

NOMINATIONS REPORT FOR DISTRICT PRESIDENT

The procedures introduced by the Ohio District convention for nominating clergymen for President of the District place considerable responsibility on the Secretary of the District.

The congregations of the Ohio District have participated in the nomination process for the office of District President over the last several months. Although all congregations had the opportunity to nominate two different individuals for each of the two positions, many chose to nominate only one. When the same person was nominated twice by a congregation for the same position, it was possible to credit him with one vote only and not with two.

The following candidates are the highest vote-getters who accepted nomination and have given their consent to serve if elected and therefore constitute the official slate. **3 congregations needed to nominate individual in order to be on the ballot.** These 2 pastors will appear on the ballot at the convention:

PRESIDENT

Rev. Terry Cripe	60
Rev. Dr. John "Jack" Davidson	10
Rev. Peter Marcis	2
Rev. Jeffrey Stephens	2
Rev. Philip Esala	1
Rev. Dan Esala	1
Rev. Michael Geml	1

Name: **Rev. Terry Cripe**
 College: Concordia Sr. College Year: 1970
 Seminary: Concordia Seminary, Springfield, IL Year: 1974
 Other Degrees: Princeton Theological Seminary Year: 1975
 Vicarage: University of Denver Ordination: 1975

Pastorates held (beginning with the earliest):
Congregation: Years Served:
 St. Peter Lutheran Church, Harbourton, NJ 1975-1989
 Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, Defiance, OH 1989-2006

Other:
 Lutheran Homes Society
 LSS of New Jersey
 Active Parenting Instructor
 New Jersey District Vice President
 Ohio District Vice President
 Circuit Counselor—Ohio and New Jersey Districts
 Conference Presenter in Ohio and New Jersey Districts
 Scout Merit Badge Counselor
 Editor of New Jersey District Newspaper
 Guest instructor at Concordia seminaries - St Louis and Ft Wayne
 Ohio District President (2006-Present)

Publications:
 Concordia Pulpit Resources
 The Springfielder
 Life for the World
 "Formation: Essays for Future Pastors"

Name: **Rev. Dr. John C. Davidson (Jack)**
 College: Concordia Teachers College, River Forest, IL Year: 1978
 Seminary: Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, IN Year: 1982
 Other Degrees: STM from Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, IN Year: 1991
 D. Min. from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO Year: 1996
 Vicarage: St. John Lutheran Church, Red Bud, IL Ordination: 1982

Pastorates held (beginning with the earliest):
Congregation: Years Served:
 Redeemer Lutheran Church, Lancaster, OH 1982-Present

Other:
Church:
 1985-1988 Member of Ohio District Board of Parish Services
 1988-1992 Circuit Counselor
 1988-Present Pastoral Advisor, Central Ohio Mission Association (COMA)
 2004-2006 2nd Vice President, Ohio District
 2006-Present 1st Vice President, Ohio District
 2005-2008 Advisor for Lutheran Student Fellowship at Ohio University
 2001-Present Trustee: Ohio District Lutheran Church Extension Fund
 2005-2006 Planning Committee for LCMS Campus Ministry Event (Confabulation)
 June 23, 2004 Guest Chaplain U.S. House of Representatives

Community:
 1990-2006 Soccer, basketball, softball coach
 1988-Present Assistant to the Fairfield County Coroner
 1985-Present Chaplain for Lancaster-Fairfield County Charity Newsies
 2003-2005 Member of Fairfield County Hospice Advisory Board

Publications:
 Author of Tell the Good News Bible Study: The Lord's Supper
 Sermon contributor for Concordia Pulpit Resources

C. PROCEDURE FOR ELECTIONS

(from Ohio District LCMS Code of Regulations)

1. The procedure for the nomination and election of the President shall be as follows:
 - a. Each voting congregation shall be entitled to nominate from the clergy roster of the Synod two ordained ministers as candidates for District President.
 - b. At least seven (7) months in advance, the Secretary of the District shall mail to each voting congregation of the District ballots for nominating these candidates.
 - c. Each nominating ballot shall be signed by the pastor and secretary of the voting congregations and shall be sent to the Secretary of the District not later than four (4) months prior to the opening date of the convention.
 - d. Groups and individuals within and without the District are urged to follow the Covenant of Trust adopted by the Ohio District Board of Directors March 31, 1989.
 - e. Candidates for the Office of District President shall be considered if they have received three (3) or more nominations. From this group, the five (5) ordained ministers receiving the highest number of nominations will be placed on the ballot.
 - f. The Secretary of the District shall notify each of the candidates of his nomination by certified mail-restricted service for inclusion of his name on the convention ballot. Each candidate shall have the opportunity to decline the nomination within thirty (30) days.
 - g. In the event of the death, declination, or unavailability of any candidate for president, the nominee having the next highest number of nominations shall become a candidate, provided that he has received at least three (3) nominations.
 - h. In the event of a tie for the fifth position among the candidates, all names involved in the tie shall be listed as candidates.
 - i. If there are fewer than five candidates eligible for inclusion on the ballot, the total number of eligible candidates shall constitute a valid ballot.
 - j. The convention shall ratify the slate of candidates prior to the election following nominations from the floor to amend the slate.
 - k. The election shall take place at the convention by each voting delegate casting one vote for District President.
 - l. The candidate receiving a majority of the votes cast shall be declared elected. If no candidate receives a majority, the candidate receiving the least number of votes shall be deleted from the ballot and the voting shall continue in like manner on succeeding ballots until a candidate is elected.

Rev. Richard Kurth, Secretary