

President Newton called the third session of the Convention to order in the name of the Triune God.

Rev. Tom Norris, Chairman of the CNH Stewardship Task Force, was introduced as the presenter of the morning's devotion, a PowerPoint presentation relating to current stewardship: "Stewardship as Freedom" beginning with "Unfreedom." Round-table discussions on "How free do you feel?" Further round-table discussion was conducted on Biblical texts: Luke 16:1-8; 1 Corinthians 4:1-2; Luke 13:6-7; and Luke 20:9-10. God is always the "Owner!" Our God would have us live free!

The Rev. Hank Scherer, Chairman of the Floor Committee on Theology was called to the podium to introduce Resolution 2-01: "To Learn and Apply Faithful Stewardship at All Times," CB p.7.

It was moved and seconded to adopt Resolution 2-01. The Resolution was adopted.

The Rev. Stan Abraham, Chairman of the Floor Committee on Parish Services, was introduced. Resolution 3-01: "To Recognize the Hispanic Council as a Mandated Committee of the CNH District and to Provide District Support or Its Work," CB p.8 was referenced. Rev. Aaron Smith of the Committee and Hispanic Task Force read the Resolution. It was moved and seconded to adopt the Resolution. Rev. Enrique Vallejo was also introduced to discuss the current Hispanic Task Force ministry. An Amendment was proposed to change CNH Bylaws to reflect the addition of the Committee. It was moved, seconded and carried to recommit the Resolution for changes.

A portion of the DVD "Transforming for Mission" was shown. Rev. Ted Mueller, Chairman of the Floor Committee on Administration was called to the podium to introduce Resolution 4-01: "To Approve Transfer of Churches to New Circuits." Several additions and corrections were added by the Rev. Mueller prior to reading the Resolution.

It was moved and seconded to adopt Resolution 4-01 as presented. The Resolution was adopted. The Committee was excused with their work completed.

Rev. James Beyer, Chairman of the Missions Floor Committee, was recalled to the podium to review Resolution 1-04: "To Encourage Continued Partnership in Funding Mission Efforts," CB pp.6-7.

It was moved and seconded to adopt the Resolution. Resolution 1-04 was adopted.

The Committee was excused as they had completed their work.

Rev. Mark Kliwer, Chairman of the Elections Committee, was called to the podium to present the "Big Ballot." Assistance was also provided by Nominating Committee Chairman, Rev. Dr. Walter Tietjen. (cf. CM pp.86ff.) Rev. Tietjen presented the Nominating Committee members

and the slate the Committee had developed. Also were referenced the Biographies listed in the Convention Manual, p. 86ff. Open nominations from the Floor were requested for the various District offices: Secretary, Treasurer, Commissioned Minister-Board of Directors, District Nominating Committee, District Church Extension Fund Board of Directors, and the LCMS Nominating Committee for the 2010 National Convention.

Rev. John-Paul Meyer was added, with consent, to the list of nominees for the LCMS Nominating Committee for the 2010 National convention. Each was moved, seconded and carried to close nominations. Ballots were distributed.

Regional Caucus Results for Vice-President and Lay Director were announced. It was moved and seconded to accept the results of the caucuses. The motion carried. The Convention rose to applaud the acceptance of those elected with gratitude.

Northern Regional Vice-President: Jim Beyer	Lay Director: Jack Adolphson
Southern Regional Vice-President: Richard Rice	Lay Director: Kathie Lindquist
Pacific Regional Vice-President: Paul Hoffmann	Lay Director: Timothy Kramer
Hawaii Regional Vice-President: Bruce Betker	Lay Director: Pedar Wold
Nevada Regional Vice-President: Mark Kliever	Lay Director: Henry Wentzlaff

Rev. Kliever presented the Scantron ballot for electing the candidates for District Offices. A request was made for a prayer before the elections were conducted. Rev. Kliever offered a prayer asking for guidance and God's will.

Rev. Karl Wyneken was recognized as CNH District Archivist. 2010 is the 150th Anniversary of the request of Synod to send a missionary to San Francisco. The 125th Anniversary of our District's origin from 1887 was highlighted by President Newton and Rev. Wyneken.

Barbara Dröher-Kline of Lutheran Social Services was introduced and brought greetings from LSS and spoke of its 125th Anniversary of Social Ministry in Northern California. Garrison Keillor will be the guest speaker at the September 2009 celebration in Sacramento. Ticket information is available for pre-purchases.

The President adjourned the session for a coffee break.

The resumed session of the Convention was called to order, followed by further DVD presentation of "Transforming for Mission."

President Newton introduced our Convention essayist, Dr. Jeff Myers, author of "Handoff," a book provided to all delegates. Dr. Myers biography was provided. He is president of "Passing the Baton International."

Dr. Myers provided a PowerPoint presentation to outline his morning portion of the essay:

Passing the Baton, Part I

- Light bulbs and Theology
- Trends affecting Churches (Barna)
- Characteristics of students who stay strong in their faith
- Small is the new big
- Life-on-life influence
- The Passing the Baton Strategy
- Round table discussion: What kind of influences make a difference?
- How did Jesus do it?
- Round table discussion of principles defining how Jesus disciple others

President Newton thanked Dr. Myers for his session and then adjourned the session for the lunch break.

Following the lunch hour break, President Newton reconvened the **Fourth Session** of the assembly. A further DVD segment was shown regarding “Transforming for Mission.”

Pacific Regional Vice-President Paul Hoffmann was called to the podium to provide the mid-day devotion, themed: “They’ll Know We are Christians by Our Love.”

Dr. Jeff Myers was once again called forward to continue his essay with a PowerPoint outline:

Passing the Baton, Part II

- Book recommendation: “The Death of the Grown Up” by Diana West...extended adolescence
- The influence of mentoring by John Witherspoon
- Education: to lead out of ignorance; and drawing out potential
- The Process of Transformation: teaching, modeling, and coaching (applying knowledge)
- The heart of coaching: listening; asking powerful questions; and helping others set worthy goals
- To C.O.A.C.H.
 - Check in
 - Observe
 - Act
 - Consult
 - Help
- Breakout discussion: What problem can you help solve by coaching?
- Available: Passing the Baton Training Course (DVD interactive 12 sessions)

Dr. Myers ended his essay with an available reading via ESPN.COM, “Life of Riley” for December 23, 2008

Following the essay, President Newton adjourned the session for a coffee break.

The Convention was reconvened.

President Newton re-introduced LCMS President Kieschnick for a “Q & A” session, based on questions previously provided to the Chair.

President Newton thanked and prayed for President Kieschnick and his spirit and leadership!

The Chairmanship of the Convention was turned over to First Vice-President Zelt to conduct the remainder of the afternoon’s business.

Rev. Mark Kliewer was recalled to the podium to report on Elections conducted for District Offices. A runoff election was required for the LCMS Nominations Committee for the 2010 National Convention due to a lack of a clear majority. Rev. Walter Tietjen and Rev. John-Paul Meyer compose the runoff ballot. Rev. Ted Mueller’s name was removed as lowest numbered nominee.

Results of the “Big Ballot” were as follows:

Elected *

Secretary

Rev. Terrence Chan 77 Rev. John Standley 83*

Treasurer

Art Kroeger 160*

Commissioned Minister

Lonnie Karges 72 Marla Kuefner 79*

District Nominating Committee

Rev. John Standley 68
Rev. Ron Youngdale 94*
Mickey Angerman (CM) 62
Jamie McCormick (CM) 85*
Terence Lung (LP) 90*
Louise Rickey (LP) 59

District Extension Fund Board

Scott Belyea 62
Rev. Robert Fickenscher 126*
Janice Killingsworth 110*
F. Byron Nelson 69
John Leveen 90*

LCMS Nominating Committee for 2010 National Convention

Rev. Theodore Mueller	30
Rev. Walter Tietjen	81
Rev. John-Paul Meyer	51

It was determined that a runoff election was required to fill the office for Nominations Committee for the National Convention. Rev. Ted Muller's name will be dropped having the fewest votes. A ballot was distributed to vote for either Rev. Tietjen or Rev. Meyer. It was moved and seconded to approve the list of Circuit Counselors as presented by Rev. Kliewer to the assembly. The motion was approved.

CIRCUIT COUNSELORS

1. Rev. Terrence Chan
2. Rev. David M. Sauer
3. Rev. Timothy L. Huber
4. Rev. Henry A. Scherer
5. Rev. Daniel E. Conrad
6. Rev. Dr. Dan Molyneux
7. Rev. David R. Moore
8. Rev. Dr. Harold S. Draeger
9. Rev. Herbert W. Burch, Jr.
10. Rev. Norman W. Milz
11. Rev. William Shimkus
12. Rev. Mark C. Stenbeck
13. Rev. Dr. Donald D. Schatz
14. Rev. Theodore C. Mueller
15. Rev. Clarence H. Eisberg
16. Rev. Stanley R. Abraham
17. Rev. Robert O'Sullivan
18. Rev. Robert D. Weller
19. Rev. Mark W. Haas
20. Rev. Everett L. Garwood

Rev. Stan Abraham, Floor Committee on Parish Services, was called to the podium to address Resolution 3-01a: "To Recognize the Hispanic Council as a Mandated Committee of the CNH District and to Provide District Support for Its Work." (The original, 3-01 had been recommitted.) The additions to the Resolution were read. (cf. CB pp.9-10) It was moved and seconded to adopt Resolution 3-01a. It was moved and seconded to amend the Resolution, adding "required" to replace "encouraged" and "when feasible" inserted after "all regular meetings" in Line 42 and Line 43 respectively.

The amendment was defeated. Resolution 3-01a was then readdressed. The motion to adopt was approved.

A new Resolution, 3-02: "To Encourage Disaster Preparedness in Congregations and Ministries," CB pp.10-11 was introduced.

The Resolution was moved and seconded to adopt. The Resolution was adopted.

Rev. Abraham thanked the Committee members individually from the podium. The Committee's work was completed and excused.

Introductions and greetings: Kurt Jostes, from Camp Restore from the Southern District brought thanks and an invitation to help in Katrina relief; from LCMS World Relief and Human Care, Carlos Hernandez brought thanks for support and requested opportunity to partner with congregations; Rev. Wally Becker, representing both Seminaries brought greetings and thanks from both campuses for encouraging and supporting students and the seminary programs. A letter from President Dale A. Meyer of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis was read. Results of a drawing of prizes by lottery were announced!

President Newton shared a picture of seminarian families who are assigned to CNH, including three Hispanic ministers!

Chuck Weygrandt from Lutheran Hour Ministries brought a request for participants to go to Shinai, India on a mission trip.

Rev. Phil Zabell, District Human Care Committee brought thanks from and for the members of the Committee. Also referenced was CM pp.44ff for his Report to the Convention.

President Newton brought greetings and comments from CNH LWML, and an affirmation of LLL and LWML for their ministries and support of missions around the world.

From LCMS World Missions, Bruce Wall, Short-Term Missionary Services, brought greetings from World Missions, with thanks for the encouraging efforts of "Congregations Connect" and other partnership ministries. Ministries for returning military personnel were also noted!

Rev. Mark Kliewer was recognized to report results of the runoff election for National Nominating Committee: Rev. Walter Tietjen was elected; Rev. John-Paul Meyer will be the alternate. The Election Committee was excused from their many duties.

Rev. Walter Tietjen 112 (Elected)

Rev. John-Paul Meyer 39 (Alternate)

Southern Regional Vice-President Mike Lange was called to the podium to provide the day's closing devotion. "Are we ready to hear and sing a new song?"

The session was adjourned until Sunday, May 17, 2009 at 8:00 AM. President Newton reminded the assembly of the Banquet for the evening, honoring Rev. Ted Iverson, retiring President of CNH CEF, would begin shortly following cleanup of the meeting hall.