



“What happened at the District Convention this year?”

Every three years each LCMS district has a convention to conduct business and prepare overtures for the following year’s Synodical Convention. Living Word is a part of The Minnesota North District. In May our convention lay-delegate Duane Hansen and I attended its convention that was held in Brainerd. I’ll share a few of the major items of business that were acted upon and also, some comments that stuck in my mind from various speakers.

Probably the most noteworthy item of business was to elect a president to replace Rev. Don Fondow who is retiring. The convention elected Rev. Brady Finnern of Sartell.

We passed a resolution denouncing Critical Race Theory as being unbiblical.

We heard that the Malagasy Lutheran Church in Aftica has 4.5 million members - many more than the LCMS has here in the United States. (AND, that count only includes people who regularly attend worship services).

The bishop of the Lutheran Church in Finland referring to those who brought a lawsuit accusing him of promoting “hate speech” by publishing the Bible’s views: “Every time they attack us, we grow!”

Luther: “God does not need your good works. Your neighbor does!”

As a result of the 2021 year-end debt-reduction drive (to which Living Word contributed \$500) Lutheran Island Camp’s debt was reduced from \$250,000 to \$49,000!

One of the Pastors instrumental in starting a Classical Lutheran College commented, “Woke-ism is bullying.”

An LCMS Chaplain compared military fighting to the spiritual battles we face daily:

“The first step in being ready: Know Your Enemy (how they operate). The second step: Have a Plan!”

We learned of an LCMS program called “Everyone His Witness,” that helps congregation members to be what God has called us all to be: His Witnesses to our friends, neighbors and relatives. I made a note that this program is one that we would find very beneficial and should find a way to utilize.

Thanks for asking,
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