

Greetings in Christ,

Included below are a few final addendum items and minor updates to previously printed board and committee reports for our upcoming convention. These are being emailed out to congregations and posted to the synod website ahead of the convention to give pastors and delegates the best opportunity possible to review the updated materials. Printouts of these addendums and updates *will be made available on Monday of the convention as well*. PLEASE *circulate them among your delegates* as best you can.

Since any action items included in these items *may not have been* accounted for in the programming of the convention, the voting assembly will be given the opportunity to accept or decline the additional work on Monday prior to floor committee work.

Thanks very much for your patient consideration of these materials.

Rev. Kyle Madson
Secretary | *Evangelical Lutheran Synod*



ADDENDUM: Board of Trustees – 2026 Convention Report

Committee #7: Finances

The following includes several *minor amendments* to the originally published Trustees Report for the 2026 BoRaM. Thank you to the floor committee on Finances and the convention for your careful consideration of these minor amendments.

According to the resolution from last year’s 2025 convention, the reorganized ELS *Planning and Coordinating Committee* was constituted of, “the president... two clergy and two lay members appointed by the president and approved by the board of Trustees” (2025 Synod Report; p.148). With instruction from a few trusted advisors, presidential appointments to the P&CC and approved by the Trustees were:

	<u>Clergy</u>	<u>Lay</u>	
2-year term:	Rev. Brad Kerkow	Mr. Mark Perlwitz	(2028)
1-year term:	Rev. Peter Faugstad	Mr. Phil Holz	(2027)

C. RESOLVED that these appointments be ~~ratified~~ recommended for ratification by the synod convention. (see *Guidelines for the Planning and Coordinating Committee; Art. I.A* as amended in the 2025 convention; Synod Report 2025, p.148).

Rev. Kyle J. Madson
secretary, Board of Trustees

ADDENDUM: President's Report - 2026 Convention

Committee #1: President's Message & Report (unless otherwise noted)

MEMBERSHIP REQUESTS (*Committee #13: Synodical Membership*)

The Rev. Paul Kuehn Abiding Shepherd Lutheran Church (ELS), Cottage Grove and Fort Atkinson, WI has been received by transfer from the WELS clergy roster and requests permanent member status with the ELS.

RETIREMENTS (*Committee #13: Synodical Membership*)

The Rev. Thomas Heyn retired on December 31, 2025.

RESIGNATIONS (*Committee #13: Synodical Membership*)

Due to health concerns Pastor Samuel Johnson has had to resign from his call to Our Savior and First Shell Rock Lutheran Churches, Albert Lea, MN and Northwood, IA effective June 7, 2026. He plans to remain on the ELS clergy roster as an inactive pastor at this time.

TRANSFERS (*Committee #13: Synodical Membership*)

The Rev. Cory Hahnke, who accepted a call to serve Grace Lutheran Church, South St. Paul, MN (WELS), has been granted a transfer of membership from the ELS clergy roster to the WELS ministerium.

The Rev. Richard Warnecke, who accepted a call to serve Grace Lutheran Church, Waukesha, WI (WELS), has been granted a transfer of membership from the ELS clergy roster to the WELS ministerium.

ELS-ELDK Liaison Committee

As anticipated the Evangelical Lutheran Diocese of Kenya (ELDK) was received into membership of the Confessional Evangelical Lutheran Conference (CELC) at its Twelfth Triennial Convention in Lusaka, Zambia. Therefore, the work of the ELS-ELDK Liaison Committee is now complete. It has been dismissed with great appreciation as has been expressed to its members for helping to shepherd the ELDK to this point.

CONSTITUTION APPROVALS (*Committee #12: Synodical Membership*)

Reformation Lutheran Church, Hillsboro, OR is submitting its revised constitution for review.

COLLOQUY (*Committee #13: Synodical Membership*)

The Rev. Insub "Isaac" Paik has successfully completed Part 1 on May 13 and Part 2 on June 8 with the result that the ELS Colloquy Committee unanimously passed this resolution and now places it before the 2026 ELS Convention:

RESOLVED that Rev. Dr. Insub Paik is in agreement with the Evangelical Lutheran Synod in doctrine and practice and is recommended for permanent membership in the synod at the synod's 2026 convention.

Serving on the ELS Colloquy Committee were Pres. Obenberger, VP Smith, Pres. Hartwig, Prof. Rank (chairman of the DC), Dr. David Reagles (layman on the DC), Rev. Andrew Palmquist and Mr. Mark Madson (clergy and layman at large).