

M I N U T E S

OF THE FORTIETH CONVENTION OF THE TEXAS DISTRICT
OF THE LUTHERAN CHURCH - MISSOURI SYNOD

LUTHERAN CONCORDIA

AUSTIN, TEXAS

MARCH 30 - APRIL 3, 1964

MINUTES OF THE 40TH CONVENTION OF THE TEXAS DISTRICT OF THE LUTHERAN CHURCH -
MISSOURI SYNOD ASSEMBLED MARCH 30 - APRIL 3, 1964 AT LUTHERAN CONCORDIA
COLLEGE, AUSTIN, TEXAS.

Monday Evening (March 30)

The opening service of the 40th Convention was held at Redeemer Lutheran Church, Austin, Texas, at 7:30 P.M. on March 30. The sermon was delivered by the Reverend Roland P. Wiederaenders, D. D., First Vice-President of The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod. Basing his sermon on Mark 16:1-8 he spoke on the topic "The Stone Is Rolled Away."

The liturgist and celebrant in this service of Holy Communion was the Reverend Ray Schkade, pastor of Redeemer Church. Assistants to the celebrant were: the Reverend Carl A Heckmann, President of the Texas District; the Reverend Martin Ramming, First Vice-President; the Reverend Glen Kollmeyer, Second Vice-President; the Reverend Elmer Neunaber, Third Vice-President; the Reverend Robert Helberg, Fourth Vice-President; the Reverend Elton Bauerkemper, Secretary of the District; and the Reverend Thomas Sorensen, Assistant Secretary of the District.

The organist and choir director was Dr. Ivan Olson of Lutheran Concordia College; the choir - Redeemer Lutheran Senior Choir; instrumentalists - Students of University of Texas Music Department; and the Bell Choir of Trinity Lutheran Church, Austin, Texas.

Tuesday Morning (March 31)

The sessions of the 40th Convention were held in the gymnasium of Lutheran Concordia College. The first session opened with a devotion led by Pastor Guido Merkens of Concordia Church, San Antonio, speaking on the text Ephesians 2:19. The organist was Mr. Bernard Gastler, the convention choir director - ~~Ivan~~ Irsch.
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President Heckmann called the convention to order in the name of the Triune God.

The initial report of Committee #2 on Credentials and Registration followed:

167 Pastors	← 15 LADIES →	CORRECTIONS
74 Teachers		
129 Delegates		
2 Emeriti		
6 Advisory		
10 Visitors		
2 Guests		
406 Total	← Total 405	

The program for the convention was adopted as adjusted.

The convention was welcomed to Lutheran Concordia College by acting President, Reverend Fred C. Growcock.

President Heckmann welcomed all to the convention, and gave pertinent convention announcements. He then introduced the Essayist for the convention, the Reverend Dr. R. R. Caemmerer, who delivered the first part of his essay "Let the Church Be the Church," Part I, "The Church, the People of God."

Pastor Heckmann introduced the Director of "The Youth for Christ" at the University of Texas, Mr. Frank Pfeifer.

Pastor Heckmann presented his report to the convention in three parts:

1. The statistical portion
2. The report on the opinion of the District Board of Appeals as required by SHB 5.35
3. The evaluation of the District program - past, present, and future.

The address is attached to the minutes.

The Nominating Committee presented the following nominations for the Committee of Review of the Board of Appeals of the Texas District Decision in the case of "Praesidium of the Texas District vs. Pastor Francis Machina."

SPECIAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

A. Pastors (Elect 3)

Harold Kaestner
Dewyth Beltz
Oscar Horn
H. F. Peiman
George Heinemeier
Phil Otten

B. Teachers (Elect 1)

Erich Eifert
R. Trinklein

C. Laymen (Elect 1)

Oscar Frieling

Committee #1 on Constitutions gave the following report which was adopted:

"The Committee on Constitutions has reviewed, since the last convention, a number of revised constitutions of member congregations, as well as new constitutions submitted by congregations seeking membership in Synod. Of the former the following revisions have been found to be in harmony with the Holy Scriptures and the confessions and practices of Synod:

Trinity, Uvalde and St. Paul, La Pryor
St. Paul, Bishop
Holy Cross, Dallas
Trinity, San Angelo
Pilgrim, Houston
Immanuel, Friona

"The documents of the following were found to be in order and in conformity with the Word of God and the confessions and practices of Synod, and these congregations are recommended for membership in Synod:

Faith, Lampasas
 Redeemer, Friona
 Trinity, West Sinton
 Redeemer, Nacogdoches
 Faith, Corsicana
 Good Shepherd, Azle

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Paul W. Geiger
 Mr. John G. Michalk
 Mr. Martin E. Eifert
 Rev. W. H. Heintze, Chairman"

The above congregations were accepted and the constitution was signed by the lay delegates with the exception of Faith Church of Corsicana.

The following Pastors and Teachers were received into Synod and signed the constitution:

Pastors:

David Janosky
 Reuel Gauger
 Larry Miller
 Wilfred Eckhardt, Jr.
 Robert Fickenscher
 Walter Anderson
 Lambert Schroeder
 Alvin Lange
 Robert Weston
 Edward Runge

Teachers:

Robert Mosemann
 Terrance Daberkow
 Elroy Wunderlich
 Charles Domann
 Charles Wuensche
 Dean Von Stroh
 Robert Rosenwinkel
 Kenneth Schkade
 William Rutherford
 William C. Herman

Doctor Wiederaenders addressed the candidates received.

Mr. Dean Von Stroh and Mr. Robert Rosenwinkel did not sign the constitution.

Dr. R. P. Wiederaenders began his presentation of the Synodical Report. He noted that the report will be available to all congregations in film form.

Greetings were noted from the California-Nevada District.

Announcements.

Pastor Vernon Harley closed the session with prayer.

Afternoon Session (March 31)

The session opened with devotion by Rev. Gerald Otte. His text was Acts 17:6. The organist was Mr. Bernard Gastler. The convention choir sang.

Committee #5 on Stewardship, the Rev. Edwin F. Heinicke reporting:

RESOLUTION NO. 5-1-64

Re: SIZE OF STEWARDSHIP BOARD

WHEREAS, The present Stewardship Board of the Texas District was structured to make it possible for the eleven laymen of the Board to act as Field Men to maintain closer touch with local Congregations, and

WHEREAS, The Circuit Stewardship Representatives have labored with zeal and success, hereby reducing the load of field work for the lay members of the Board, and

WHEREAS, A reduction in the size of the Stewardship Board can result in greater efficiency as well as economy, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Stewardship Board of the Texas District be composed of the following:

Eight laymen, two being elected from each Vice-Presidential area;

Two Pastors, elected as Members at Large;

One Teacher, elected as Member at Large;

The District President, the District Treasurer, one Vice-President appointed by the President, as advisory members;

The resolution passed.

Committee #6 on Board of Directors, the chairman, Rev. Harold Wageman, reporting:

RESOLUTION NO. 6-1-64

Re: ELECTION OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

WHEREAS, Resolution 17-1-63, adopted in the Texas District Convention April 15-19, 1963, and establishing a schedule of elections and terms of office, provided that the Board of Directors be elected in 1963 for a one-year term and in 1964 for a four-year term, and

WHEREAS, Paragraph 3.37 of Synod's Handbook provides that "The District President, Vice-Presidents, and Circuit Counselors, and the elective members of the Board of Directors shall be elected in the year following the regular sessions of the Synod," and

WHEREAS, Resolution 17-1-63 is, therefore, in conflict with paragraph 3.37 of Synod's Handbook, since the Board of Directors would never be elected at the same time as the other officers enumerated in paragraph 3.37, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the present Board of Directors be permitted to serve until 1966, and be it further

RESOLVED, That election of the Board of Directors be held in 1966 for a four-year term.

The resolution passed.

Mr. Emmerson Russell of KFUCO was introduced and gave his report.

Committee #15 on Nominations, the Rev. Horace Frerking reporting:

Additional nominations were made from the floor as follows:

Mission Board

Rev. R. H. Lawrenz, Houston, Texas
Mr. George Anderson, Wichita Falls, Texas
Mr. Fred Rathjen, Canyon, Texas

Social Welfare

Rev. John Saeger, Galveston, Texas

Mr. Clifford Kraft, Dallas, Texas, was removed from the ballot.

Board of Appeals

Rev. Horace Frerking, Wichita Falls, Texas
Rev. Harold Heckmann, Houston, Texas
Rev. Alvin Walter, Malone, Texas

Mr. Monroe Karcher, Lubbock, Texas
Mr. Lawrence Schulz, Austin, Texas

The Chairman, Rev. Andrew Szegedin, reported the results of election of the Review Committee.

Pastors

George Heinemeier
Oscar Horn
Harold Kaestner

Teacher

Erich Eifert

Layman

Oscar Frieling

Report of Committee #3A on Missions. Rev. A. O. Rast, Executive Director of Missions, gave presentations of workers from the field.

1. Rev. Mark Herbener of Mount Olive, Dallas, reported on the many blessings of the work in the inner-city, inter-racial work in South Dallas. Pastor Herbener introduced Mr. John Jones, former Baptist minister, a member of Mount Olive, Dallas, who addressed the convention.

2. Spanish work. Pastor Theodore Schubkegel of San Juan, Austin, spoke regarding the personal Evangelism program in his congregation. Pastor Schubkegel introduced Sr. Francisco Perez, who assists Pastor Schubkegel in this program. Mr. Perez, who neither reads, writes, or speaks English, addressed the convention in Spanish.

Rev. Wayne Dittloff, chairman of Committee #3A on Missions, reported corrections in the Mission Board report.

RESOLUTION NO. 3-4-64

Re: OUR MISSION TO ALL PEOPLE

WHEREAS, Our Savior Jesus Christ "died for all," and

WHEREAS, He has sent His Church on a mission to "make disciples of all nations" without exception, and

WHEREAS, We must confess our guilt of having failed our Savior by falling short of fulfilling our mission, especially in our approach to sharing Christ with so-called minority groups of our population, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we commend congregations which have recognized their mission to all people in their community and are determined to welcome and receive into their midst all who qualify for church membership regardless of their racial or social background, and be it further

RESOLVED, That we continue to pray for and work for an even more united and effective approach toward evangelizing all who are without Christ in our respective communities.

The resolution passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 3A-3-64

Re: EVANGELISM EMPHASIS and "GOAL FOR SOULS" - (Memorials 3-3-64 and 3-6-64)

WHEREAS, Throughout the Holy Scriptures we are encouraged by way of example as well as exhortation to be witnesses unto Christ, and

WHEREAS, The Christian congregation is a body of those who profess faith in Christ, and

WHEREAS, this body in the world is still beset by imperfections and shortcomings also in the area of being an effective witness, and

WHEREAS, This is often manifest by the lack of a vigorous, systematic, on-going evangelism effort in our congregations, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we encourage all congregations in our District to engage in prayerful and serious effort to find the non-churched people in their community, to witness to them faithfully, and to that end strive for the best possible methods to achieve this, and be it further

RESOLVED, That congregations use the services of the Evangelism Committee of the District Board of Missions for assistance in establishing and maintaining a methodical, continuing evangelism effort in their midst, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the District Board of Missions, through its Evangelism Committee, establish a "Goal for Souls" for each congregation in the Texas District for the year 1965, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Board set a minimum District Goal of 3000 accessions of adults and juniors from without, meaning members instructed and received as communicants by confirmation or profession of faith, and also to include baptism of children of non-members; not to include transfers from sister congregations or synods, reaffirmation of faith, or confirmation of juniors within the congregation, and be it finally

RESOLVED, That congregations be provided with a suggested minimum "Goal for Souls" based upon a 10% increase in total communicant membership, or an increase of 10 more persons than the number gained in 1963, whichever figure reflects the greater challenge for each local congregation.

Resolution passed as amended..

Recess followed.

Afternoon Session (Following Recess)

The chairman of Committee #15 on Nominations, Rev. H. Frerking, reported.

The following brought greetings to the convention:

Dr. Vernon Mohr, Southern District President (TALC).

Dr. Philip L. Wahlberg, Texas-Louisiana Synod of the LCA.

Mrs. Ann Garrett, President of the Lone Star District LWML.

Mr. John Dallman, President of the Lone Star District LLL. The Reverends M. Ramming, A. F. Jesse, C. Heckmann, G. A. Zoch, and T. Graalman were presented mementos for serving as pastoral advisors to the District LLL. In addition, Rev. W. E. Dorre and Dr. O. R. Harms were recognized for having served as pastoral advisors.

Rev. W. P. Clausen (El Paso) of the Colorado District. He introduced Miss Meta Roth, Deaconess at Grace, El Paso.

Miss Roth brought official greetings from the Deaconess Association.

The Secretary read greetings from the following: Lone Star District Walther League and from the Oklahoma District of The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod.

Report of Committee #8 on Recruitment. The secretary of the committee, Rev. John Schulz, presented Rev. Ray Schkade, who introduced Rev. Guido Merkens. Rev. Merkens spoke on Recruitment.

Rev. Schulz presented the following resolutions:

RESOLUTION NO. 8-1-64

Re: RECRUITMENT SUNDAY

WHEREAS, The Lord has continued to bless our District with many opportunities to open new churches, and

WHEREAS, The demand for pastors and teachers continues to exceed the supply, and

WHEREAS, Our enrollment at Concordia, Austin, has not shown a marked increase in recent years, and

WHEREAS, It is the Holy Spirit alone Who moves men and women to respond to His call, and

WHEREAS, God has promised to answer the prayers of His Church, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we, the Fortieth Convention of the Texas District of The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod, encourage each congregation to participate in a Recruitment Sunday on which we petition our gracious Lord to move the hearts of still more of our men and women to enter the preaching and teaching ministries, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the standing Recruitment Committee be asked to designate a day and provide guidelines and such helps as might prove of assistance in carrying out this special day of prayer, and be it finally

RESOLVED, That this convention ask our District President to lead us in prayer this afternoon as we petition the Lord of the Church to supply reapers in the harvest of souls.

The resolution passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 8-2-64

Re: CHURCH VOCATION PLAQUE

WHEREAS, The members of our congregations need constant reminders of the need for more church workers, and

WHEREAS, Sons and daughters of each congregation who are in full-time church work deserve recognition, and

WHEREAS, Such recognition may well encourage others to choose church vocations, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That each congregation be encouraged to purchase or design a church vocation plaque noting those from the congregation in church-related vocations.

The resolution passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 8-3-64

Re: RECOGNITION OF THE B. M. WOLTMAN FOUNDATION

WHEREAS, The B. M. Woltman Foundation of Houston has been of increasing financial assistance to those preparing for church vocations, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we, the convention, commend and thank the Foundation for every assistance.

The resolution passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 8-4-64

Re: CONGREGATION SCHOLARSHIP FUND

WHEREAS, The student aid funds in the District budget for this fiscal year have been cut from \$20,000 to \$15,000, and

WHEREAS, To assist the student is good and important not only for the student, but also for the congregation as it recognizes its part in the training of church workers, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the congregations of the District be encouraged to establish scholarship; and/or grants for deserving students preparing for church vocations.

The resolution passed.

These resolutions completed this committee's report.

Committee #3B on Campus Ministry. The chairman, Rev. H. Wottrich, introduced Rev. Charles Born, Campus Coordinator. Rev. Born introduced the following: Rev. Philip Stephan, new Campus Pastor in Houston; Mr. Travis Koehler, student at the University of Texas, who also spoke to the convention; Mr. David Victor, Lutheran student from India at the University of Texas, who spoke to the convention. Both student speakers thanked the convention for the new Student Center at the University of Texas. Mr. Victor is the only Christian among all of the India students at the University of Texas.

Committee #11 on Miscellaneous Matters. The chairman, Rev. Paul Schumacher stated that the report of the Fiscal Affairs Committee as given in the Handbook was acceptable to the committee.

Rev. A. F. Michalk reported the following for the Review Committee:

"To the honorable TEXAS DISTRICT, THE LUTHERAN CHURCH - MISSOURI SYNOD, assembled in Convention at Austin, Texas, March 30 - April 3, 1964.

"Greetings in the Name of OUR RISEN LORD -

"Your BOARD OF REVIEW reports that it has received an avalanche of Conference reports from all of the 8 Regions of our District.

"We have studied the Minutes and Papers delivered at Fall Pastoral Conferences for the past two years, at Mid-winter Pastors' and Teachers' Conferences of 1963 and 1964, and of the Conference of Principals of our Parish Schools of last August.

"Your Board was impressed with the high quality of work done in several Papers delivered at these conferences.

"We are happy to report that essays and studies of a doctrinal content were usually found to be in agreement with the teachings of Holy Scripture and our Lutheran Confessions. Some essays which did not conform to this high standard were either rejected by the conferences, or adjusted after thorough discussion by the members of the particular conferences.

"At times, however, we were puzzled by a new situation: We had received some sketchy outlines, reports on round-table discussions, book reports, and the like, which leave things hanging in a balance. Conference minutes often did not inform us what the position the members of the particular conference took in the matter which was being discussed. Therefore, we want to conclude this report with the Scriptural injunction: 'Take heed unto DOCTRINE,' brethren (I Timothy IV, 13. etc.). Only the Bible is the source of a life-giving TRUTH. 'THY WORD IS TRUTH' our Lord Jesus asserts, John XVII, 17.

"Respectfully submitted, Your BOARD OF REVIEW,

Rev. Henry J. Gerike
Rev. Herbert O. Hartfield
Mr. Martin Schuetze
Rev. Arthur A. Arndt
Rev. A. F. Michalk, Chairman"

The chairman introduced Rev. Louis L. Pabor, who reported for Valparaiso University.

Announcements.

Adjournment: Closing prayer by President Carl Heckmann.

Tuesday Evening (7:00 P.M.)

The opening devotion was conducted by the Rev. Marxen Dommer.
 Luke 22:31-62 was the text forming the basis of his remarks. The organist was Mr. George Launer. The convention choir sang.

The chairman of Committee #16 on Elections, Rev. A. Szegedin, reported on election procedure. The following lists present the complete nominations for the positions which were balloted in this session:

Mission BoardFour Pastors

Rev. V. Buvinghausen
 Rev. Donald Black
 Rev. Gerald P. Otte
 Rev. Guido Merkens
 Rev. Charles Reichert
 Rev. Paul Schumacher
 Rev. Norbert Roschke
 Rev. Ed Heinicke
 Rev. R. H. Lawrenz

One Teacher

Mr. Keith Loomans
 Mr. George Zehnder

Six Laymen

Mr. George Anderson
 Mr. Walter Oeltjen
 Mr. Forrest Troutman
 Mr. Dan Williams
 Mr. E. A. Kramer
 Mr. Gus Melde
 Mr. B. F. Jutzi
 Mr. Gunter Koetter
 Mr. Ernest Balke
 Mr. E. B. Fontenot
 Mr. Conrad Wright
 Mr. Paul Roseland
 Mr. E. C. Kobs
 Mr. Fred Rathjen

Stewardship BoardTwo Pastors

Rev. Walter Meyer
 Rev. Alvin Walter
 Rev. Carl E. Kasper
 Rev. Harold Wageman

One Teacher

Mr. Ralph Droege
 Mr. Carl Bielefeldt

Laymen - Vote 2 from each AreaArea I

Mr. Ralph Nafzger
 Mr. John Albers
 Mr. Eric Behrend
 Mr. Jim Herzberger

Area II

Mr. W. O. Graf
 Mr. Marvin Patschke
 Mr. John Hasse
 Mr. E. J. Holscher
 Mr. Marvin Mickan
 Mr. Oran Knudson

Area III

Dr. Clarence Kaiser
 Mr. Francis Koop
 Mr. Harry Plackemeier
 Mr. Victor Bartels
 Mr. Norman Luker
 Mr. W. H. B. Fehl

Area IV

Mr. Nick Columbetti
 Mr. Hubert Treude
 Mr. Arthur Samuel
 Mr. Herbert Hoschke
 Mr. W. H. Kieschnick
 Mr. A. J. Rohde

Board for Social WelfareThree Pastors

Rev. W. W. Stratman
 Rev. Louis Pabor
 Rev. Harold Heckmann
 Rev. Fred Giraud
 Rev. Mark Herbener
 Rev. K. R. Molnar
 Rev. John Saeger

Two Teachers

Mr. C. T. Schoessow
 Mr. Herbert Becker
 Mr. James McKay
 Mr. Paul Rebsch

Three Laymen

Mr. Forrest Troutman
 Mr. Martin Wukasch
 Mr. John Dallman
 Mr. A. A. Hingst

Board for Parish EducationThree Pastors

Rev. David R. Hermann
 Rev. Richard Patt
 Rev. Howard Klenz
 Rev. George Aurich
 Rev. A. G. Mueller
 Rev. Edwin T. Brown

Three Teachers

Mr. E. C. Gutz
 Mr. Ray Petersen
 Mr. Dallas Collever
 Mr. Norman Stuemke
 Mr. Wilbert Krause
 Mr. T. F. Zoch

Three Laymen

Mr. Werner Waiser
 Mr. Eddie A. Bartsch
 Mr. Walter L. Schneider
 Dr. Fred Mahler
 Dr. Dwain Vance
 Mr. Gil Langholz
 Mr. Helmuth Burger

Board of Support and PensionsOne Pastor

Rev. Edward R. Rathgeber

One Teacher

Mr. M. M. Groeschel

One Layman

Mr. O. C. Kirk

Board of Public RelationsOne Pastor

Rev. George Lange
 Rev. Larry Rynearson

One Teacher

Mr. Jerry Wolf
 Mr. W. O. Doering, Jr.

Editor of SupplementOne Pastor

Rev. William C. Petersen
 Rev. Carroll Kohl
 Rev. Ewald Recks

Constitutions CommitteeTwo Pastors

Rev. Paul Geiger
 Rev. William K. Schuster
 Rev. Herbert Wiederaenders

One Teacher

Mr. Martin Eifert
 Mr. Alfred Geihlsler

One Layman

Mr. John Michalk
 Mr. Otto Manske

Board of ReliefTwo Pastors

Rev. Louis Wickham
 Rev. T. R. Griesse
 Rev. Keith Fox

One Teacher

Mr. Donald Bahr
 Mr. Norris Patschke

One Layman

Mr. Allan Leistico
 Mr. Maurice Shaw

Board of AppealsThree Pastors

Rev. William A. Gerdes
 Rev. A. Arndt
 Rev. James Henning
 Rev. Alfred Wagner
 Rev. Alvin Walter
 Rev. Harold Heckmann
 Rev. H. R. Frerking

Two Laymen

Mr. John Hoffmeyer
 Mr. William Pfluger
 Mr. Kenneth Kramer
 Mr. Lawrence Schülz
 Mr. Monroe Karcher

The following were elected by acclamation by the convention to their respective position:

DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES TO DETROIT CONVENTION IN 1965

<u>Electoral Circuits</u>	<u>Pastors</u>	<u>Congregations</u>
# 1 (Cir. 1 & 2)	Harold Kaestner (1) Fred Beversdorf (2)	Pampa, Zion (1) Perryton, Trinity (2)
# 2 (Cir. 3 & 5)	J. Louis Konz (1) Clair Wiederhocht (2)	Midland, Grace (1) Sonora, Hope (2)
# 3 (Cir. 4 & 6)	Oscar Horn (1) Phil Otten (2)	Iowa Park (Clara, Trinity (1) Wichita Falls, Redeemer (2)
# 4 (Cir. 7 & 8)	Elton Bauerkemper (1) Alton Donsbach (2)	Dallas, Our Savior (1) Fort Worth, Christ (2)
# 5 (Cir. 9 & 10)	Fred Boecher (1) W. H. Meyer, Jr. (2)	Dallas, Zion (1) Lufkin, First (2)
# 6 (Cir. 11 & 12)	Erich Knippa (1) Marvin Koch (2)	Hamilton, St. John (1) Riesel, Trinity (2)
# 7 (Cir. 13 & 14)	Kenneth Studtmann (1) Jon Siemsglusz (2)	Fedor, Trinity (1) Temple, Immanuel (2)
# 8 (Cir. 15 & 16)	John Allmann (1) Richard Loesche (2)	Brenham, Grace (1) Smithville, Grace (2)
# 9 (Cir. 17 & 18)	Carl Biar (1) Erwin Metz (2)	Port Arthur, Good Shepherd (1) Port Arthur, St. Mark (2)
#10 (Cir. 19 & 20)	Louis Pabor (1) Harold Heckmann (2)	Houston, St. John (1) Galveston, St. John (2)
#11 (Cir. 21 & 22)	W. A. Gerdes (1) Martin Friedrich (2)	Houston, Mt. Olive (1) Houston, Pilgrim (2)
#12 (Cir. 23 & 24)	Wm. Wuthrich (1) Wm. Roth (2)	Sealy, Trinity (1) Austin, Christ (2)
#13 (Cir. 25,26,27)	H. Hannusch (1) E. Mickan (2)	San Antonio, Trinidad (1) Del Rio, Grace (2)
#14 (Cir. 28 & 29)	Wm. Schuster (1) Reinhardt Wuensche (2)	Raymondville, Mt. Calvary (1) Alamo, Zion (2)

Advisory Pastors - Non-Voting Pastoral Delegate to Detroit Convention:

Rev. A. F. Michalk of Giddings
Rev. John Jackson of Houston, Alternate

Teacher Delegates

1. Ray Alms
2. Anton Lehmann
3. H. Schaefer
4. R. Ruehs
5. T. Lange
6. J. Socha
7. C. T. Boriack

Alternates

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| 1st | W. Kruse |
| 2nd | K. Schwark |
| 3rd | G. Rottmann |
| 4th | M. Mueller |
| 5th | J. McKay |
| 6th | M. Eifert |
| 7th | R. Maas |

Suggested List of School Visitors

Carl Aufdemberge
 Mrs. Carl Aufdemberge
 Donald Bahr
 Lester Bayer
 Herbert Becker
 Carl Bielefeldt
 Gerald Brinton
 Dallas Collever
 Willard Doering
 W. O. Doering, Sr.
 W. O. Doering, Jr.
 Ralph Droege
 Carl Dunk
 Martin Eifert
 Mrs. Lorine Falke
 Bernard Gastler
 E. C. Gutz
 Ronald Irsch
 Arthur Jansen
 Mrs. Lillian Kobs
 Wilbert Krause
 Keith Loomans
 Richard Maas
 Mildred Marohn

Doris Meyer
 Mrs. Marie Mueller
 Martin Mueller
 Dalton Noack
 Alan Paskett
 Ray Petersen
 Mrs. Ray Petersen
 Mrs. Luella Pliéfke
 Gary Rottmann
 Reinhold Ruehs
 C. T. Schoessow
 Walter Schramm
 Martin Schuetze
 Kenneth Schwark
 John Socha
 Robert Stebbe
 Mrs. Gertrude Stelzer
 Norman Stuenke
 Herman Teinert
 Roland Trinklein
 Gordon Wendling
 George Zehnder
 Mrs. Dessie Zoch

After the voting was completed, the assembly was addressed by Dr. R. P. Wiederaenders, the representative of the President of Synod.

The session adjourned at 9:30 P.M. with prayer by Pastor C. A. Gaertner.

Wednesday Morning (April 1)

At the LLL Breakfast for Pastors at 7:00 A.M., Mr. John Dallman introduced Mr. Edgar Fritz of St. Louis who addressed the Pastors.

The Wednesday morning devotion was conducted by Rev. George H. Fehl speaking on the text Luke 17:5-6. Mr. B. Gastler was the organist. The convention choir sang an appropriate hymn.

The essayist, the Reverend Dr. Richard Caemmerer, continued with the second part of the essay "Let the Church Be the Church." The second part was titled "The Church, the Body of Christ."

Recess.

Mr. Fred Frieling gave his report. This summary report will be printed in the Proceedings. This was not a detailed financial statement. The detailed statement is found in the Texas District Messenger.

The Rev. George Fehl, Faith Forward Director, reported on Faith Forward. Pastor Fehl, to illustrate his report, introduced a presentation by Missionary Thomas Malone of Nigeria regarding the work of our church in Nigeria. Dr. Wiederaenders also gave his impressions of this work based on a recent trip to this field and other foreign fields.

President Heckmann reported that 14 members of the Texas District serve as missionaries in foreign fields. He read excerpts from letter of these servants.

At this time the convention sang the hymn: "Awake, Thou Spirit, Who Didst Fire."

The chairman of Committee #5 on Stewardship, Rev. Edwin Heinicke, reported.

RESOLUTION No. 5-2-64

Re: NEW DISTRICT ACTIVITIES REQUIRING SPECIAL OFFERINGS (Memorial 5-2-64)

WHEREAS, It is of vital importance that each District sponsored activity receive the majority interest of the constituency for its successful execution and completion, and

WHEREAS, A pre-adoptive study of any important activity^{es} should be a prerequisite before it is recommended and presented to a delegate convention, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That memorials for new District activity requiring expenditures of monies not provided for in the budget or requiring special District-wide offerings be presented to the congregations by January 1 preceding the delegate convention in which they are to be voted upon, and be it further

RESOLVED, That these memorials be processed to the congregations in the usual manner by the District President's Office.

This resolution was recommitted to the Committee.

A motion made to recommit Resolution No. 5-4-64 was defeated. Action was not completed on this resolution.

Committee #10 on Resolutions, Rev. Elmer Hohle, chairman, reported.

RESOLUTION NO. 10-1-64

WHEREAS, Mrs. Harry Plackemeier has come to the end of her earthly sojourn and has fallen asleep in Jesus, and

WHEREAS, Her late husband was a faithful pastor in this District, and

WHEREAS, Their son is serving our District on the Board of Stewardship, and

WHEREAS, The funeral will be conducted at Bethany Lutheran Church, Houston, Texas, this Friday, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That this assembled convention send its Christian sympathies and condolences, assuring the bereaved of the certain hope of eternal victory through faith in the risen Savior and King, our Lord Jesus Christ.

This resolution passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 10-2-64

WHEREAS, The Southern California, the California-Nevada, and the Oklahoma Districts of The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod are likewise assembled in convention at San Diego, Sacramento, California and at Stillwater, Oklahoma respectively, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That our convention convey its greetings to these brethren in Christ, assuring them of our prayers for the Risen Lord's richest blessings in their particular assemblies, and be it further

RESOLVED, That such greetings be sent at the discretion and direction of our beloved District President, the Rev. Carl A. Heckmann.

This resolution passed.

Mrs. Edwin Lang of Good Shepherd Home of the West, Terra Bella, California, addressed the convention.

President Heckmann announced corrections in the Treasurer's report. Immanuel Congregation of Friona became the first congregation in Texas to exceed the \$100 per communicant mark for World Missions.

Announcements.

Closing prayer by Rev. George Fehl.

Afternoon Session (April 1)

The session was opened with a devotion by Rev. Mark Herbener of Mount Olive, Dallas. He based his remarks on Ephesians 3:14-19. The convention choir sang. The organist was Mr. Ronald Irsch.

Rev. Andrew Szegedin, Sr. reported the following election results:

Mission Board

Pastors

Rev. V. Buvinghausen
Rev. Donald Black
Rev. Gerald Otte
Rev. Guido Merkens

Teacher

Mr. Keith Loomans

Laymen

Mr. George Anderson
Mr. Forrest Troutman
Mr. E. A. Kramer
Mr. Gus Melde
Mr. B. F. Jutzi
Mr. Gunter Koetter

Stewardship Board

Pastors

Rev. Walter Meyer
Rev. Alvin Walter

Teacher

Mr. Ralph Droege

Laymen

Area I	Mr. Ralph Nafzger Mr. Eric Behrend
Area II	Mr. W. O. Graf Mr. John Hasse
Area III	Dr. Clarence Kaiser Mr. Harry Plackemeier
Area IV	Mr. Arthur Samuel Mr. W. H. Kieschnick

Board of Parish Education

Pastors

Rev. David Hermann
Rev. George Aurich
Rev. E. T. Brown

Teachers

Mr. E. C. Gutz
Mr. Ray Petersen
Mr. Norman Stuenke

Laymen

Mr. Werner Waiser
Mr. Eddie A. Bartsch, Jr.
Mr. Walter L. Schneider

Board of Social WelfarePastors

Rev. W. W. Stratman
 Rev. Louis Pabor
 Rev. Harold Heckmann

Laymen

Mr. Forrest Troutman
 Mr. Martin Wukasch
 Mr. John Dallman

Teacher

Mr. C. T. Schoessow

Committee on ConstitutionsPastors

Rev. Paul Geiger
 Rev. Herbert Wiederaenders

Teacher

Mr. Martin Eifert

Layman

Mr. John Michalk

Board of AppealsPastors

Rev. William Gerdes
 Rev. A. Arndt
 Rev. H. F. Freerking

Laymen

Mr. John Hoffmeyer
 Mr. Kenneth Kramer

Editor of Supplement

Rev. Wm. C. Petersen

Board of Support and PensionsPastor

Rev. Ed. R. Rathgeber

Teacher

Mr. M. M. Groeschel

Layman

Mr. O. C. Kirk

Board of Public RelationsPastor

Rev. George H. Lange

Teacher

Mr. Jerry Wolf

Board of ReliefPastor

Rev. Louis Wickham
 Rev. T. R. Griesse

Teacher

Mr. Donald Bahr

Layman

Mr. Allan Leistico

The Reverend Dr. R. P. Wiederaenders continued his report on Synodical matters emphasizing Missions.

Committee #4 on Parish Education, Rev. Fred Boecher reporting. Pastor Boecher introduced Rev. R. Lawrenz, who spoke on inter-parish schools.

Teacher Gastler of Austin, St. Paul presented a dialogue with two pupils of his school - Steve Wenzel and Dorothy Schubkegel - regarding the Sunday School Convention in Houston June 26-28, 1964.

Mr. Dean Dammann also spoke in behalf of the Sunday School Convention.

Pastor Boecher then presented the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 4-2-64

Re: SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

WHEREAS, One of the goals of Sunday school teacher training is to strengthen the Sunday school teachers in their faith, help them develop initiative in their Christian service, and

WHEREAS, It is important that Sunday school teachers receive training, inspiration, and guidance in all areas of Sunday school work, and

WHEREAS, Under the auspices of the Texas District Board of Parish Education a Sunday School Convention will be held to meet some of these needs, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we encourage each congregation in the District to urge each Sunday school staff member to attend this convention meeting at the Rice Hotel in Houston, Texas, June 26-28, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the congregations be encouraged to pay at least the registration fee of each of its workers attending the convention.

This resolution passed.

Mr. W. B. Kastrup spoke in behalf of Bethesda Lutheran Home, Watertown, Wisconsin.

Recess

Afternoon Session (Following Recess)

Dr. E. J. Keuer of River Forest addressed the convention, bringing greetings from Dr. Koehneke and the College. He also announced the Centennial Program of Concordia Teachers College at River Forest, Illinois.

Rev. Fred Boecher, chairman of Committee #4 on Parish Education, continued with his report.

RESOLUTION NO. 4-1-64

Re: EXPANSION PROGRAM AT CAMP LONE STAR

WHEREAS, Camp Lone Star is serving the Youth of the Texas District in many endeavors, Lutheran Service Volunteer Schools, Advanced Lutheran Service Volunteer Schools, Lutheran Youth Leadership Training Schools plus an on-going Christian Camping program whereby its very nature as an opportunity for intensified Bible study and instruction, and

WHEREAS, Camp Lone Star has demonstrated that it is an integral and functional part of the Youth Program in the Texas District and has shown its worth by the many young people who can testify to its value by its influence in their lives, and

WHEREAS, Camp Lone Star is in competition with secular camps ^{which} ~~who~~ do not function as Christian camps, and

WHEREAS, It is imperative that we expand our present facilities to meet the ever growing demand for our facilities, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Texas District participate in the expansion program at Camp Lone Star by asking the Texas District Board of Directors to consider in the 1965 Work Program underwriting one of the planned family and/or dormitory units.

This resolution was defeated.

Mr. D. Dammann spoke regarding Vacation Bible School.

Rev. Walter H. Meyer, Jr., District Director of TRAIN TWO addressed the convention regarding TRAIN TWO.

Mr. Dean Dammann also spoke regarding Youth Work; Zone Rallies; Youth Filmstrips; District Walther League Convention; Lenten School Materials; and Cancellation of Workshops.

This concluded the report of the Committee on Parish Education. The Committee was discharged with thanks.

President Heckmann announced that we have 16 Chaplains in the Military from the Texas District.

Final report of Committee #2 on Credentials and Registration showed:

205	Pastors
122	Teachers
185	Delegates
34	Lady Teachers
4	Emeriti
30	Advisory Pastors
7	Visitors
4	Guests
<u>591</u>	Total

Prof. Robert Grunow, Director of Seminary Relations of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, addressed the convention.

Committee #6 on Board of Directors, the chairman, Rev. Harold Wageman, reporting. Minor errors were found in the Board of Directors report.

RESOLUTION NO. 6-2-64

Re: TENURE OF OFFICE OF DISTRICT TREASURER

WHEREAS, Information from the Board of Directors indicates a need for further study of the matter contained in Memorial 6-2-64, and

WHEREAS, The election of Treasurer does not come before the convention until 1966, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That Memorial 6-2-64 be returned to the Board of Directors for further study

The resolution was passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 6-3-64

Re: DISTRICT ASSISTANT SECRETARY

WHEREAS, The history of our Texas District indicates that the Convention elected an Assistant Secretary as early as 1921, and

WHEREAS, The Convention has not elected an Assistant Secretary since 1955, and

WHEREAS, The Texas District needs an Assistant Secretary, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the 1964 Convention establish the Office of Assistant Secretary, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the tenure of office of the Assistant Secretary run concurrently with that of the District Secretary, and be it finally

RESOLVED, That the Convention sanction the action of the District Board of Directors in appointing an Assistant Secretary until the election year of 1966.

The resolution passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 6-4-64

Re: ATTENDANCE OF TEACHERS AT CONVENTIONS

WHEREAS, The Constitutions Committee of Synod has made an interpretation of the Constitution of Synod, Article V,B,5, and Section 1.07 of the Handbook, and

WHEREAS, This reads

"Our Committee decided to interpret these paragraphs in the traditional manner - called men teachers are required to attend the District Convention, but this obligation does not rest upon appointed teachers, whether they be men or women.

"We believe that this interpretation reflects the spirit of Article V,B of the Constitution, and also Section 1.07 of the Handbook."

therefore be it

RESOLVED, That for future Conventions of the Texas District, appointed men and women teachers not be required to attend.

The resolution passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 6-5-64

Re: ESTABLISHMENT OF AREA BOARDS AND STRUCTURE OF DISTRICT BOARDS

WHEREAS, Resolution number 17-5-63 of the 39th Convention of the Texas District was adopted as follows:

"Be It Resolved, that proposals 7 and 8 of the Survey Committee be studied by the standing Boards and the Praesidium of the Texas District and recommendations be made to the 1964 Convention," and

WHEREAS, Such a study has been made by all Boards involved, and

WHEREAS, The reports of their studies show that all Boards have reacted negatively to the proposals of the Survey Committee; because proposal 7 would present unnecessary duplication of work, and

WHEREAS, Proposal number 8 of the Survey Committee is dependent on the adoption of proposal number 7, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That proposal No. 7 "Election of Area Boards" and Proposal No. 8 "Structure of District Boards" of the Survey Committee be declined.

The resolution passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 6-6-64

Re: REVIEW OF REPORT AND MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

WHEREAS, Committee #6 has studied the minutes and the reports of the Board of Directors and except for a few minor corrections found them in good order, and

WHEREAS, These records indicate that a tremendous amount of work was done at the expense of much dedication, time, and energy on the part of the

Board Members, the Circuit Counselors, and the Circuit Cabinet Members, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we acknowledge with thanks the contribution these men have made and bespeak the blessing, guidance, and support of a gracious God upon them as they continue their service to the Lord in the District.

The resolution passed.

Committee #14 on Review of Minutes presented the following report:

"To the Honorable Texas District-Missouri Synod, assembled in convention, Austin, Texas, March 30 through April 3, 1964:

"We have carefully examined the minutes of the convention from Monday night through Tuesday night and find them in good order,

"With the exception of the report of Committee No. 2, which should read: 167 pastors, 74 teachers, 129 delegates and 35 others for a total of 405, instead of

167 pastors, 74 teachers, 129 delegates, 2 emeriti, 6 advisory,
10 visitors, 2 guests, total 406.

"Under afternoon session, March 31, Resolution 5-1-64, the concluding paragraph should read "members" (plural).

"On page 5 of the minutes, Committee No. 15, Board of Appeals, names removed under pastors: Rev. Gerhard T. Naumann, Pearsall, Texas, and Rev. Eric Wagner, San Antonio, Texas.

"Point of information under Suggested List of School Visitors, should not Dessie Zoch be listed as Mrs.?"

The report was adopted as corrected.

RESOLUTION NO. 3B-1-64

Re: CAMPUS PROGRAM AT DENTON

WHEREAS, Our Campus Contact Pastor at Denton has an extremely heavy responsibility requiring him to serve both St. Paul Lutheran Church at Denton and all Lutheran students at North Texas State and Texas Woman's University, and

WHEREAS, The Lutheran enrollment (See the Report of the Texas District's Ministry to the Campus) requiring our spiritual care in these State-supported educational institutions is the third-largest in Texas, and

WHEREAS, A large proportion of these students are women making adequate pastoral visitation difficult, and

WHEREAS, There are rich opportunities for offering non-credit courses in Marriage and Morals, Family Management, etc., therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Mission Board of the Texas District engage a qualified Lutheran woman at their discretion, subject to adequate financing, beginning September 1, 1964, to serve in the Campus Program at Denton together with and under the supervision of our resident Campus Contact Pastor, and be it further

RESOLVED, That this program be subject to an annual review by the Campus Work Committee of the Texas District Mission Board.

The above resolution was discussed but time did not enable the motion to be acted on.

Mr. B. F. Jutzi of Houston introduced Mr. Maurice Lehmann of the Lutheran Foundation of Texas. He addressed the convention briefly and introduced Pastor A. F. Jesse who reported for the Lutheran Foundation of Texas.

This report was accepted by the convention.

Announcements.

The convention closed with prayer by Rev. Mark Herbener.

Thursday Morning (April 2)

The convention opened at 8:30 A.M. with a Special Service of Thanksgiving commemorating the anniversaries of pastors and teachers as well as the 125th Anniversary of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, and the 100th Anniversary of Concordia Teachers College, River Forest, Illinois.

The service was conducted by Rev. Charles Reichert, Pastor of Hope Church, Austin, basing his remarks on the text Psalm 103:1. The convention choir sang "Now Thank We All Our God."

The following jubilarians were honored (years of service in parenthesis) with a special plaque:

Pastors

The Reverend Victor D. Buvinghausen (25)
The Reverend Henry J. Gerike (35)
The Reverend Walter F. Rolf (55)
The Reverend E. H. Sanders (35)
The Reverend A. C. Liefer (35)
The Reverend Prof. G. Viehweg (50)

Teachers

Mr. A. H. Bierbaum (35)
Mr. Arthur Bartels (35)
Mr. Carl Dunk (35)
Mr. Max M. Groeschel (35)
Mr. Ewald C. Gutz (35)
Mr. Alfred H. Geihlsler (35)
Mr. Paul Rebsch (35)
MR. RAY ALMS (35) MR. ARTHUR PETERSEN (25)

President Heckmann also recognized the following pastors who in retirement continue to serve in limited capacities:

Rev. A. F. Michalk (45)
Rev. F. W. H. Janzow (55)

Dr. R. R. Caemmerer concluded his doctrinal essay "Let the Church Be the Church" with part three "The Church, the Temple of the Spirit."

The chairman of Committee #10 on Resolutions, Rev. Elmer Hohle, presented:

RESOLUTION NO. 10-2A-64

WHEREAS, Dr. Richard R. Caemmerer has been the Spirit's instrument in nourishing and nurturing the faith of God's called ones with his essay "Let the Church Be the Church," and

WHEREAS, He has done this with a competence that defies description, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we accept this paper, and be it further

RESOLVED, That this convention express its heartfelt gratitude and appreciation with a rising vote of thanks, and be it finally

RESOLVED, That we pray the Head of the Church's continued blessing upon his work of training future preachers in the church to preach for the Church.

The resolution passed.

Dr. Caemmerer responded with appropriate remarks.

President Heckmann addressed Dr. R. Wiederaenders and Dr. Caemmerer. A "Texas wide-brim Hat" was presented to Dr. Wiederaenders and to Dr. Caemmerer. In addition, a certificate of Honorary Citizenship in the State of Texas, signed by Governor John Connally, was presented to Dr. Caemmerer. The assembly sang "The Eyes of Texas."

Recess.

The delegate of Faith, Corsicana signed the constitution.

Chairman Gaertner of Committee #17 on Doctrine reported.

RESOLUTION NO. 17-1-64

Re: THE INTERSYNODICAL TRANSLATION OF LUTHER'S SMALL CATECHISM

WHEREAS, Resolution 4-22 of the Forty-fifth Regular Convention of The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod (Proceedings, p. 118) requested individuals and conferences to evaluate the Intersynodical Translation of Luther's Small Catechism and submit their findings to the Synodical Board of Parish Education, and

WHEREAS, Individuals and a number of conferences in the Texas District have cooperated in this request, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That such pastors, teachers, laymen and conferences be commended for their helpful cooperation in this matter.

The resolution passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 17-2-64

Re: TRANSLATION OF LUTHER'S SMALL CATECHISM

WHEREAS, Luther's Small Catechism is one of the basic confessional Symbols of the Lutheran Church and is the best known confession to the constituency of the Synod, and

WHEREAS, A careful study of the Intersynodical Translation of Luther's Small Catechism reveals a number of inaccuracies and revisions in the text which could be understood to affect the doctrinal content of certain sections of the Catechism, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Texas District in convention at Austin, Texas, March 30 to April 3, 1964, respectfully request the Synod not to adopt the Intersynodical Translation of Luther's Small Catechism, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Texas District in said convention petition the honorable Synod to instruct the Board of Parish Education through a specially appointed committee of educators and theologians to produce an accurate translation of Luther's Small Catechism in simple, contemporary English.

The resolution passed.

Dr. R. P. Wiederaenders presented the third and final portion of the Synodical report.

The Rev. John Obeda of the Slovak Church in Shamrock, Texas, was welcomed as a visitor at the convention.

Dr. Martin Naumann of Concordia Seminary, Springfield, Illinois, addressed the convention.

A letter from Chaplain C. S. Munding, Jr., stationed at Anchorage, Alaska, was read greeting the convention and reporting on conditions in Alaska.

Announcements.

The closing prayer was given by Rev. T. Schubkegel.

Afternoon Session (April 2)

Rev. J. L. Konz conducted the opening devotion based on Luke 6:36. The organist was Bernard Gastler. The choir sang: "Come Ye Disconsolate."

President Heckmann thanked the assembly for its fine attendance and cooperation in participating in opening devotions. The choir was also recognized as doing an outstanding job.

Committee #7 on Social Welfare reported. Rev. James Gruetzner, chairman, introduced our Executive Director of Social Welfare, the Rev. David Brammer, who gave his report.

Rev. Brammer introduced the District's institutional chaplains: Rev. John J. Jackson and Rev. G. A. Zoch, each of whom made a brief report.

Chairman Gruetzner then presented the following resolutions:

RESOLUTION NO. 7-1-64 (Substitute for Memorial 7-8-64)

Re: ESTABLISHING CHAPLAINCY ASSISTANCE FOR THE MEDICAL CENTER AT GALVESTON, TEXAS

WHEREAS, Almighty God has provided St. John Congregation of Galveston with wide open doors of missionary and pastoral opportunity at the University of Texas Medical Branch Hospitals and at other institutions in Galveston presently totaling 1346 beds (15,567 patients in 1962) in witnessing to the physically and mentally sick from all sections and congregations of the Texas District, and

WHEREAS, St. John Congregation has the opportunity to minister to medical and nursing students, graduates and undergraduates from all sections of Texas, and

WHEREAS, Our experience in recent years leaves no doubt that it is impossible for one pastor serving St. John Congregation to do justice to the parish, hospital, and student ministries in Galveston, and

WHEREAS, The Medical Branch facilities are being greatly expanded and the number of patients and students from throughout the state will continue to increase, and

WHEREAS, St. John Congregation, located in somewhat of an inner-city neighborhood, has excellent community mission potential, as well as the opportunity to minister to the needs of merchant seamen, and

WHEREAS, St. John Congregation, with its 100 active family giving units, at this time cannot afford to add a full-time worker to her present staff of five professional workers (1 pastor and 4 teachers), and

WHEREAS, It is not considered wise or expedient at this time to reduce the parochial school staff, and

WHEREAS, A layman, upon hearing of this need, has offered to pay the additional cost for the first month to provide a Vicar or capable retired pastor, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Texas District of The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod, through its Board of Social Welfare, provide assistance as soon as possible after July 1, 1964, to St. John Lutheran Church by the placement of a Vicar or capable retired pastor within this congregation to assist them with their opportunities for ministry to the hospitals, students, and community groups, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the costs of this urgently needed assistance be borne for the remainder of this year by existing funds and contributions, and thereafter by the District Work Program, and be it finally

RESOLVED, That after a period of two years' experience, an evaluation be made by the Board of Social Welfare to determine the establishment of a full-time chaplaincy in Galveston.

The resolution passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 7-2-64
(Substitute for Memorial 7-7-64)

Re: ESTABLISHING A FULL-TIME INSTITUTIONAL CHAPLAINCY IN AUSTIN, TEXAS

WHEREAS, The Board of Social Welfare has duly considered the tabled motion from the previous convention regarding the establishment of a full-time institutional chaplaincy in Austin, and

WHEREAS, The City of Austin, Texas, has many state and private institutions which, according to the findings of our Texas District Social Welfare Department, offer a potential of 12,000 and more persons to be served with the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and

WHEREAS, These institutions serve a geographic area which has a large Lutheran population (ca. 5-10%), and

WHEREAS, Very little is being done by the Christian churches in Austin to feed many of these souls with the Bread of Life, and

WHEREAS, Many of our own Lutheran Churches in Austin are not able to do more than a small fraction of what ought to be done in this great mission field, and

WHEREAS, The Lutheran Activities Council of our Austin Lutheran Churches of the Missouri Synod has pledged itself to support a full-time chaplaincy and contribute financially to the extent of \$720.00 per year in addition to their continued support of the District Work Program, and

WHEREAS, The word and example of our Lord makes it very clear that we are to share the Gospel with everyone and most especially with these people who are unable to participate in the normal congregational worship program, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Texas District of The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod establish a full-time institutional chaplaincy in Austin, the remainder of the cost to be added to the District Work Program beginning in 1965, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the calling of this institutional chaplain be carried out by the Social Welfare Board at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

The resolution passed.

Committee #11 on Miscellaneous Matters, Pastor Paul Schumacher reporting:

RESOLUTION NO. 11-1-64

Re: UNUSED FUNDS RAISED AT THE TIME OF HURRICANE CARLA

WHEREAS, Our Texas District Convention of April 1961 adopted policies of procedure when and if disasters should strike within our District, including also and particularly the policy that if our financial needs would be greater than our District could bear, we could request the Synodical Board of World Relief to come to our aid and supply our needs, and if we raised more funds for relief in any disaster the unused funds would be turned over to the Synodical Board for World Relief, and

WHEREAS, The Synodical Handbook (13:15 f: Duties of Board of World Relief) definitely states that "funds raised by a District for any emergency and not expended for the emergency shall be deposited in the treasury of Synod to the account of the Board of World Relief"; and

WHEREAS, When in 1961 (September) our District made an appeal for Disaster relief funds on the occasion of Hurricane Carla, and our people responded most generously, to the extent of about \$19,000, and

WHEREAS, The District has on hand \$8,961.52 of unused funds raised for the relief of victims of Hurricane Carla, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the District Treasurer be instructed by this convention to forward to the Synodical Board of World Relief the \$8,961.52 remaining in this account of leftover Carla funds.

The motion was made to recommit this resolution to get more information, which passed.

Pastor L. W. Wickham, Chairman of the District Board of Relief, addressed the convention in behalf of the Relief program.

Pastor Ed Rathgeber spoke to the convention reporting regarding the work of the Board of Support and Pensions, especially regarding Synod's new pension program.

Recess.

Afternoon Session (Following Recess)

Committee #9 on DPR and TEXAS MESSENGER, the chairman Rev. Wm. Johnson reporting:

Rev. George Lange, DPR Director, addressed the convention.

RESOLUTION NO. 9-4-64

Re: DISTRICT PUBLIC RELATIONS

WHEREAS, The work of the congregations in public relations is of such vital importance to the spreading of God's Kingdom in the local communities, and

WHEREAS, One of the purposes of the establishment of the District Department of Public Relations is to encourage and aid the local congregations in carrying out effective programs of public relations, and

WHEREAS, The budget allotment for the activities of the DPR has been drastically reduced for the current year, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the convention commend the Public Relations Board and especially its director, the Rev. George Lange, for their effective work under the curtailed program, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the District Board of Directors be urged by this convention to increase substantially the budget allotment for the District DPR in the fiscal year 1965, and be it finally

RESOLVED, That the District Public Relations seek to increase its efforts to give all possible encouragement, advice and aid to the local congregations in the field of public relations.

The resolution passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 9-3-64

Re: CONVENTION PAPER

WHEREAS, It is imperative to bring the message of this convention to the members of the body of Christ in each congregation of our District, and

WHEREAS, The DALLAS LUTHERAN will be made available for each family in the Texas District in a special "Convention Edition," therefore be it

RESOLVED, That this convention express its thanks to Mrs. Anna Fay Friedlander, editor of the DALLAS LUTHERAN, for her efforts in this service to the church, and be it further

RESOLVED, That each Pastor Delegate and each Lay Delegate be encouraged to pledge himself to see that this newspaper reach each home in his congregation immediately after this convention.

The resolution passed.

The Rev. William Petersen, Editor of the District Witness Supplement, spoke to the convention regarding the Witness.

RESOLUTION NO. 9-2-64

Re: THE DISTRICT SUPPLEMENT, LUTHERAN WITNESS

WHEREAS, We have a very effective method of presenting news of the congregations of our District in the TEXAS MESSENGER, a supplement to the LUTHERAN WITNESS, and

WHEREAS, It is difficult for a pastor to assume the responsibility of editing the paper without qualified assistance, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That this convention commend the district editor, the Rev. Wm. Petersen, for the high quality of the Messenger in the past, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors be instructed to explore, and act upon if expedient, the advisability of increasing the editorial staff of the TEXAS MESSENGER supplement of the LUTHERAN WITNESS, and be it finally

RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors give further consideration to compensate the editor and his associates to the extent and within the limits of funds available from subscriptions.

This resolution passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 9-1-64

WHEREAS, The District Public Relations Committee is charged with the responsibility of disseminating information favorable to the Church to news media within the District, and

WHEREAS, The TEXAS MESSENGER, a supplement to the LUTHERAN WITNESS, is one of these media, and

WHEREAS, The editor of the TEXAS MESSENGER must keep abreast of trends in public information methods as well as editing and writing, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Editor of the TEXAS MESSENGER be an advisory member of the District Public Relations Committee.

The resolution passed as amended.

The committee was discharged with thanks.

Pastor Herbert Rohe, newly called Executive Secretary to the Deaf in Synod, addressed the convention.

The Rev. Elmer Hohle, chairman of Committee #10 on Resolutions, reported:

RESOLUTION NO. 10-3-64

Re: SITE OF CONVENTIONS AND CONFERENCES

WHEREAS, The facilities of Concordia College are limited, and

WHEREAS, Its gymnasium is not large enough to meet all of the growing needs of the entire delegation at a convention, and

WHEREAS, Air conditioning is conducive to greater mental alertness and attendance, as well as the general comfort of the delegates, and

WHEREAS, In the opinion of some, congregations in the city in which a District Convention or an All State Pastor-Teacher Conference is held have their vision of the work of the Church broadened, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Texas District hold all of its future conventions and All State Pastor-Teacher Conferences in commercial hotels or motels, or other appropriate facilities, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Texas District appoint a standing committee to arrange for the District delegate conventions of the Texas District to be held in major population centers, such as, Austin, Corpus Christi, Dallas-Fort Worth, Houston, and San Antonio, and that the All State Pastor-Teacher Conferences be held in lesser population centers, such as, Abilene, Amarillo, Lubbock, Midland-Odessa, and San Angelo, and be it finally

RESOLVED, That this practice be started in the year 1965.

This resolution was discussed but not acted upon because of time limitation.

Rev. Oscar Horn reports for the Special Review Committee the following:

The Committee of Review has read the Opinion as well as the summary of the Opinion (which was read on the floor of the convention) of the Board of Appeals in the case of the Praesidium of the Texas District of The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod vs. the Rev. Francis Machina.

The assignment of the Board of Appeals was to consider and weigh the evidence of the charge of the Praesidium of the Texas District as stated and as acceptable by the defendant, that the Rev. Francis Machina scandalized Dr. J. W. Behnken by charging him to be a liberal and a traitor in that he did not take proper action relative to false teaching in the Church and that he (Rev. Machina) publicly disseminated these charges.

The Committee confirms the Opinion of the Board of Appeals in this that it proceeded properly, according to regulations, in finding Rev. Machina guilty of the charge, and asking the Rev. Machina to retract these charges. However, it is the humble opinion of the committee that the Board of Appeals erred in procedure by including in the last paragraph of their official Opinion the following statement: "On the other hand, though the defendant presented sufficient evidence to sustain the charges of liberality and treason in some quarters of Synod..." We feel that this was not their assignment, and therefore we remand this portion of the Opinion.

This motion carried unanimously.

Committee #3A on Missions, the chairman Rev. Wayne Dittloff, reporting:

RESOLUTION NO. 3-2-64

Re: NEW MISSION SUPPORT

WHEREAS, Many new missions in densely populated areas are started adjacent to already existing congregations, and

WHEREAS, There are usually interested people living in the new mission area and belonging to an established sister congregation who desire to form a nucleus for the new mission, and

WHEREAS, The new mission people may be tempted to concentrate on urging members of existing congregations to join them in the mission, and

WHEREAS, An inconsiderate zeal in the solicitation of such members may result in strained relations between the new mission and the sister congregation, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we continue to stress the policy of opening new missions for the purpose of serving with the Gospel all people in the community who are without the Gospel and to that end each new mission be exhorted to be zealous in seeking the lost, and be it further

RESOLVED, That we encourage sister congregations to support the new mission endeavor with their prayers and good will in providing a possible nucleus of interested and willing members who will assist the new mission to make a good beginning, and be it finally

RESOLVED, That, wherever possible, the new mission and existing congregation establish by mutual agreement such parish lines as may be feasible for intensive, on-going evangelism effort in the community by each congregation.

The resolution passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 3A-6-64

WHEREAS, The B. M. Woltman Foundation has provided for assistance toward the opening of new missions in an amount of \$2,000.00, and

WHEREAS, The LWML of Texas made a gift of \$9,000.00 to Stephenville, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Texas District extend its sincere appreciation for the generous assistance given, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the secretary of the District express in a letter to the Foundation and to the LWML the gratitude of the Texas District for this interest in the business of the Church and for the gifts that manifest such interest.

The resolution passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 3A-5-64

Re: CHANGING COMMUNITIES

WHEREAS, Some of our congregations in metropolitan areas are facing changes in their community that affect the people as well as the churches in the community, and

WHEREAS, The problems resulting from such changes may loom too large for the congregation to solve by itself, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That congregations confronted with such a situation engage in a thorough self-study and community-study early before the indicated changes break out in full force, and be it further

RESOLVED, That congregations avail themselves of the services of the District Board of Missions in making such studies with the intent of finding possible solutions to the problem, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Board of Missions be encouraged to arrange a workshop for concerned pastors which will provide opportunity for study of inner-city problems, and be it finally

RESOLVED, That the District help underwrite the cost of the workshop up to \$500.00.

The resolution passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 3A-7-64

Re: FULL-TIME CHURCH EXTENSION EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

WHEREAS, The 1961 Convention of the Texas District authorized the Board of Directors of the District to engage a full-time Executive Director of Church Extension for a period of two years, and the 1963 Convention reaffirmed this for one additional year, and

WHEREAS, The work of this office during the past three years has been most successful and enjoyed great blessings from the Lord of the Church in making funds available for church expansion, and

WHEREAS, This office has greatly alleviated the burdens of the Director of Missions in advising on loans, building sites, repayment schedules and related items, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the office of Executive Director of Church Extension be made a full-time office of the District located in the District Headquarters as soon as office space is available, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors of the District engage such full-time employees of Church Extension as are needed, but that these salaries and benefits be paid for from the interest funds, and be it finally

RESOLVED, That he be responsible to the Mission Board through the Church Extension Division for the following duties:

A. Promotion

1. Devise and promote ways and means to continue and increase the flow of loans, gifts, and legacies into the Church Extension Fund.
2. Organize, inspire, and train for the solicitation of funds for Church Extension.
3. Be personally active in soliciting loans, gifts, and legacies.
4. Make promotions to congregations, conferences, and auxiliary groups.
5. Produce and distribute promotional materials.

B. Fund Administration

1. After an area has been designated for a new mission, give good counsel in locating desirable real estate in that area, arranging for purchase upon the approval of the Mission Board.
2. Give guidance in connection with planning, financing, construction and loan repayment.
3. Conscientiously administer the policies governing the Church Extension Fund.
4. Develop and broaden the scope of the Church Extension Fund for possible greater use by self-supporting congregations.
5. Carry out such additional duties as may be designated by the Mission Board.

The resolution passed as amended.

Announcements.

The Thursday session closed at 5:30 P.M. with a prayer by Rev. J. L. Konz.

Friday Morning (April 3)

The opening service, a Memorial Service, was conducted by Rev. Elmo E. Miertschin, pastor of Immanuel Church, Houston. He based his remarks on the text John 14:19. Those workers remembered in the service as well as by certificates from the District for the families were:

Rev. W. B. Gummelt
Teacher E. F. Wilkening
Teacher Henry Stroebel
Rev. G. Christian Albers

The convention choir sang "Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense." The organist was Mr. B. Gastler and the choir director Mr. Ron Irsch.

The Rev. Norbert Roschke addressed the convention in behalf of the Wheat Ridge Foundation.

Mr. Werner Schaffner spoke in behalf of the Concordia Trace Mission.

Committee #14 on Review of Minutes, the Rev. O. H. Horn reporting:

"Committee No. 14 reviewed the minutes of the convention covering the period from Wednesday morning through Wednesday night, April 1, 1964. The committee finds the minutes correct and in very good order. We recommend adoption of the minutes.

Mr. A. A. Falke
Rev. F. W. Mennenga
Mr. Sam Kelm
Mr. Reinhold Ruehs
Rev. O. H. Horn, Chairman"

The resolution passed.

Committee #10 on Resolutions again took up Resolution No. 10-3-64. The resolution was defeated.

It was announced that the previous resolution does not bind the All State Pastor-Teacher Conference.

Pastor Eugene Heckmann presented the following motion:

RESOLVED, That the 1966 Texas District Convention be held in Austin at the Villa Capri and using the facilities of Concordia College as needed and as considered advisable, and be it further

RESOLVED, That a committee be appointed to study the various factors and make a decision for future conventions as to whether such future conventions be held in commercial establishments or in Concordia College.

Motion passed to refer this to Committee #10 for study and recommendations.

RESOLUTION NO. 10-4-64

Re: INVITATION EXTENDED BY ST. MARK LUTHERAN CHURCH, HOUSTON

WHEREAS, St. Mark Lutheran Church of Houston, Texas, through its Church Council, has graciously tendered an invitation to the Texas District for the

1966 Convention, as detailed in Memorial 10-2-64, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That this assembly accept the invitation.

Motion passed to table this resolution.

Committee #3A on Missions reported:

RESOLUTION NO. 3A-1-64

Re: NEW MISSION GOAL

WHEREAS, Texas has been experiencing population growth better than average in our country and trends indicate that this will continue, and

WHEREAS, This should provide our church with increased mission opportunities, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the District Board for Missions set as a goal to open 12 new missions during the years 1965-66, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the District Board of Directors be empowered to borrow, if necessary, to carry out this resolution.

The resolution passed as amended.

RESOLUTION NO. 3A-11-64

Re: SALARY SCALE FOR SUBSIDIZED FIELDS

WHEREAS, A study of our present salary scale for missionaries reveals that there is little allowance for congregational participation, and

WHEREAS, Congregations know their workers, and

WHEREAS, The present system of set salaries and allowances are automatic and of an arbitrary nature, and

WHEREAS, Congregations should be encouraged to do their best in full stewardship performance, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the convention authorize the Board of Directors together with the Mission Board to study the present salary scale, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors together with the Mission Board be authorized to put into effect a flexible salary scale as soon as feasible.

The resolution was defeated.

Committee #3A on Missions was discharged with thanks.

Rev. William Johnson, chairman of Committee #9 - Mrs. Anna Fay Friedlander, Editor of the DALLAS LUTHERAN, and Miss Ellen Schmidt were introduced to the convention.

The convention issue of the DALLAS LUTHERAN will be distributed after the closing session.

Rev. Elmer Hohle, chairman of Committee #10 on Resolutions presented Resolution No. 10-3a in place of the motion from the floor which was sent to the committee. The resolution follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 10-3a-64

Re: SITE OF CONVENTION

RESOLVED, That the 1966 Texas District Convention be held at a commercial establishment in Austin and using Concordia College facilities as needed, and be it further

RESOLVED, That a committee be appointed to study the matter whether future District Delegate Conventions be held at commercial establishments or at Concordia College.

The resolution passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 10-5-64 (Revised)

Re: REALIGNMENT OF CIRCUITS

All circuits remain as shown in Memorial 10-4-64 with these exceptions:

Circuit #6

Vernon Zion
Vernon, St. Paul
Burkburnett, Grace
Clara, Trinity
Seymour, Trinity
Bowie, St. Peter
Harrold, Immanuel
Olney, St. Luke
Wichita Falls, St. Paul
Bridgeport, Trinity
Wichita Falls, Our Redeemer

Circuit #8

Dallas, Grace
Dallas, Mt. Olive
Dallas, Our Savior
Dallas, St. Paul
Grand Prairie, Faith
Irving, Good Shepherd

Circuit #7

Arlington, Grace
Denton, St. Paul
Fort Worth, Christ
Fort Worth, Redeemer
Fort Worth, St. Paul
Fort Worth, Zion
Fort Worth, Hope
Weatherford, Trinity
Hurst, Peace
Cleburne, Ascension
Azle, Good Shepherd

Circuit #9

Dallas, Bethel
Dallas, Holy Cross
Dallas, Hope
Dallas, Zion
Denison, Grace
Garland, Peace
Honey Grove, St. James
Richardson, Messiah
Dallas, Our Redeemer
Dallas, Trinity

Subsequent proposed Circuit numbers would be one less than shown in Memorial No. 10-4-64 (e.g. Circuit #11 becomes #10.....)

Corsicana, Faith is to be changed from realigned Circuit 11 to Circuit 10.

Amendment 1) that proposed Circuits #30 and #31 be combined. The amendment passed.

Amendment 2) that Elgin, Grace be transferred from Circuit #14 to #15. The amendment passed.

Amendment 3) that Laredo, Faith be moved to Circuit #28. The amendment passed.

Amendment 4) that Cleburne, Ascension be moved to Circuit #12. The amendment passed.

The resolution passed as amended.

Recess.

Rev. O. C. Schreiner, chairman of Committee #12 on Excuses reported.

REPORT OF THE EXCUSE COMMITTEE

Congregations

Excused

San Marcos, Grace
Austin, San Juan
William Penn, Bethlehem
Lubbock, Redeemer
Weatherford, Trinity
Alamo, Zion
McAllen, Good Shepherd

Excused Part-Time

Riesel, Trinity
Eden-Ballinger Parish

Unexcused

Mart, Grace
Raymondville, Mt. Calvary
Bridgeport, Trinity
Pearsall, St. Peter
Fort Stockton-Alpine Parish
Premont, Grace
Hitchcock, Our Savior
Houston, Christ
Sweetwater, Peace
Pampa, Zion
Lufkin, First
Seguin, Grace
Conroe, St. Mark
Pecos, Trinity
Kingsville, St. Paul
Borger, Trinity
San Benito, St. John
Dallas, Our Savior
Dallas, Holy Cross
Houston, Ascension
Lake Jackson, St. Mark

Unexcused Part-Time

Copperas Cove, Trinity
Copperas Cove, Immanuel

PastorsExcused (Full-time)

Rev. Arnold Mueller
 Dr. J. A. Birnbaum
 Dr. J. A. Fritze
 Rev. Clemens Thies
 Rev. L. C. Castens
 Rev. Charles H. Born

Excused (Part-time)

Rev. Louis Pabor
 Rev. Ray Bowles
 Rev. Martin Scaer, em.
 Rev. George Aurich
 Rev. Andrew Szegedin, Sr.
 Rev. Ewald Recks
 Rev. Edwin T. Brown

Unexcused (Part-time)

Rev. W. H. Heintze

TeachersExcused (Full-time)

L. O. Kasper
 Andrew Komarchuk
 A. H. Bierbaum
 H. E. Weiser

Excused (Part-time)

E. F. Wendland

Signed: EXCUSE COMMITTEE

M. Erich Knippa, Pastor
 C. T. Boriack, Teacher
 H. O. Birnbaum, Lay Delegate
 Gerhard Schulze, Lay Delegate
 O. C. Schreiner, Pastor, Chairman

The report was accepted as corrected. The committee was discharged.

Committee on Convention Relief, the chairman Rev. C. E. Kasper, reported:

Re: Convention Relief

WHEREAS, the prosperity of our congregations under the Lord's bounty is reflected also in the ability of these congregations to send delegates to the convention without recourse to the District Relief Fund, and

WHEREAS, Only a nominal amount has been requested for travel, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the convention authorize the District Treasurer to allow \$49.55 requested for travel to the Austin Convention in 1964.

The resolution passed.

The committee was discharged.

It was announced that Dr. Henry Studtmann fell and suffered a fractured pelvis. The convention was led in prayer by Rev. Elmer Neunaber.

Rev. Elmer Hohle reported for Committee #10 on Resolutions.

RESOLUTION NO. 10-6-64

RE: ATTENDANCE OF ADVISORY MEMBERS OF SYNODICAL CONVENTIONS

WHEREAS, The 1963 Convention of the Texas District in resolution Number 11-2-63 expressed a concern about the district's large delegation of advisory members to the Cleveland Convention, 15 in number, and

WHEREAS, This total number is in conflict with the Bylaws to the Constitution in the Handbook of The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod (see paragraphs 1.57 and 1.59), and

WHEREAS, Paragraph 1.59 refers to the boards and standing committees of the Synod and not of the districts, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That in the future the Texas District elect and send its advisory members according to paragraph 1.57 and according to the proper interpretation of paragraph 1.59, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Texas District, The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod submit the following memorial to the 1965 convention of The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod.

Re: REDUCING THE NUMBER OF ADVISORY MEMBERS AND REPRESENTATIVES AT SYNODICAL CONVENTIONS

WHEREAS, The number of advisory members and other advisory representatives at the 1962 Cleveland Convention of the Synod, 696, approximated the number of voting delegates, 798, and

WHEREAS, It appears that some district, some boards and committees of the Synod and some educational institutions are exceeding their quotas of advisory members and advisory representatives according to paragraphs 1.57 and 1.59 of the Bylaws to the Constitution in the Handbook, and

WHEREAS, Such increased numbers of advisory members and advisory representatives, 406 in 1959 and 696 in 1962, increases the expenses of the Synod measurably, and

WHEREAS, The times demand that we exercise concerned fiscal responsibility, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That all districts, the boards and committees of the Synod and the educational institutions of the Synod follow the directions of paragraph 1.57 and the spirit of 1.59 in electing advisory members and appointing other advisory representatives with a view toward a sizeable reduction, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Synod seriously consider placing further restrictions on the number of advisory representatives.

The resolution passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 10-7-64

Re: CIRCUIT CHURCH EXTENSION REPRESENTATIVES

WHEREAS, The work of the Circuit Church Extension Representatives and Circuit Mission Representatives are related to each other and often overlap, and

WHEREAS, Having two representatives representing the mission department on the circuit level seems unnecessary, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the office of Circuit Church Extension Representative be combined with the Circuit Mission Representative.

The resolution passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 10-8-64

Re: RIVER FOREST CENTENNIAL

WHEREAS, Dr. Oliver R. Harms, the President of The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod, issued the following Centennial Proclamation, as found in the Lutheran Witness, January 21, 1964:

Centennial Proclamation

WHEREAS, God has in His providence and grace blessed our Synod through the work of Concordia Teachers College, River Forest, Ill., for a century, and

WHEREAS, Concordia Teachers College is celebrating its centennial in 1964 in the spirit of thanksgiving to God; therefore

I, Oliver R. Harms, President of The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod, herewith

Invite all congregations of the Synod to join Concordia Teachers College in thanking God for His mercies and His blessings;

Suggest that all congregations send formal letters of congratulation to our Concordia at River Forest during the year 1964;

Set aside Sunday, Oct. 11, 1964 as Concordia, River Forest, Centennial Sunday in the Synod, and ask all congregations on this date to

Commemorate this centennial in a fitting manner on this day;

Use this occasion to emphasize recruitment of gifted youth for the church vocations.

"This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it." (Psalm 118:24)

Therefore be it

RESOLVED, That all congregations of the Texas District be encouraged to carry out this Proclamation, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the secretary of this Convention send a letter of congratulation to Concordia, River Forest.

The resolution passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 10-9-64

Re: DISTRICT LEADERS AND FISCAL CONFERENCE

WHEREAS, It has been necessary for the Texas District to drastically cut its 1964 Work Program to meet the pledges of its congregations, and

WHEREAS, There has been confusion between the program of the Fiscal Conference and the District Leaders Conference, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the 1964 Fiscal Conference of the Texas District be composed of the Circuit Counselors, and be it further

RESOLVED, That future District Fiscal Conferences would include the Circuit Stewardship Representatives with the Circuit Counselors, and be it finally

RESOLVED, That a District Leaders Conference composed of Circuit Counselors and all departmental Circuit Representatives be held early each year, beginning in 1965.

The resolution passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 10-10-64

Re: VALPARAISO UNIVERSITY

WHEREAS, Valparaiso University is now in its 39th year of growing and effective Christian higher education service especially for the laity of our Church, and

WHEREAS, Over 12,000 of her graduates are now serving in church and community throughout the world, many as leaders of dedication and distinction, and

WHEREAS, With nearly 3600 students (over 80% of them Lutheran) from all but one state of the Union and eight foreign countries enrolled, Valparaiso University's special higher education service to our Church is now as universal as it is singular, and

WHEREAS, Valparaiso University annually provides the Church also with a growing number of full time servants in various specialized fields, e.g., deaconesses, teachers, youth leaders, social workers, nurses, medics, music directors, education supervisors, prospective ministers, etc., and

WHEREAS, Vaparaiso University receives no direct support from either general Synod or our Districts, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That . . .

1. We herewith acknowledge the importance and value of the distinctively vital role that Valparaiso University plays in the Christian cultivation program of our Church, especially for the laity;
2. We hereby express our sincere thanks to God for the enriching benefits of Valparaiso University and implore His continued guidance and blessings on it;
3. We consider ways in which we as a District can exercise a more responsible role of support of Valparaiso University and its program;
4. We commend the unique Christian higher education facilities of Valparaiso University to the serious consideration of both parents and prospective students; and
5. We strongly urge all our congregations and people to exert more prayerful interest, and realistic and responsible support of Valparaiso University with generous gifts and bequests through the year.

The resolution passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 10-11-64

Re: ATTENDANCE AT THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNODICAL CONFERENCE CONVENTION

WHEREAS, The Evangelical Lutheran Synodical Conference Convention will be held July 28-30, 1964, at Concordia Junior College, Ann Arbor, Michigan, and

WHEREAS, The Praesidium of the Synodical Conference suggests that each District be represented by at least one pastoral delegate and one lay delegate, and furthermore suggests in the interest of economy that the total number representing any District should be no larger than one-half the number of delegates sent in previous years, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Texas District comply with these suggestions, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors select these delegated for 1964.

This resolution passed as amended.

RESOLUTION NO. 10-12-64

Re: THANKS

RESOLVED, That this convention express its gratitude and appreciation to the following:

The pastor and people of Redeemer Lutheran Church, Austin, for hosting the opening communion service and providing inspirational music for this festive occasion.

Dr. Richard R. Caemmerer for his essay, "Let the Church Be the Church."

Dr. Roland P. Wiederaenders for serving as preacher in the communion service and as Synodical representative to this convention.

To all others who contributed to the success of this the 40th Convention of The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod, Texas District.

The resolution passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 10-13-64

Re: WALTHER LEAGUERS OF THE LONE STAR DISTRICT

WHEREAS, The Walther Leaguers of the Lone Star District through their president, Mr. Glenn Wilhite, have extended greetings to this convention, and

WHEREAS, In these greetings they express concern that "our church is losing more of its young people than it is keeping," and

WHEREAS, In these greetings they beseech us as church leaders to remember them and to help them attain their goal of promoting our youth's growth in Christ, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That our secretary write and assure them of our deep concern for them and of our determination to assist them in attaining their goal.

The resolution passed.

Committee #3B on Campus Ministry reported on RESOLUTION NO. 3B-1-64, previously listed in the minutes (p. 24-25).

The resolution passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 3B-2-64

Re: FULL-TIME CAMPUS PASTOR AT ARLINGTON AND DALLAS

WHEREAS, Arlington State College has recently become a four-year State-supported college, and

WHEREAS, Arlington State is one of the fastest growing institutions (See the Report on the Texas District's Ministry to the Campus) in the State. For this reason the necessity for thorough Campus Work and the opportunities for Campus witness and service are rapidly increasing, and

WHEREAS, Arlington State offers the opportunity for a Lutheran Bible Chair under advantageous conditions, providing we place a well-qualified pastor, and

WHEREAS, Our Lutheran students in the Dallas area are scattered throughout the city in ten educational institutions, some of which are rather isolated, and

WHEREAS, The dispersed situation in Dallas makes it extremely difficult for the Dallas Campus Contact Pastors to provide proper spiritual care, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Texas District call a full-time Campus Pastor for the Arlington - Dallas area, and that this be carried out when and if funds are available, with authority of the Mission Board and the Board of Directors.

The resolution passed as amended.

A motion was passed to extend the time of the convention.

RESOLUTION NO. 3B-3-64

Re: FULL-TIME CAMPUS PASTOR AT LUBBOCK

WHEREAS, The Lutheran enrollment at Texas Technological College in Lubbock has expanded to the point that the District has found it necessary to share a teaching-vicar with Redeemer Congregation of Lubbock since 1964, and

WHEREAS, Texas Technological College is an expanding institution indicating further increases in Lutheran enrollment, and

WHEREAS, The employment of vicars is not a long-range solution to the problem of providing adequate spiritual care to our students and making a Lutheran impact upon the campus community, and

WHEREAS, It will be possible to have a Lutheran Bible Chair at Texas Technological College as soon as a qualified resident Campus Pastor is on the scene, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Texas District call a full-time Campus Pastor for Texas Technological College at Lubbock in time for him to establish a full program for the Fall semester of 1966.

The resolution passed.

Committee #3B on Campus Ministry was dismissed.

Committee #5 on Stewardship reported. (The following resolution had been presented previously.)

RESOLUTION NO. 5-4-64

Re: EARLY CONSIDERATION OF FISCAL MATTERS

WHEREAS, It is in the interest of good administration for the delegates assembled in convention to have an overall view of the proposed program of Kingdom work, and

WHEREAS, It is in the interest of good stewardship that the convention use to the best advantage the monies with which our Christians support the work of the District, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That known requests, with approximate amounts, requiring expenditures of monies not currently in the budget be reported to the convention during its first two days of session, and be it further

RESOLVED, That these resolutions include ways and means of providing the funds necessary for their execution when and if adopted.

This Resolution Passed as Three Amended

RESOLUTION NO. 5-2-64 (Revised)

Re: NEW DISTRICT ACTIVITIES REQUIRING SPECIAL OFFERINGS

WHEREAS, It is of vital importance that each District sponsored program receive the majority interest of the constituency for its successful execution and completion, and

WHEREAS, A pre-adoptive study of any important program should be a pre-requisite before it is recommended and presented to a delegate convention, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That memorials for new District programs, planned by its officers, boards, or committees, requiring special District-wide offerings, be presented to the congregations by January 1 preceding the delegate convention in which they are to be voted upon, and be it further

RESOLVED, That these memorials be processed to the congregations in the usual manner by the District President's Office.

The resolution passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 5-6-64

Re: PUBLISHING GIVING RECORDS BY DISTRICT AND CONGREGATIONS

WHEREAS, Unprinted memorial (5-3-64) dealing with "Publishing Giving Records of Congregations by District and of Individuals by Congregations" is negative and deals only with the abuse of this practice, and

WHEREAS, It does not take into consideration the value of inciting one another to love and good works, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That this memorial be declined.

The resolution passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 5-3-64

Re: INTER-CONGREGATION COMMUNICATION

WHEREAS, The work and program of the District and Synod are the responsibility and concern of its member congregations, and

WHEREAS, There is often a lack of inter-congregation communication which hinders a growing appreciation of our common faith and work, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That circuits be encouraged to create more occasions (retreats, workshops, etc.) when the congregations' leaders and officers and boards would share their common objectives and be strengthened through such mutual association.

The resolution passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 5-5-64

Re: DIFFERENCE BETWEEN 1964 WORK PROGRAM AND COMMITMENTS BY CONGREGATIONS

WHEREAS, Many important activities of our District and our District's support of the Synodical program were curtailed because of the margin of difference between the 1964 Proposed Work Program and the congregations' commitments, and

WHEREAS, The challenge of our day calls for increased Kingdom activity at home and abroad, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That all delegates lead their congregations in re-evaluating their commitments in the light of the cross and the present need, and be it further

RESOLVED, That all congregations be encouraged to conduct two Mission Festivals annually, using one Mission Festival this year or some other means, to bring additional gifts over and above the 1964 commitment, and be it finally

RESOLVED, That the District Board provide pertinent information for the delegate to use in this presentation.

The resolution passed.

Dr. R. Wiederaenders addressed the convention bringing greetings of Dr. J. W. Behnken and addressing final remarks to the convention wishing them God's blessings.

The Rev. Marvin Koch reported for Committee #7 on Social Welfare.

RESOLUTION NO. 7-3-64
(Substitute for 7-1-64 & 7-9-64)

Re: CONGREGATIONAL CONCERN FOR THE MENTALLY RETARDED

WHEREAS, Mental Retardation has been recognized as a national problem by our government affecting an estimated 3 per cent of our population, a similar per cent or 75,000 Missouri Synod Lutherans offer a constant challenge to our Church's welfare program, and

WHEREAS, Our Synod has seen the opportunities to bring the Gospel in a program of education to those members of our Church who may be mentally handicapped through specially produced program materials and the organization of a Commission for Service to Mentally Retarded, and

WHEREAS, Some of our District congregations have organized a successful program of religious education for the mentally retarded of their membership and community, and

WHEREAS, All congregations need to keep informed of their responsibilities over against those with special needs, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That our congregations be encouraged through the Pastor as spiritual leader of the congregation:

1. To apprise the congregation extensively of special ministries of fellow Lutherans at Bethesda Lutheran Home and of Good Shepherd Lutheran Home of the West through printed resource available.
2. To study the special needs of their fellow Christians in their congregation, community and/or circuit for a special program of education.
3. To contact their local and county superintendent of schools, local parent groups for the mentally retarded, local social agencies, the District Social Welfare Board and the Synodical Commission for Service to Mentally Retarded of the Department of Social Welfare, for assistance and guidance in determining the need for such a program of religious education.
4. To contact the aforementioned church agencies for suggestions, materials, and help in setting up a program in the local congregation for leading the mentally retarded closer to their Savior.

The resolution passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 7-3b-64

Re: OBSERVANCE OF A LUTHERAN WELFARE SUNDAY IN THE PLANNED PARISH PROGRAM

WHEREAS, The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod has since its beginning encouraged and fostered the exercise of Christian love in corporate works of mercy as a fruit of faith and as testimony of the truth of the Gospel, and

WHEREAS, The agencies of mercy which have come into existence in her midst, such as agencies for the care and Christian nurture of homeless, abandoned, physically handicapped, and mentally retarded children and agencies for the loving care of the sick, the aging, and others in need of our love, have long labored under great difficulties in the matter of securing adequate financial support for their God-pleasing work, and

WHEREAS, Both the 1959 San Francisco and the 1962 Cleveland Conventions of Synod specifically made recommendations to our congregations about such appeals for financial support, encouraging a planned rather than a haphazard response to these needs, and

WHEREAS, Our District Social Welfare Board is charged with keeping our congregations informed as to the services rendered and the financial goals recommended for support of these agencies serving our District, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That in keeping with the planned parish program, the Advent and Christmas season of each year, during which time these agencies have traditionally made their appeals for support to fellow Christians, be recommended to all congregations as a suitable time to permit such appeals to be made to all their members and that the congregations be encouraged to observe one Sunday in this festive season as the day in which the needs and services of these agencies of mercy are presented to their membership.

The resolution passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 7-5-64

Re: THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE CHURCH TOWARD THE AGING

WHEREAS, During the last six decades the number of older people in our country has increased five-fold and the rate of population growth of those 65 years and older has been greater than that of any age group, and

WHEREAS, In 1900 older people comprised only 4% of our population, in 1960 they accounted for 9% of it, and indications are their number will continue to grow so that during the remainder of this century the greatest population increase will occur in the age group 75 years and older, and

WHEREAS, The Church, in fulfilling her responsibility towards the ageing must be constantly alert to the needs of older people, aware of their problems, knowledgeable about existing resources and cognizant of unmet needs and gaps in services, and

WHEREAS, An estimated 95% of all older people are living in independent housing arrangements in their own communities, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That our congregations be encouraged to fulfill their responsibilities toward older people within their ministry of Christian love by:

1. Reaching out to the aging citizens in their community to bring them into Christian fellowship and participation in all phases of congregational life;
2. Setting up special programs, where the need exists, for its older parishioners, such as, Golden Age Clubs, Senior Centers, transportation service and volunteer visitors to encourage fuller participation in the worship, witness, fellowship and service aspects of congregational life;
3. Organizing and assisting those older people who need specialized services to enable them to continue living in the community, including help with problems of housing, income maintenance, health care, personal problems, loneliness, boredom, etc., for it is essential that the congregation be alert to such problems, identify them early, and provide necessary help before crises situations develop.
4. Ministering to aging and nurseries and hospitals

The resolution passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 7-6-64

Re: ENCOURAGEMENT FOR AN ACTIVE CONGREGATIONAL SOCIAL WELFARE PROGRAM

WHEREAS, It is the will and command of God that Christians should bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the Law of Christ: (Gal. 6:2), and

WHEREAS, Our Lord Jesus Himself commanded His children "that ye love one another" (John 15:17), and in His own life and ministry exemplified this love in countless deeds of mercy, and

WHEREAS, The example of the early church (Acts 6:1-6), which established a welfare committee for the orderly and equitable distribution of charitable gifts (the first congregational committee to be established by the early church), clearly shows that the exercise of Christian love in deeds of mercy is a God-pleasing function of a Christian congregation, and

WHEREAS, In the early days of our church it was the general practice to appoint almoners (Almosenpfleger) in the congregation, whose duty it was to administer charitable gifts by the members of the congregation for the relief of the needs, and

WHEREAS, This fine, God-pleasing institution has seemingly been allowed to lapse in many congregations, and

WHEREAS, It is more necessary than ever in these days of multiplied need when countless appeals for aid in many forms are made to individual Christians and to Christian congregations, that good stewardship be exercised and that there be a proportionate division and wise administration of gifts of charity, and

WHEREAS, Synod in Convention assembled has by resolution at St. Paul in 1956, San Francisco in 1959, and in Cleveland in 1962, encouraged the formation of an organized and active social welfare program on the congregational level, and

WHEREAS, The Texas District has also gone on record encouraging the formation of Welfare committees in the congregation in some form so that this vital ministry receives attention within the local program, and

WHEREAS, In our District, only 60 congregations reported having an organized Social Welfare Committee, and only 93 congregations reported having an almsfund or similar provisions for emergency assistance, and

WHEREAS, The 1964 Faith Forward Emphasis in District and Synod will focus on the Special Ministries and Persons of Special Need within our Church program, providing an excellent opportunity for encouraging our District and congregational Social Welfare program, and

WHEREAS, Many of our District congregations have conducted a Spiritual Life Mission with self-study without considering their social mission opportunities, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that all our District congregations be encouraged to study and evaluate their local and community social mission needs and opportunities with self-study guidelines available for this from the District Department of Social Welfare, for the purpose of further organizing and implementing their social mission ministries, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the congregational social welfare program be encouraged to include provision for emergency relief funds (almsfund) in their budget or spending guide, suggesting a beginning amount of \$1.00 per communicant for this purpose.

The resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 7-2b-64

Re: LUTHERAN SOCIAL WORK SCHOLARSHIPS, INC.

WHEREAS, Social Workers have been in short supply for many years so that it has made it increasingly difficult for our Lutheran agencies to keep up with the demand for their services, to say nothing of expanding them to meet the pressure of greater needs, and

WHEREAS, Our Lutheran agencies have had to engage non-Lutheran social workers to administer their ministry of love in behalf of our congregations because of the lack of qualified and trained Lutheran social workers, and

WHEREAS, Lutheran Social Work Scholarships, Inc. was organized two years ago in cooperation with our Synodical Department of Social Welfare, the Wheat Ridge Foundation, our Lutheran agencies, and Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, to administer, plan, coordinate, and promote the total Lutheran Social work scholarship program, as well as to recruit and train qualified young people from our congregations for vocations in this part of the total ministry of the church, and

WHEREAS, Our District, along with several other Synodical Districts, through its Social Welfare Board has expressed its active support of this program by taking out membership in this agency, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we commend Lutheran Social Work Scholarships in its urgently needed task to provide the Church's ministry of mercy with qualified social workers by upholding it with our prayers and support, and be it further

RESOLVED, That we recommend that our District Student Recruitment program as well as our individual congregations encourage our young people to also consider vocations in Lutheran social work where they have a unique opportunity to serve both their Lord and their fellowmen as part of the total ministry of the Church.

The resolution passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 11-1-64

(Note: See Minutes, p. 30, on Resolution No. 11-1-64 which was recommitted.)

Re: UNUSED FUNDS RAISED AT THE TIME OF HURRICANE CARLA

WHEREAS, The Board of World Relief, in Synod and in our Texas District has the following policy: If the needs of the District in case of disaster are greater than the District can bear, the Synodical Board can be requested to come to the relief of the District, and inversely, any unused District funds will be turned over to the Synodical Board for World Relief, and

WHEREAS, This is not only the policy but an explicit regulation of the Synodical Handbook (13.15 f: Duties of Board of World Relief), and

WHEREAS, A percentage of the \$19,000 collected in September, 1961 came from other Lutheran Synods and from some non-Lutheran sources, and

WHEREAS, A portion of this was returned but not all of it could be returned, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the \$8,961.52 of unused funds be immediately forwarded to the Synodical Board of World Relief, and be it further

RESOLVED, That we as the Texas District encourage the ^{DETROIT}~~District~~ Convention of Synod in 1965 to reconsider and revise this Handbook regulation, and be it finally

RESOLVED, That the Synodical Board of World Relief keep monies of this kind, collected for special, local disaster relief above and beyond regular contributions, in a special account which can be credited to the future needs of the respective District.

The resolution passed as amended.

Pastor George Heinemeier reported to the convention regarding the "Church in Town and Country" committee.

Mr. Fred Frieling reported regarding the cost of the ^{DETROIT}~~District~~ Convention in 1965 which will be 30¢ per communicant.

Announcements.

Committee #14 on Review of Minutes reported as follows:

"Committee #14 reviewed the minutes of the convention covering the Friday session, April 3, 1964. The committee finds the minutes correct and in very good order."

The report was adopted.

A motion was passed to adjourn.

The convention closed with a Closing Service by the Rev. R. H. Studtmann of Peace Lutheran Church, Galena Park, Texas. He spoke on the text Hebrews 12:1-2. Mr. B. Gastler was the organist.

Signed: _____
Elton F. Bauerkemper, Secretary

Thomas A. Sorensen, Assistant Secretary