

PROSPECTUS

for the

71st Annual Convention

of the

CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CONFERENCE

June 28, 29, 30, 2024

with the

PLENARY PASTORAL CONFERENCE on June 26th

and the

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING on June 27th

at

St. John's Lutheran Church

Sixth and Tangent Streets

Lebanon, Oregon 97355

The Rev. Paul E. Bloedel, Pastor

CONVENTION MOTTO

Rationalism – The Enemy of Christian Faith

II Corinthians 10:5

I. REPORTS TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE 2024 CONVENTION —

A. ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE PRESIDENT (Pastor David T. Mensing)

This report will set forth the state of the Conference, review the work of the Conference during the past fiscal year, and guide the activities of the Conference in this convention.

B. REPORT OF THE PRESS COMMITTEE (The Vice President and the Secretary)

This committee, in consultation with the local pastor, is responsible for news coverage of the convention. No release to the press is to be regarded as official information from our Conference unless approved by this committee.

C. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON LUTHERAN UNION (Pastor Paul E. Bloedel, Chairman)

This committee will bring our Conference up to date on the Committee's contacts with representatives of other Lutheran *church bodies*, if any, as well as pastors of any *independent* congregations, with the view toward establishing Godpleasing fellowship.

D. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS (Pastor Paul E. Bloedel, Chairman)

Any progress or difficulties relating to our Conference mission programs and outreach, including the vital need for continuing support of our mission endeavors, will be presented by this committee, as well as any request for financial subsidy from any sister congregation needing assistance.

E. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION (Pastor Paul E. Bloedel, Chairman)

A review of the committee's work during the past year regarding our program for training faithful pastors for the future will be presented. Since we have no students at present, there will be no special *interest reports* from the professors or from seminary students.

F. REPORT OF THE EDITORIAL COMMITTEE (Pastor David T. Mensing, Chairman)

This report will contain a review of the official organ of our Conference, the *CONCORDIA LUTHERAN*, as well as a report on any books and tracts edited by the second pastoral member of the committee, **Pastor David J. Mensing**, and authorized by him for printing by *Scriptural Publications*.

G. REPORT OF THE PUBLISHING HOUSE BOARD OF CONTROL (Pastor David T. Mensing, Chairman)

This report will highlight the printing and dissemination of Conference materials by our publishing house, *Scriptural Publications*. This will include the printing and mailing of the *CONCORDIA LUTHERAN*, the maintenance of the Conference Web page, and the printing of Sunday School materials, authorized new tracts, booklets and books, as well as documentary and instructional material that is already the published position of the Conference. The financial and logistical aspects of this work will be reported on by the Business Manager of *Scriptural Publications*, **Mr. John P. Mensing**.

H. REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE (Mr. Marcus B. Morrell, Chairman)

This report will review the past fiscal year and propose an operating budget for the coming fiscal year, June 1, 2024 through May 31, 2025. A draft of its proposed fiscal budget should normally be in the hands of the congregations for study by the end of March and is included as the last page of this PROSPECTUS, but final ratification is always subject to the action of the convention.

II. CONVENTION ESSAY — The doctrinal essay, in keeping with this year’s convention motto, is entitled: *“Rationalism – The Enemy of Christian Faith,”* both General Faith and Saving Faith. It will be delivered on Saturday morning and Sunday afternoon by the **Rev. Paul E. Bloedel** of Lebanon and Seattle.

III. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE TO REVIEW THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT — This committee is appointed on the floor of the convention by the Vice President.

IV. COMMITTEES APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT FOR CONVENTION BUSINESS —

A. AUDITING COMMITTEE: Pastor David J. Mensing, Chairman

Delegate from ST. JOHN’S: _____

Delegate from ST. LUKE’S: _____

This committee is authorized to receive the audit of the Treasurer's records for the past fiscal year, such audit having been prepared by 2 or 3 members of the congregation of which the Treasurer is a member, to make any additional review of the books or records it may deem necessary, and present its report on the floor of the convention. It shall also prepare a similar report concerning the records of the Business Manager of our publishing house.

B. COMMITTEE ON REGISTRATION & EXCUSES: Pastor David J. Mensing, Chairman

Delegate from ST. LUKE’S: _____

Delegate from ST. JOHN’S: _____

This committee has the responsibility of the proper seating of delegates. It will examine the credentials of the delegates of each member congregation in order to determine their voting privileges, and report to the convention. It is also in charge of convention registration and will receive any excuse for non-attendance of registered delegates. **(By-Law #4)**

C. NOMINATING & ELECTIONS COMMITTEE: Pastor David T. Mensing, Chairman

Delegate from ST. JOHN’S: _____

Delegate from PEACE: _____

Slates of candidates for the Standing Committees are prepared by this committee, although additional slates may be nominated from the convention floor. It also conducts and supervises the election of Conference officers and committees by ballot vote of the delegates. **(By-Laws #2 & #4; Constitution, Article V,1)**

D. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE: Pastor Paul E. Bloedel, Chairman

Delegate from PEACE: _____

Delegate from ST. LUKE’S: _____

It is the responsibility of this committee to prepare formal resolutions originating in its own midst or referred to it by the convention, and to lay them before the entire convention assembled for action.

NOTE: Each congregation is requested to decide which of its delegates it desires to serve on the above committees, so that the Lord's gifts in each of us may be put to the best use in His Kingdom. Each pastor should give this information to our President at the beginning of the convention.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS tabled or carried over from the previous convention —

None, except for on-going matters in the hands of standing or *ad hoc* committees for further report to and action by the delegates in convention assembled.

VI. NEW BUSINESS —

- A. RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS.** If any congregations have made application for membership according to ARTICLE IV of our **Constitution**, their application is acted upon during the first session of the convention. Upon the assurance of the Conference President or a committee appointed by him that the conditions of membership are complied with, new members are accepted by unanimous resolution of the convention.
- B. ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND STANDING COMMITTEES** is conducted by the convention committee appointed for this purpose (See page 2.) **Term limits** ARE a factor this year (*Constitution*, Art. XI): The current President **may be re-elected**, but Pastor Bloedel may **not** be re-elected as **Vice President** since he will have served two consecutive terms. The other officers do not have constitutional term limits.
- C. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE CONFERENCE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.** The Board has the constitutional privilege of bringing special recommendations directly to the floor of the convention. (The Board's regularly scheduled meeting in advance of the convention will be held, God-willing, on **Thursday, June 27th**. This will give the officers, chairmen of standing committees, and board members-at-large opportunity to discuss in detail matters pertaining to the business of our Conference and to formulate any specific recommendations to bring before the convention for consideration by the delegates.)
- D. ACTION ON SPECIAL RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES** as proposed in their respective reports, recommendations which require action by the Conference in convention assembled, especially, but not limited to, subsidy requests.
- E. MEMORIALS TO THE CONVENTION** that are submitted by congregations of the Conference (**By-Law #5**). None have been submitted as of this printing.
- F. INVITATIONS TO HOST THE 72nd ANNUAL CONVENTION** to be held God-willing on **June 27, 28 and 29, 2025**. Congregations contemplating such an invitation, normally from the Midwest this next year, should be prepared to extend it through their delegates on the floor of this present convention at the time designated on the printed agenda.
- G. AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION OR BY-LAWS OF THE CONFERENCE**, if any. These must be presented **in writing** to the Conference in convention assembled, and each proposed change shall be voted on separately. A **two-thirds majority** of all votes cast shall be necessary for the adoption of a **constitutional** amendment, while a **simple majority** shall be required for passage of amendments to the **By-Laws**. Changes and amendments shall be in effect if and when subsequently **ratified** by **two-thirds** of the member congregations in a **referendum** — a **simple majority** of the congregations in the case of changes in the **By-Laws**.
- H. ADOPTION OF A FISCAL BUDGET FOR 2024-2025.** According to the *Constitution*, Article IX,1,e,3, the **Finance Committee** is to present its proposed budget to the local congregations for their study no later than two months before the end of each fiscal year. Its proposal is also included in the **Prospectus** on the following page. ● Action on all subsidy requests will be handled in connection with the budget.

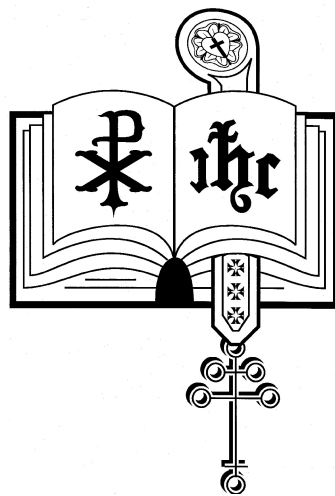
PROPOSED BUDGET for FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025

	GENERAL FUND	STUDENT AID FUND
Cash available, June 1, 2024 \$ 70,933.76 \$ 76,157.61
ANTICIPATED INCOME:		
Source	Amount	Amount
Peace, Oak Forest (Pledged)	10,800.00	-----
St. John's, Lebanon (Pledged)	4,800.00	2,400.00
St. Luke's, Seattle (Pledged)	18,000.00	-----
St. Mark's, Sauk Village (Pledged)	0.00	-----
Trinity, Oak Park (Pledged)	4,200.00	-----
Other (Tuition, etc.)	-----	-----
Friday Convention Offering (Estimated)	<u>900.00</u>	<u>-----</u>
TOTAL Pledges and Other Estimated Income	\$ 38,700.00	\$ 2,400.00
TOTAL Available for the Purpose of Budgeting\$109,633.76 \$ 78,557.61

ANTICIPATED EXPENSES:

Budget Item	Proposed Budgets	
	GENERAL FUND	STUDENT AID FUND
<i>Scriptural Publications</i> Subsidy	\$ 2,000.00	—
Ekaterinburg Salary Subsidy	12,000.00	—
Ekaterinburg Transportation Aid	2,400.00	—
St. Mark's, Sauk Village, Salary Subsidy	12,000.00	—
General Travel Expense	3,000.00	—
Convention Expense (By-Law 1,c)	1,000.00	—
Miscellaneous Expenses	<u>2,500.00</u>	<u>—</u>
TOTAL PROPOSED BUDGETS for 2024-2025	\$ 34,900.00	\$ 0.00

Your **Finance Committee**: Mr. Phillip R. Martin; Mr. Tom Fedor;
Mr. Eric P. Pearson; Mr. Marcus B. Morrell, Chairman



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