



Northern Illinois District

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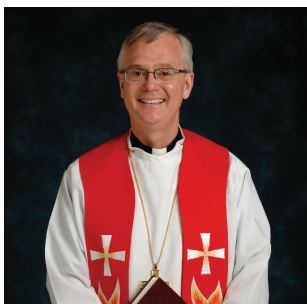
Every three years, the LCMS Northern Illinois District meets in convention. This past March, pastoral and lay delegates gathered at Concordia University Chicago for that joyful purpose for the 61st time.

The convention theme was “Stronger Together: Co-Workers for the Kingdom of God,” which was based on Colossians 4:7-17. Representing the greater family of Christ that we are in our District, convention goers worshiped together and received our Lord’s grace in Word and Sacrament. They studied God’s Word together and grew in understanding of what it means to be the Church for this time and place. They heard reports on the workings of the District and were inspired by special guest speakers and devotion leaders. Through elections and resolutions, delegates also conducted the official business of the District so that the work of our Lord might be carried out in good order and our churches, schools, and ministries might best build one another up in our mutual service to our Lord and His people.

Continuing under this theme and building from the convention as a foundation, the NID now sets forth for the next three years to carry out its mission in mutual support for one another and winsome witness of the Gospel to all people. Highlights of some of our ministry together can be found on the reverse side of this infographic. The work our Lord has given His Church is greater than what any one of us, or even one congregation, could fulfill. Lovingly, our Lord has brought us together around His Word and Sacraments, as co-workers, confessing His Gospel and serving by His grace. In Christ’s mercy, together we are stronger!

With You, My eyes are on Jesus (Hebrews 12:2,3)

Rev. Dr. Allan R. Buss, President



Carrying the Mission Forward

The true impact of our convention is measured not just in the resolutions passed or the discussions held, but in what comes next—the action taken by congregations, pastors, and lay leaders as they return to their communities, strengthened and equipped for the work ahead.

SHINE!

Shine! is all about connecting congregations, ministries, and fellow Christians to help in their communities and serve in the name of Jesus to bear witness to Jesus as Savior.

Workers of the Word: Today + Tomorrow

Led and upheld by the Lord of the Church, we are Stronger Together as we care for the physical, emotional, spiritual, and financial wellness of our church workers.

Chicagoland Clarity Process

This will lead to a strategic direction for congregations, schools, ministries, and future missions in Chicago and the near suburbs.

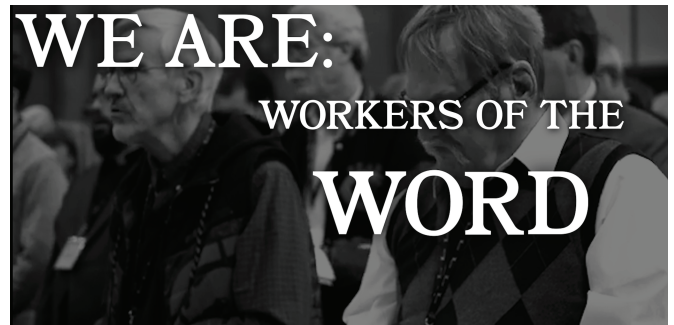
Circuit Partnership Gatherings

We will continue to connect to each other through the Circuit Partnership Gatherings. Lay leaders with a wide variety of responsibilities in the local congregation, as well as pastors serving those ministries, need time together to connect, listen, encourage, and plan. These gatherings have led to congregations cooperating and working together.



Belize Mission Trips

Congregations come together to serve together in the village of Seine Bight, Belize, which is connected with LCMS missions. An NID mission trip will serve in June 2025.



Lay Leadership Summit

The NID is again planning to bring together lay leaders and interested called workers for information, ideas, encouragement, and best practices from those who are serving on the front lines, as well as those who see trends in what church life looks like in 2025 and beyond.



Kingdom Expansion Together Grant

This grant is designed to resource ministries who are reaching new people with the Gospel.