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2007 - LCMS Convention  
Endorsement Guide



This voting guide represents the effort of many people who worked to prepare this list of candidates. We believe these candidates will humbly serve the Lord, support the vision of the LCMS, nurture one another in the work we do together, and reject the legal maneuvering that has marked the work of some leaders in the LCMS for the past three years. There are other women and men who met these criteria. In order to provide this voting guide, we needed to limit our choices to one person for each position, except as noted below.

Please note the following items about the One List:

- All incumbents have an (I) in front of their name. We have not endorsed all incumbents. The district affiliation for each candidate is listed after the name of the candidate.
- For Vice Presidents 2-5 we have listed five names for four positions. All of these men would serve well.
- For Lay candidates for the Board of Directors we have listed five names for four positions. One or two could be removed from the ballot due to prior elections. All women and men would serve well.
- There are some elections where we were unable to endorse someone for each office listed. We would prefer to be certain each person listed meets the criteria above, rather than simply fill in names.

Please bring this guide with your materials for the convention. We have created a durable pocket-sized guide, hoping it will be easy to carry around. If you lose or misplace your guide, there will be people in the convention center with Jesus First buttons who will have extra voting guides. Please ask and we will be happy to give you another copy.

# The One List

President (I) Rev. Dr. Gerald Kieschnick

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President

(I) Rev. William Diekelman

VP's 2-5

(I) Rev. Dr. Paul L. Maier

(I) Rev. Dean Nadasdy

(I) Rev. Dave Buegler

Rev. Charles S. Mueller, Jr.

Rev. Eloy S. Gonzalez

Secretary:

Rev. Phil Esala

VP Finance-Treasurer:

(I) Thomas Kuchta

LCMS BOD: (2 ordained, 1 commissioned, 4 laypersons)

Ordained:

Rev. Donald Muchow, SE

Rev. Vernon Gundermann, MO

Commissioned:

Dr. Kurt Senske, TX

Lay (4):

Kermit Brashear, NEB

Jeffrey Coyne, SE

Gloria Edwards, CNH

Brad Hewitt, MO

Curtis Pohl, MNS

Black Ministry: (1 ordained, 1 commissioned, 1 layperson)

Ordained:

Rev. Samuel Cosby, TX

Commissioned:

Jonathan Cleveland, NOW

Lay:

Ceretha Cartwright, TX

Communications: (1 ordained, 1 commissioned)

Ordained:

Rev. John Bush, MI

Commissioned:

David Bangert, SW

Dist. & Congregational:

(1 ordained, 1 commissioned, 2 laypersons)

Ordained: Rev. Jon Coyne, CNH

Commissioned: David Saving, KS

Lay: (I) Ida Mall, RM  
Jesse Yow, CNH

Human Care: (1 ordained, 1 commissioned)

Ordained: (I) Rev. Bernhard Seter, ND

Commissioned: Robert Miles, MI

Missions: (2 ordained, 1 commissioned, 2 laypersons)

Ordained: (I) Rev. Phillip Kuehnert, NOW  
Rev. Philip Saywayne, AT

Commissioned: Roger Buck, SW

Lay: (I) Kermit Almstedt, FG  
Linda Reiser, NEB

Pastoral Ed: (1 ordained, 1 commissioned)

Ordained: (I) Rev. Kenton Wendorf, SW

Commissioned: (I) Richard Cohrs, MI

Un. Ed: (1 ordained)

Ordained: (I) Rev. David Smith, MO

CTCR: (1 ordained parish pastor, 1 layperson)

Ordained: Rev. Paul Sauer, AT (Floor Nominee)

Lay: Dr. Jean Garton, MDS

CHI: (2 ordained, 1 layperson or commissioned)

Ordained: Rev. Kurt Bodling, AT  
Rev. Cameron MacKenzie, IN

Lay: Kathy Graumann, TX

CPH: (4 laypersons)

Lay: Robert Beumer, MO  
Nancy Kaul, SO  
John Mollwitz, NW  
Karol Selle, EN

Foundation: (1 ordained, 1 layperson)

Ordained: (I) Rev. Richard Drews, NI

Lay: Carol Geisler, NI

LCEF: (1 ordained or commissioned, 2 layperson)

Ordained: (I) Rev. David Belasic, EA

Lay: David Wuenscher, MO  
Robert Wurl, ND

*Concordia University at*

Ann Arbor: (1 ordained, 1 commissioned, 3 laypersons)

Ordained: (I) Rev. Donald Luhring, OH

Commissioned: Kelly Lamkin, NW

Lay: Sandra Hardies, MI  
Kaaren Kayser, MI

*Concordia University at*

Austin: (1 ordained, 1 commissioned, 3 layperson)

Ordained: Rev. Michael Dorn, TX

Commissioned: (I) David Beringer, TX

Lay: Paul Feucht, TX  
Dale Heitshusen, TX  
Rebecca Kieschnick, TX

*Concordia College at*

Bronxville: (1 ordained, 1 commissioned, 3 laypersons)

Ordained: (I) Rev. Arthur Scherer, SE

Commissioned: Jonathan Laabs, NI (Floor Nominee)

Lay: (I) Alice Bruening, SE  
Ed Mahn, NJ

*Concordia Theological Seminary*

Ft. Wayne: (2 ordained, 1 commissioned, 1 layperson)

Ordained: (I) Rev. Wayne Graumann, TX  
Rev. James Pragman, MNS

Commissioned: David Held, NEB

Lay: Janet Johnson, NI

*Concordia University at*

Irvine: (1 ordained, 1 commissioned, 3 laypersons)

Ordained: Rev. J.L. Precup, PSW

Commissioned:(I) Paul Brandt, PSW

Lay: Barbara Grimm-Marshall, CNH  
(I) Gene Haertling, RM  
(I) Kathi Romsa, PSW

*Concordia University Wisconsin at*

Mequon: (1 ordained, 1 commissioned, 3 laypersons)

Ordained: Rev. Paul Devantier, Jr, SW

Commissioned: Dwayne Jobst, SW

Lay: Frederick Anderson, SW  
Robert Schjerven, TX  
Craig Schmidt, SW

*Concordia University at*

Portland: (1 ordained, 1 commissioned, 3 layperson)

Ordained: Rev. Steve Eaton, NOW

Commissioned: Joel Koerschen, CNH

Lay: Tom Hurley, CNH (Floor Nominee)  
Irma Pinkerton, MDS (Floor Nominee)

*Concordia University Chicago at*

River Forest : (1 ordained, 1 commissioned, 3 laypersons)

Ordained: Rev. William Tucker, TX

Commissioned: (I) Thomas Buck, SW

Lay: (I) Kirk Farney, NI  
Kathleen Mills, NI  
Merton Troeger, NI

*Concordia Seminary*

St. Louis: (2 ordained, 1 commissioned, 1 layperson)

Ordained: Rev. Ulmer Marshall, SO  
(I) Rev. Dennis Schwab, MO

Commissioned: Leroy Wilke, MO

Lay: Ralph Cavalieri, NOW

*Concordia University at*

St. Paul : (1 ordained, 1 commissioned, 3 layperson)

Ordained: Rev. Christopher Dodge, MNS

Commissioned: Paul Crisler, MO

Lay: Kenneth Behm, MNN  
Michael Hunter II, NI  
Lori Utech, MO

*Concordia College at*

Selma: (1 ordained, 1 commissioned, 3 laypersons)

Ordained: Rev. Dien Taylor, AT

Commissioned:

Lay: (I) Ulysses Floyd, FG  
(I) Debbie Gallerson, SO

*Concordia University at*

Seward: (1 ordained, 1 commissioned 3 lay)

Ordained: (I) Rev. David Block, NEB

Commissioned:(I) Vance Hinrichs, NEB

Lay: (I) Ronald Pfeiffer, MDS (Non-Seward County)  
(I) William Hartmann, NEB  
Timothy Moll, NEB

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Electing servant leaders for the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod (LCMS) is an important responsibility. Please find below a prayer that you might wish to use as you prepare for the convention and during the process of voting for leaders at the convention.

*Heavenly Father, you sent your Son, Jesus Christ, to rescue us from sin, death, and the power of the devil. He proclaimed to his disciples, "whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first, must be slave of all". Grant, O Lord, that your servants who will be elected to lead the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, will have the attitude of a servant, giving all glory and honor to you, our God. Bless the delegates who are entrusted with the responsibility of selecting, through this process of voting, the leaders of Your church. Grant that all may be united in the love and mercy of Your Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, who live and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen.*

May God provide you with wisdom to choose servant leaders for the LCMS.



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