

The Nineteenth Convention of the Ohio District Lutheran Church Missouri Synod

**June 18-20, 2009
Embassy Suites
Dublin, Ohio**



Greetings in the name of our Risen Savior, Jesus,

Welcome to our District Convention! This year's theme, "One Message: Many Contexts", based on Matthew 9:35, is well worth our consideration. As we are empowered by the Holy Spirit to share the message of Christ wherever we are, we thank God that He has called us to go to "all the towns and villages" with this Good News – Jesus is the Savior of the world!

During these few days you will be making many decisions. You will need to consider resolutions, amendments, elections, and other items. Prayerfully consider each one. Ask God to lead our Convention according to His good and gracious will. Also, remember that we are making decisions that help us obey our Lord as we seek to reach out with the Gospel message of Jesus Christ to a world dark with sin.

The Columbus area circuit welcomes you to this Convention. Many hours and much effort have gone into this event. Our prayer is that your stay is enjoyable and the Convention is blessed by God. I want to thank each of the committee members who have worked so hard. Special thanks also go to Bonnie Mann who has worked closely with us and given us valuable advice and direction.

If you have any questions or concerns, comments or suggestions, or anything else with regard to the Convention, please feel free to speak with me. If I am not able to help you, I am happy to direct you to the right person.

God's spirit and peace be with each of you,

Rev. James A. Gau
Convention Chairman