

**2009 ATLANTIC DISTRICT CONVENTION
SESSION 3 - SATURDAY, JUNE 6, 2009**

1. **OPENING DEVOTIONS**
African Immigrant

The Rev. Philip Saywrayne,

2. **ELECTIONS REPORT**

RUNOFF ELECTIONS

Board of Directors, Region I, Layperson:

Mr. Victor Mazzotti,	60
Ms. Susan Stewart	57
<i>Mr. Mazzotti elected</i>	

Board of Directors, Region III, Pastor:

Rev. Charles Bell	36
Rev. Wayne Puls	30
Rev. Marvin Griffin	52

Runoff between Rev. Bell and Rev. Griffin

Concordia College Board of Regents, Pastor

Rev. William J. Meyer	82
Rev. Dr. Robert Scudieri	34
<i>Rev. Meyer elected</i>	

Ballots for the runoff election were distributed.

3. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF ROSTERED WORKERS, ROSTERED CONGREGATIONS AND OUTGOING BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEMBERS

President Benke invited forward Ms. Lillian Biddle, Rev. John Hannah, Mr. Ken Ko, to thank them as they conclude their service on the Atlantic District Board of Directors after 12 years.

4. GREETINGS FROM THE ELCA AND LWML

President Benke invited forward ELCA Metropolitan-New York Synod Bishop the Rev. Robert Rimbo to bring greetings from the Metropolitan-New York Synod of the ELCA. President Benke invited forward Mrs. Maureen Consiglio of the Atlantic District LWML, to bring greetings from the national LWML and provide an update on the many projects supported by the Atlantic District LWML.

5. ELECTIONS REPORT

RUNOFF ELECTION

Board of Directors, Region III, Pastor:

Rev. Charles Bell 53

Rev. Marvin Griffin 64

Rev. Griffin elected

6. FLOOR COMMITTEE #3 THEOLOGICAL CONCERNS

President Benke introduced Floor Committee #3 chairman the Rev. Dr. John Hannah. Chairman Hannah thanked his committee for their work, and submitted a report to the convention on nomenclature questions raised and submitted to the Synod and the Commission on Theology and Church Relations in Resolutions 02-06-06-s and 01-05-06a from the 2006 Atlantic District Convention.

7. TASK FORCE #7 HEALTH AND HUMAN CARE

Rev. Marvin Griffin, vice-chairman of Floor Committee #2, introduced Ms. Judy Benke, chairwoman of Task Force #7.

Chairwoman Benke thanked the members of her task force for their work during the last triennium.

Chairwoman Benke invited forward members of Lutheran Social Ministry Organizations in the Atlantic District to bring greetings:

Rev. Donald Stiger, Lutheran Healthcare, Brooklyn

Mr. Ronald Drews, Lutheran Social Services of New York, Manhattan

Ms. Molly Blancke, Lutheran Counseling Center, Mineola

Mr. Mark Prowatzke, Mill Neck Manor Services, Oyster Bay

Rev. Juan Gonzalez, Lutheran Services New York Alliance, Manhattan

Ms. Judy Benke, Wartburg Adult Care Services, Mt. Vernon

Partner national organizations were recognized including:
Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services
National Lutheran Disaster Response
Lutheran World Relief

A video highlighting the Nehemiah Housing project, a social service project funded in part by the Atlantic District was shown.

President Benke thanked the Rev. Dr. Dwayne Mau for his work in bringing about the Nehemiah Housing.

Chairwoman Benke thanked the district supervisors of chaplains:

Rev. Dr. John Hannah
Rev. Ronald Lehenbauer

District Called Chaplains:

Rev. Ken Fosse, Eger Health Care
Rev. Paul Steinke, Bellevue Hospital
Rev. Mark Schaarschmidt, New York State Forensic Hospital

Vice-chairman Griffin was introduced to bring RESOLUTION #02-09-09 TO THANK GOD FOR CHAPLAINCIES to the floor.

Motion #11: Resolution #02-09-09 Adopted (without dissent)

Chairwoman Benke invited Ms. Janet George to present on the Atlantic District supported South Asian Disaster response, and the Lutheran Charitable Trust Board which directs the mission projects. Among other projects, both Girls and Boys homes are supported by our mission. A district mission trip to India is scheduled for August 2010.

Chairwoman Benke described the ongoing work of the Gulf Coast Disaster Response provided by members of our District.

Vice-chairman Griffin introduced Mr. James Creighton, to bring RESOLUTION #02-04-09 TO OFFER THANKS FOR ONGOING RESPONSE TO DISASTERS to the floor.

Motion #12: Resolution #02-04-09 Adopted (without dissent)

Individuals present who had made trips as a part of Gulf Coast Disaster Response were invited to stand and be recognized.

8. MISSION SOCIETY

Vice-chairman Griffin introduced Ms. Carol Mittelstaedt, Atlantic District Mission Society. Ms. Mittelstaedt invited convention attendees to support the work of the Atlantic District Mission Society by:

Signing up to receive Stop Drop and Pray e-mail
Including the Mission Society in your congregation's budget.
Including the Mission Society in Regular school chapel offerings.
Having special congregational offerings for the Mission Society.

Vice-chairman Griffin introduced RESOLUTION #02-08-09 TO THANK GOD FOR ATLANTIC DISTRICT ABLAZE GRANTS

Motion #13: Resolution #02-08-09 Adopted (without dissent)

President Benke introduced Lula Urquhart, Mt. Zion, Manhattan to describe the blessings Mt. Zion and its Leadership Development Program has received through the Atlantic District's Ablaze Grant Initiative.

9. TASK FORCE #2 TRANSFORMING CONGREGATIONS

Vice-chairman Griffin introduced District vice-president rev. James Jaekel to present information on the Transforming Congregations network process.

Ms. Janet George was introduced to describe the process from a congregation's perspective, particularly in regard to coaching in the process.

Vice-chairman Rev. Griffin called the Rev. Roy Minnix forward to introduce RESOLUTION #02-06-09 TO PRIORITIZE CONGREGATIONAL REVITALIZATION
Rev. Neil Mittelstaedt, Our Saviour, Rego Park asked how the priority of the district in revitalizing congregations is reflected in the budget?

President Benke responded: 1. Ablaze Covenant Grants 2. Working with Peter Labenberg in troubled congregations.

Rev. Jonathan Priest, St. John the Evangelist, Brooklyn, talked about how he is already working with congregations in Brooklyn and Queens.

Rev. Charles Froehlich, St. Luke, Dix Hills, encourage lay delegates to encourage their pastors to join learning communities.

Motion #14: Resolution #02-06-09 Adopted (without dissent)

10. MISSION MOMENT #5

Good Shepherd, Laurelton

11. TASK FORCE #4 SCHOOLS

Vice-chairman Griffin introduced Ms. Marlene Lund from Lutheran Schools Association (LSA) who presented on the challenges of a difficult economy, technology, and Lutheran schools leadership among the next generation, and approaches that LSA is taking to help schools address these challenges.

President Benke thanked District Staff Mr. Peter Labenberg and Ms. Kris Schulz for their work in helping Lutheran Schools on a day to day basis.

Vice-Chairman Griffin introduced Ms. Lori Lee Joerz to introduce RESOLUTION #02-03-09 TO ENCOURAGE AND SUPPORT LUTHERAN SCHOOLS
Motion #15: Resolution #02-03-09 Adopted (without dissent)

President Benke invited forward Dr. Stan Kramer, Concordia College, to acknowledge Atlantic District Scholarship award recipients: Chris Kollmann and Robert Paul, who received a Marohn scholarship in support of their seminary studies.

President Benke invited forward Dr. Kurt Krueger, president of the Concordia University System, who presented on the Synod's *What a Way* initiative designed to support students preparing for church work in the Synod. Information available at whataway.org

12. TASK FORCE #6 COMMUNICATIONS

Ms. Janet George, District coordinator for Task Forces provided the report for Task Force #6 Communications, which is currently without a chairperson. The Task Force has been holding regional administrative assistant gatherings. Ms. Brigitte Conkling has been serving as our part-time district archivist.

13. TASK FORCE #5 PARISH EDUCATION

Vice-chairman Griffin introduced Ms. Mindy Warnken the chairwoman of Task Force #5

Ms. Warnken recognized and thanked the members of the Task Force for their service, and described the work of the Task Force in supporting youth and youth workers throughout the District. The next LCMS National Youth Gathering is scheduled for 2010 in New Orleans.

Chairwoman Warnken introduced, Rev. Wade Miller, Executive Director of SonRise.

Rev. Miller presented the new mission statement of SonRise: "to educate and equip the whole body of Christ and to be an extension of the local congregation."

Deaconess Sarah Schultz was introduced as the new program director for SonRise.

Chairwoman Warnken presented RESOLUTION #02-01-09 TO ENCOURAGE CONTINUED LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Jonathan Priest, St. John the Evangelist, Brooklyn spoke in support of individual congregations and pastors being committed to raising up leaders.

President Benke recognized individuals who have come into our District through Colloquy, DELTO, EIIT, SMP, and other

By common consent of the convention, "Ethnic Institute for Immigrant Training" in the second resolved is corrected to "Ethnic Immigrant Institute of Theology"

Motion #16: Resolution #02-01-09 Adopted as corrected (without dissent)

14. LUTHERAN CHURCH EXTENSION FUND *Labenberg*

Mr. Peter

15. SERVANT OF CHRIST AWARDS

President Benke announced the following 2009 Atlantic District Servant of Christ Awards:

Klara Erdt, All Saints LaGrangeville

Linda Ryan, Our Redeemer, Aquebogue

Marilyn Heinrich, Trinity, Bronx

Richard Lomnitzer, Holy Trinity, Pottersville

16. MOTION TO ADJOURN WITH THE BENEDICTION OF THE CONVENTION

Motion #17: Resolved that the 57th Regular Convention of the Atlantic District of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod be closed.

Motion #17: M/S/A