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## THE CONVENTION CALL

WHEREAS, the 1961 Convention of the Minnesota District of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod empowered its District Division Implementation Committee to call into session a special convention of the Minnesota District; and

WHEREAS, said District Implementation Committee did deem it advisable and on August 21, 1962, did resolve that a convention be called into session in January, 1963; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that a Convention of the Minnesota District be held in Minneapolis, Minnesota, on January 14, 1963, and that the delegates of Minnesota North District meet in Convention January 14 (evening) to 16 in Minneapolis for the purpose of organizing.

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On Jan. 14, 1963, the Minnesota District of the Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod, met for its final convention at the Leamington Hotel, Minneapolis, Minn. The convention began with a Communion Worship in which the Rev. Doctor Oliver Harms, president of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, preached the sermon using as his text the familiar words of Isaiah 60, 1-2, urging the delegates to march forward in faith, to arise and to shine. Trinity First Lutheran congregation was host to the convention and her pastor, the Rev. Cl. Pauling served as liturgist and also conducted the Communion Service with the assistance of five pastors of the Minneapolis metropolitan area. Mrs. Verna Stelzer Hinck served as accompanist for the worship and special selections were sung by the Choral Club of Concordia College, St. Paul, Minn., under the direction of Mr. Marvin Busse.

**THE FINAL SESSION**

In the unusually well attended session, unusual because of the bitter cold, Pastor Gerhard Michael, chairman of the District Division Implementation Committee, conducted the opening devotion.

Dr. Ernst H. Stahlke, president of the District, called the meeting to order and asked for the report of the registration committee. The committee reported almost 600 delegates and visitors present, whereupon the president declared a quorum present and the session open for business.

**NATURE OF CONVENTION RECEPTION OF MEMBERS**

Dr. Stahlke explained the nature of the one-day convention. Though it is unusual, it is nevertheless empowered to transact such business as may come before it.

On the recommendation of its Committee of Constitutional and Membership King of Kings Lutheran Church of Roseville, Minn., the Rev. Alvin Franzmeier, pastor, and Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Rochester, Minn., the Rev. Donald Lutz, pastor, were received into Synod as members.

On further recommendation of its Committee of Constitutions and Membership the delegates to the District Convention also approved the revised constitutions of Mt. Olive Lutheran Church of Minneapolis and Trinity Lutheran Church of Ortonville, Minn., the former being served by Pastors Wedel and Schroedel, the latter by Pastor E. H. Eifert.

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President Stahlke proposed several from among the pastors and teachers who had made application to join Synod, and who were duly received into membership, and they will be asked to come forward and sign the constitution in open session when Minnesota South next convenes.

Pres. Stahlke rendered his report of changes within, accession to the District and transfers to other Districts and deaths of pastors and teachers, as well as resignations from office and from Synod, the report of which is affixed to these proceedings. Mimeographed reports were distributed also by the Standing Committee of the Board of Directors and are hereto attached as is the report of the treasurer.

**THE DIVISION**

With these preliminaries out of the way on matters concerning still the entire former District, the District Division Implementation Committee through its chairman, the Rev. Gerhard C. Michael, presented the resolution here following:

WHEREAS, the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod at its convention held in Cleveland, Ohio, June, 1962, passed a resolution granting the congregations in northern Minnesota the privilege to form the Minnesota North District; and

WHEREAS, the officials of Synod have pleaded that the division be on the basis of county lines to expedite their work, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that those congregations located in the Minnesota District having as its southern boundary the counties of Yellow Medicine, Chippewa, Kandiyohi, Stearns, Sherburne, Isanti, Chisago, and all territory in the state of Minnesota north of said counties, and also such congregations as are considered a part of the said Minnesota District of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, as are located in the Dominion of Canada, be granted their release to organize the Minnesota North District of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the congregations in the southern part of the Minnesota District bounded by the following counties on the northern edge, namely, Lincoln, Lyon, Redwood, Renville, Meeker, Wright, Anoka, and Washington be authorized to institute proceedings to amend the Articles of Incorporation to change the name from "The Minnesota District of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod" to read "The Minnesota

South District of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod." Action of the convention: These two resolutions were adopted.

RESOLVED, that the Minnesota North District and the Minnesota South District each take care of the student work and the chaplaincy service in their respective Districts, but that the executive chaplain of the former Minnesota District serve both Districts on a cooperative basis. Action of the convention: This resolution was adopted.

RESOLVED, that the Minnesota Lutheran be discontinued as the official organ of both districts with the February, 1963 issue. Action of the convention: This resolution was adopted.

RESOLVED, that the University Lutheran Student Center be excluded from the division of assets, but that it serve the two Districts with the Minnesota South District holding the title to the property and assuming control and the cost of operating the same. Action of the convention: This resolution was adopted.

RESOLVED, that the assets and the liabilities of the Minnesota District be divided on a one third ( $\frac{1}{3}$ ) and two thirds ( $\frac{2}{3}$ ) basis with Minnesota North District receiving  $\frac{1}{3}$  of the assets and assuming  $\frac{1}{3}$  of the liabilities, and Minnesota South District receiving  $\frac{2}{3}$  of the assets and assuming  $\frac{2}{3}$  of the liabilities; and that we ask the District auditor in conjunction with the treasurer to prepare a preliminary exhibit of the financial status subject to final adjustments and distribution of assets. Action of the convention: This resolution in its amended form was adopted, the Amendment inserting the words "and assuming liabilities on the same  $\frac{1}{3}$ ,  $\frac{2}{3}$  basis."

WHEREAS, all loans to the Church Extension Fund prior to Jan. 15, 1963, were made to the Minnesota District of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Minnesota South and the Minnesota North Districts of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod assume joint responsibility for all moneys loaned to the former Minnesota District for the life of such loans; and be it further

RESOLVED, that all loans made after Jan. 15, 1963, either to the Minnesota South or the Minnesota North Districts of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod become the sole responsibility of the District to which made. Action of the convention: This resolution was adopted.

After the adoption of these resolutions the session of the Minnesota District of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod was adjourned for the closing service.

Walter H. Bouman, Secretary

## JOINT RESPONSIBILITY

## ADJOURNMENT

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