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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus, in whom you have been enriched in every way!

I'm writing this letter regarding the 2012 Ohio District Convention, scheduled to be held at the Embassy Suites in Columbus, Ohio, from June 14-16, 2012. The theme of our convention is **“Enriched in Every Way,”** based on St. Paul's comment to the Corinthian congregation in the ninth chapter of his second letter to them. Our convention essayist will be Rev. Dr. Joel Biermann of Concordia Seminary in St Louis. Synodical President Matthew Harrison will be present for Thursday's convention session and will preach at the evening worship service; Synodical Third Vice President, Rev. Paul L. Maier will be present for the entire convention.

While your congregation has begun to receive the first of 18 postcards from the Synod's Secretary regarding some new procedures, let me take this opportunity to reinforce several items:

- 1) Your circuit forum needs to meet prior to the District convention to elect a circuit counselor and send those elections to District Secretary, Rev. Richard Kurth.
- 2) Your circuit forum needs to meet to adopt overtures for District Convention consideration. The forum may also make recommendations for synod-wide mission and ministry emphases for the 2013-2016 Synod triennium.
- 3) ***The lay delegates your congregation elects to our District Convention will also become one of its two electors for the position of Synodical President in the 2013 Synodical Convention process. That person must have access to the internet to cast his secure ballot.*** Your District Secretary, Rev. Richard Kurth, would like to have circuit counselor election results, as well as any overtures and recommendation for synod-wide mission and ministry emphases in hand by ***February 15, 2012.***

All forms necessary for submission of nominations for the elections that will take place at the District Convention are defined in the buff-colored attachment. ***Please be sure to download the necessary forms from the Ohio District website, complete them and return them to the appropriate individuals named at the bottom of each form.***

Also, note that any overture you wish the Ohio District to consider must be submitted on the electronic form developed by our Synod Secretary, as well as in print form with the necessary signature. This form can be found on the Ohio District website for the 2012 District Convention (Overtures/Resolutions tab). This will ease the submission of any overtures acted on by the Districts to the 2013 Synodical gathering.

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Terry Cripe, President
Ohio District, LCMS

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