

## TODAY'S SCHEDULE

- 8am Worship  
9:00 Convention Business- Installation of Officers  
9:30 Synodical Structure  
11:30 Closing Devotion



## ELECTION RESULTS

### 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

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

#### Northern Region

Vice President:  
Regional Lay Director:

Rev. James Beyer #14  
Jack Adolphson #19

#### Pacific Region

Vice President:  
Regional Lay Director:

Rev. Paul Hoffmann #18  
Timothy Kramer #6

#### Southern Region

Vice President:  
Regional Lay Director:

Rev. Richard Rice #16  
Kathie Lindquist #3

#### Nevada Region

Vice President:  
Regional Lay Director:

Rev. Mark Kliewer #20  
Henry Wentzlaff #10

#### Hawaii Region

Vice President:  
Lay Director:

Rev. Bruce Betker Kaneohe  
Pedar Wold Hilo

**CONVENTION NEWS**

**GUEST SPEAKER DR. JEFF MYERS – “PASSING THE BATON” Part 1**

Dr. Jeff Myers’ presentation entitled “Passing the Baton” addressed the fact that the baton of godliness must be passed from generation to generation.

He then related several statistics regarding church attendance. The number of people who don’t attend church has doubled since 1991, and the older you are, the more likely you are to be in church on Sunday morning. 70% of 23-30 year olds drop out of church and only about 35% of these dropouts return. 90% of American youth say they believe there are “no absolute truths.” We need to reclaim the hearts and minds of our youth.

The question was asked, “What kind of influence makes a difference?”

Adult mentorship is very important in this regard. We then learned 7 ways which answered the question: How did Jesus do it?

1. Jesus led based on total obedience to God.
2. Jesus led based on His anointing – the filling of the Holy Spirit.
3. Jesus led based on His deep love for his followers.
4. Jesus led based on His intercession for them.

5. Jesus led based on His trust in God’s work in them.
6. Jesus led based on His transparent “witness.” Jesus walked *with* His disciples every place *they* went.
7. Jesus led based on a primary concern for character development.

**“PASSING THE BATON” Part 2**

Dr. Myers talked to us about the death of the grown-up, meaning that globally, adolescence is being extended into the 30’s.

Transforming this trend includes 3 things:

1. Teaching – the student remembers what he’s taught.
2. Modeling – the student remembers the teacher.

Coaching – the student applies what he knows.

To effectively coach, one must

Check in – ask how things are going

Observe

Act

Consult

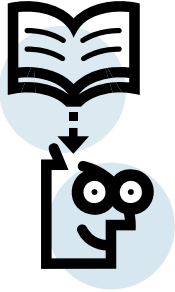
**REV. TED IVERSON HONORED AT SATURDAY EVENING BANQUET**

The highlight of Saturday evening’s banquet was the honoring of Rev. Ted Iverson upon his retirement as President of the Church Extension Fund. After many years of faithful service, Pastor Iverson will be entering another phase in his life.

Ted introduced his family members that were present and acknowledged his wife, Betty, in particular. He was presented with a book containing the many cards and letters received, as well as a monetary gift in recognition of his many years of service to the CNH District. Former CNH President Walt Tietjen and Rev. Bob Fickenscher recalled many incidences during President Iverson’s the District.

Among those speaking were Merle Freitag, LCEF President, Bill Swift, CEF board member and Bob Steffen. A video prepared by Adriene Iverson which recapped all the building projects under Ted’s leadership.

## RESOLUTIONS 5/16/09



Rev. Hank Scherer, chairman of the Committee on Theology, presented resolution 2-01, “To Learn and Apply Faithful Stewardship at All Times.” Resolution passed.

Rev. Stan Abraham, chairman of the Parish Services Committee, presented resolution 3-01, “To recognize the Hispanic Council as a Mandated Committee for the CNH District and to Provide District Support for its Work.” After being amended to conform to bylaw rules, resolution 3-01a was passed. Resolution 3-02, “To Encourage

Disaster Preparedness in Congregations and Ministries,” also passed.

Rev. Ted Mueller presented resolution 4-01, “To Approve Transfer of Churches to New Circuits,” which involves the transfer of several churches to Circuit 4. Resolution passed.

Rev. James Beyer presented resolution 1-04, “To Encourage Continued Partnership in Funding Mission Efforts.” Resolution passed.

**River** added to the evening’s festivities by sharing several selections of Christian music before dinner and at the conclusion of the banquet program.



## Q & A SESSION WITH PRESIDENT GERALD KIESCHNICK

When asked what is the greatest challenge facing the LCMS today, President Kieschnick said that we must learn how to be Biblical confessional Evangelical Christian Lutherans while being sensitive, humble, bold and courageous to bring our message to others. He stated that we need to be able to

stand up and proclaim the Gospel on sound Biblical principles without fear of “getting into trouble.”

The Synod also faces financial challenges in these difficult economic times. As churches and their members experience financial hardship, so too does the Synod.



## CONVENTION NEWS

### RECAP OF RESOLUTIONS FROM 5/15/09

Rev. Clarence Eisberg, chairman of the Administration Committee, presented Resolution # 4-02, "To Divide California-Nevada-Hawaii Circuit #10 Into Two Circuits." A new "visitation" circuit #20, entitled the "Great Basin Circuit," was proposed. However, circuits 10 & 20 would continue to be one electoral circuit, electing one lay delegate and one pastoral delegate as well as alternates for each LCMS convention. Resolution was passed. Rev. Mark Kliewer proposed amending the resolution to include 2 additional congregations, making a total of 9 congregations in both circuits.

Rev. Eisberg also presented Resolution #4-03, "To Grant Regional Status to Hawaii and Nevada Circuits." It was proposed to change the number of District Regions from three to five, granting district regional status to Hawaii and Nevada. This change will increase face-to-face participation and ownership of the mission and ministry direction of the district through more involvement of these geographically and culturally remote and more isolated mission fields. Resolution was passed.

Rev. James Beyer, chairman of the Missions Committee, (who celebrated his 58<sup>th</sup> birthday yesterday), presented the following three resolutions:

- 1-01: To Organize and Staff for Continuing Facilitative Education in a Post Church World
- 1-02: To Encourage Revitalization in Our Congregations
- 1-03: To Express Gratitude for the Work of the MAC'S (Mission Action Councils) and Encourage Use of MAC Insights and Discoveries

All three resolutions passed.

### CEF REPORT FROM 5/15/09

Rev. Ted Iverson, President of the CNH District Church Extension Fund, presented a report. He announced that their license has just recently been renewed.

In today's economic climate, authorities are looking more carefully at loans and the borrower's ability to repay debt. President Iverson stated that the role of CEF in today's world is to take investments and create assets. He reported that many of our churches today have plenty of assets but no cash. Solvency is currently a problem in many congregations, and CEF can help them learn more about how to manage their money. One goal is to assist in the ministry of the congregation while benefiting the investor.

### OPENING BIBLE STUDY 5/16/09

Saturday's session began with a Bible study entitled "Stewardship Means Freedom," conducted by Rev. Tom Norris.

Pastor Norris spoke about living in freedom in times of uncertainty. We live free from sin, death and the power of the devil. But we also live in "unfreedom" in that the unemployment rate has reached 8.6%, 401K's have been cut in half, and home values are down at least 20 % in most areas. Around the world, a staggering 100,000,000 people have been thrown into poverty. In such an economic climate, Pastor Norris asked us how we feel about living in vocation rather than in occupation, sharing our possessions and income with those in need, and funding the mission of our congregations. These are tough questions. But we are reminded that Biblical stewardship isn't fundraising. It's the management of another's property as well as discipleship. God provides enough for everyone, and He would have us live free.