

# Section I

# Convention

# Information

## For Today's Business

## March 4, 2025

- Standing Rules (replace)
- Tentative Schedule (replace)



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## **STANDING RULES of the 2025 NID Convention**

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1. ELECTRONIC DEVICES. Only recording devices approved by the President shall be permitted. Mobile phones and pagers shall be kept in non-audible mode; vocal phone conversations shall not be permitted.

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2. CREDENTIALS. Delegates, guests and staff shall wear official badges during all convention functions.

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3. VOTING. Votes will normally be made with electronic keypads. At the discretion of the chair, votes may be taken by voice, rising vote, voting cards, or standing counted vote.

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4. Nominations from the floor shall be seconded and a majority vote shall add the nominee to ballot.

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### 5. MOTIONS - RESOLUTIONS - OVERTURES

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a. Motions to amend a resolution or to offer a substitute resolution shall be submitted in writing in triplicate.<sup>1</sup>

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b. Only voting delegates may make or second motions.

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c. Floor Committee Resolutions

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1. Omnibus A, B, C, and D resolutions shall be disposed of before taking up Floor Committee resolutions.

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2. Floor Committee representatives shall read only an overture's *resolving clauses* unless, in the judgment of the committee, each *whereas clause* should also be read.

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3. Floor Committee resolutions not taken up during the convention fall to the ground.

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4. In connection with resolutions adopted during the convention, the Constitution Committee shall be authorized to correct punctuation and grammar and to make other technical and conforming changes as may be necessary to reflect the intent of the delegates, including applicable modifications to section designations and cross references in the bylaws.

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### 6. DEBATE - DISCUSSION

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a. Motions may be made from any microphone, however those speaking in favor of a motion shall do so at the odd numbered microphones and those opposed shall speak at the even numbered microphones.

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b. Members seconding a motion need not go to the microphone nor be recognized by the chair.

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c. After recognition, a delegate shall state his or her name, congregation and location or the administrative unit represented. If applicable, members shall preface remarks with "I speak for/against the motion."

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<sup>1</sup> One copy each for the presiding officer, secretary, and parliamentarian.

- 39 d. Debate shall be limited to two (2) minutes  
40 per speech and twice to each motion, the second time only after all who wish to  
41 speak have done so, except that Floor Committee members have unlimited time  
42 provided Rule 6e does not apply. Extension of these limits shall require a two-  
43 thirds vote.  
44 e. If a substitute motion is moved and seconded, the framer shall have two (2)  
45 minutes to speak for consideration and a Floor Committee member shall have  
46 two (2) minutes to speak against consideration. Without further debate,  
47 delegates shall vote whether to consider the substitute; a majority is required to  
48 adopt. If the substitute is subsequently adopted, the original motion is not  
49 considered. If the substitute motion is (a) not considered or (b) is considered  
50 and not adopted, the original motion is then considered.<sup>2</sup>  
51 f. The *previous question* (call the question) may only be made by a delegate who  
52 rises solely for this purpose.

53 THE PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY AND A HIGHER AUTHORITY. The rules contained  
54 in the current edition of *Roberts Rules of Order Newly Revised* shall govern the  
55 convention in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not  
56 inconsistent with the Constitution and Bylaws of the Lutheran Church—Missouri  
57 Synod, the Bylaws of the Northern Illinois District, and these convention standing  
58 rules. Above all, the rules of Christian love shall govern the convention.

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<sup>2</sup> This procedure is an adaptation of the “Behnken Rule” for substitute motions.

# Schedule - Day One

**Friday, March 7, 2025**

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7:00 – 8:15 AM                      Delegate/Vendor Registration                      Gymnasium (South)

*During this time, a Continental Breakfast will be served in the Gymnasium (South)*

**8:15 – 8:30 AM                      Dismiss to Chapel of Our Lord for Opening Worship**

8:30 – 9:45 AM                      Opening Divine Service                      Chapel of our Lord  
Preacher: *Rev. Dr. Matthew C. Harrison, LCMS President*  
Presiding Minister: *Rev. Joel Hess,*  
*St. James Lutheran Church, Chicago*  
Host Congregation: *St. James Lutheran Church, Chicago*

*Recognition of New Congregations and Anniversaries*

**9:45 – 10:00 AM                      Dismiss to Gymnasium (North)**

10:00 – 10:05 AM                      Call to Order  
*Rev. Dr. Allan R. Buss, LCMS Northern Illinois District President*

10:05 – 10:10 AM                      Greetings  
*Dr. Russell Dawn, President, Concordia University Chicago*

10:10 – 10:15 AM                      Video Presentation - WELCOME

10:15 – 10:35 AM                      NID President's Address  
*Rev. Dr. Allan R. Buss, LCMS Northern Illinois District President*

10:35 – 10:45 AM                      Introductions & Announcements  
*Rev. Dr. Allan R. Buss, LCMS Northern Illinois District President*

10:45 – 10:50 AM                      Credentials Report  
*Rev. David Totsky, LCMS Northern Illinois District Secretary*

10:50 – 11:00 AM                      Adoption of Convention Standing Rules & Agenda  
*Rev. Dr. Allan R. Buss, LCMS Northern Illinois District President*

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11:00 – 11:15 AM	Committee IV – ELECTIONS Introduction to Electronic Voting, Procedure & Practice <i>Rev. Julian LaMie, Committee Chair</i> <i>Rev. Noah Kegley, Committee Vice-Chair</i>
11:15 – 11:20 AM	Video Presentation #1 – WORD
11:20 – 11:55 AM	Committee IV – ELECTIONS <i>Rev. Julian LaMie, Committee Chair</i> <i>Rev. Noah Kegley, Committee Vice-Chair</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ratification of Slate of Candidates for District President</li><li>• Election of District President</li><li>• Response from District President</li><li>• Resolution 2-02A</li><li>• Floor Nominations for Vice-Presidents</li><li>• Elect &amp; Rank Vice-Presidents</li><li>• Floor Nominations for District Secretary</li><li>• Elect District Secretary</li><li>• Begin Floor Nominations</li></ul>
11:55 – 12:00 PM	Lunch Prayer <i>Rev. David Fleming, Chaplain/DOXOLOGY Executive Director of Spiritual Care</i>
12:00 PM – 1:05 PM	Break for Lunch <i>Lunch will be served buffet style in Crossroads Cafeteria located in the Koehneke Community Center</i>
<b>**During this time the Caucus of Advisory Ordained Ministers of Religion will meet in the front of the Convention Hall with <i>Rev. John Prohl</i> to elect pastoral/advisory delegates to the Synod's 2026 Convention**</b>	
1:05 – 1:15 PM	Hymn Sing <span style="float: right;">Gymnasium (North)</span> <i>Rev. Kristopher Whitby, Assistant to the President,</i> <i>LCMS Northern Illinois District</i>
1:15 – 1:30 PM	Prayer/Devotion – Luke 6:12-16 <i>Rev. Elstner Lewis, St. Philip Lutheran Church, Chicago</i>

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1:30 – 1:35 PM	Credentials Report <i>Rev. David Totsky, LCMS Northern Illinois District Secretary</i>
1:35 – 1:40 PM	Video Presentation #2 – WELLNESS
1:40 – 2:20 PM	Bible Study <i>Rev. Dr. Robert Lee Hagan IV, LCMS Missouri District President Chair of LCMS Council of Presidents</i>
2:20 – 2:25 PM	Video Presentation – Lutheran Women’s Mission League
2:25 – 2:35 PM	Omnibus ABCD Resolutions <i>Rev. Dr. Allan R. Buss, LCMS Northern Illinois District President</i>
2:35 – 3:10 PM	Committee NOMINATIONS & ELECTIONS <i>Rev. Paul Mumme, Nominations Chair Rev. Christopher Antonetti, Nominations Secretary Rev. Julian LaMie, Elections Chair Rev. Noah Kegley, Elections Vice-Chair</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Present Slate of Nominations</li><li>• Floor Nominations</li><li>• Begin Elections<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Board of Directors</li><li>○ 2028 NID Convention Nominations Committee</li><li>○ CUC Board of Regents</li></ul></li></ul>
3:10 – 3:15 PM	Greetings <i>Rev. Wally R. Vinovskis, LCMS SELC District President</i>
3:15 – 3:20 PM	Greetings <i>Rev. Jeffrey Miskus, LCMS English District Bishop/President</i>
3:20 – 3:35 PM	BREAK
3:35 – 3:55 PM	District Ministry Presentations <i>Rev. John Prohl, Assistant to the President Lois Stewart, Mission Facilitator for Schools Rev. Kristopher Whitby, Asst. to the President, Mission &amp; Ministry LeeAnn Acosta, Business Manager/Treasurer</i>
3:55 – 4:30 PM	Committee II – WELLNESS <i>Rev. Michael Gudgel, Committee Chair Rev. David Andermann, Committee Vice-Chair</i>

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4:30 – 4:40 PM	Greetings <i>Rev. Dr. Gregory S. Walton, VP Ministry Solutions, Grace Place Wellness, LCEF</i>
4:40 – 4:45 PM	Greetings <i>Joe Willmann, District Vice President and Team Lead, Lutheran Church Extension Fund</i>
4:45 – 5:10 PM	Committee IV – ELECTIONS, continued <i>Rev. Julian LaMie, Committee Chair Rev. Noah Kegley, Committee Vice-Chair</i>
5:10 – 5:30 PM	Committee III – WITNESS <i>Rev. Phillip Allman, Committee Vice-Chair Rev. Donald Stein, Committee Vice-Chair</i>
5:30 – 6:15 PM	LCMS Synod Presentation – Part One <i>Rev. Dr. Matthew C. Harrison, LCMS President</i>
6:15 – 6:30 PM	Closing Devotion – Luke 8:1-3 <i>Rev. Michael Duffy, St. Paul Lutheran Church, Melrose Park</i>
6:30 PM	Adjourn for the Evening <i>Rev. Dr. Allan R. Buss, LCMS Northern Illinois District President</i>
6:30 PM	Floor Committee Meetings as Needed

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7:00 – 8:40 AM

*During this time, a Continental Breakfast will be served in the Gymnasium (South)*

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| 8:40 – 8:50 AM   | Hymn Sing<br><i>Rev. Kristopher Whitby, Assistant to the President,<br/>LCMS Northern Illinois District</i>  | Gymnasium (North) |
| 8:50 – 9:05 AM   | Prayer/Devotion – Luke 9:23-27<br><i>Rev. Jesus Morales, Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, Winfield</i>   |                   |
| 9:05 – 9:10 AM   | Call to Order<br><i>Rev. Dr. Allan R. Buss, LCMS Northern Illinois District President</i>  |                   |
| 9:10 – 9:15 AM   | Credentials Report<br><i>Rev. David Totsky, LCMS Northern Illinois District Secretary</i>  |                   |
| 9:15 – 9:40 AM   | Committee I – WORD<br><i>Rev. Jonathan Petzold, Committee Chair<br/>Rev. Jonathan Ripke, Committee Vice-Chair</i>  |                   |
| 9:40 – 9:45 AM   | Video Presentation #3 – WITNESS  |                   |
| 9:45 AM          | Presentation: <i>Ministry Conversation between a Seasoned<br/>Worker &amp; New Worker</i>  |                   |
| 9:45 – 9:55 AM   | Commissioned Ministers:<br><i>Donna Laughlin, Principal, Immanuel Lutheran Church &amp; School,<br/>Batavia<br/>Ben Fluga, Religion Teacher, Walther Christian Academy,<br/>Melrose Park</i> |                   |
| 9:55 – 10:15 AM  | Ordained Ministers:<br><i>Rev. Bill Yonker, Immanuel Lutheran Church, East Dundee<br/>Rev. Andrew Hatesohl, Trinity Lutheran Church, Huntley</i>   |                   |
| 10:15 – 10:35 AM | BREAK  |                   |
| 10:35 – 10:45 AM | Greetings<br><i>Bishop Torkild Masvie, The Lutheran Church in Norway &amp; Iceland</i>   |                   |



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10:45 – 11:15 AM	Committee IV – ELECTIONS <i>Rev. Julian LaMie, Committee Chair</i> <i>Rev. Noah Kegley, Committee Vice-Chair</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• NID Board of Directors</li><li>• East Region</li><li>• North Region</li><li>• South Region</li><li>• West Region</li><li>• 2028 NID Convention Nominations Committee</li><li>• CUC Board of Regents</li><li>• Recognition &amp; Ratification of Circuit Visitor's</li></ul>
11:15 – 11:30 AM	Video Presentation – Remembrance of the Faithfully Departed <i>Rev. Dr. Allan R. Buss, LCMS Northern Illinois District President</i>
11:30 – 11:35 AM	Lunch Prayer <i>Rev. David Fleming, Chaplain/DOXOLOGY Executive Director of Spiritual Care</i>
11:35 AM – 12:25 PM	Break for Lunch <i>Lunch will be served in Crossroads Cafeteria located in the Koehneke Community Center</i>
12:25 – 12:35 PM	Hymn Sing <span style="float: right;">Gymnasium (North)</span> <i>Rev. Kristopher Whitby, Assistant to the President,</i> <i>LCMS Northern Illinois District</i>
12:35 – 12:50 PM	Prayer/Devotion – Luke 24:36-49 <i>Rev. Brian Mayo, Salem Lutheran Church, Homewood</i>
12:50 – 12:55 PM	Call to Order <i>Rev. Dr. Allan R. Buss, LCMS Northern Illinois District President</i>
12:55 – 1:10 PM	Presentation: Models for Wellness in the Church <i>Deac. Dr. Tiffany Manor, Managing Dir., LCMS National Mission</i>
1:10 – 2:05 PM	Floor Committee Work as Needed
2:05 – 2:50 PM	LCMS Synod Presentation with Q & A – Part Two <i>Rev. Dr. Matthew C. Harrison, LCMS President</i>

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| 2:50 – 2:55 PM | Credentials Final Report<br><i>Rev. David Totsky, LCMS Northern Illinois District Secretary</i>                                    |
| 2:55 – 3:05 PM | Convention Adjournment - Prayer & Hymn – Luke 24:50-53<br><i>Rev. Dr. Allan R. Buss, LCMS Northern Illinois District President</i> |