small Catechism, The Creed, The First Article Explanation], and
- WHEREAS,** Our Lord has called us to witness the gift of His grace to the world, proclaiming the excellencies of Him who called us out of darkness into His marvelous light. [I Peter 2:9], and
- WHEREAS,** The Northern Illinois District previously has selected a thematic focus for our service to Christ which has reflected our values and set general direction for our work as synod in this place, and
- WHEREAS,** Prayerful consideration has been given by leaders in our district to utilize the theme of “Word, Wellness, Witness” at this time, including at the Vision Workshops held throughout our district with participants from nearly half of our congregations, therefore be it
- RESOLVED,** That The Northern Illinois District adopt the theme of “Word, Wellness, Witness,” for its work together, and be it further
- RESOLVED,** That this theme be commended to the congregations, schools and ministries of The Northern Illinois District for its use in shaping their own local ministries, and be it finally
- RESOLVED,** That we continue to lift up our prayers to our Savior, asking Him to bless our service together under “Word, Wellness, Witness” with the fruit of faith, according to His will.

Respectfully Submitted,

The Northern Illinois District
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