

Preparing for Convention: Focused on Christ and Equipped for Service

As delegates gather for convention, they are reminded that the purpose of the gathering extends far beyond elections, resolutions, and decisions concerning the present and future direction of the church. At its heart, convention is an opportunity for God's people to come together in faith, celebrating His grace, growing in their life in Christ, and becoming better informed about the needs, challenges, and opportunities facing the Synod.

During the delegate orientation session, President Teuscher encouraged participants to view convention through this broader lens. While important business will be conducted and significant decisions made, the gathering is first and foremost an occasion for Christians to unite around the Gospel, give thanks for God's blessings, and seek His guidance for the work ahead.

“The purpose of our convention goes beyond merely ‘doing business’ . . . It also includes celebrating God’s grace and growing in our faith and life in Christ, which is why central to our convention are times to sit at the feet of Jesus and hear His Word through our convention essayists and our various worship services, said President Teuscher.

To help delegates prepare for their responsibilities, President Teuscher also provided an overview of the parliamentary procedures that will guide convention proceedings. The orientation covered the processes and protocols that enable delegates to participate effectively, ensuring that discussions are conducted respectfully, efficiently, and in good order.

By becoming familiar with convention procedures in advance, delegates are better equipped to engage thoughtfully in discussions and decision-making. More importantly, they are encouraged to approach the convention with a spirit of unity, recognizing that their work together is grounded in a shared commitment to Christ and His mission.

As convention approaches, delegates are invited to prepare not only by reviewing reports and learning procedures, but also through prayer, trusting that God will continue to bless and guide the Church as it seeks to serve faithfully in His name.

