

# WISE DISCIPLES TRAIN FOR THE KINGDOM

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## Steinbronn Re-Elected

The Rev. Dr. Anthony J. Steinbronn was re-elected President of the LCMS New Jersey District on the first ballot, 57-14.

This will be Dr. Steinbronn’s third term as District President.

## Seifrid Presents Convention Theme

Convention Essayist, the Rev. Dr. Mark Seifrid, Professor of Exegetical Theology at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, gave a two-part presentation on “A Wise Disciple, Trained for the Kingdom.”

And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

Matthew 13:52 (ESV)



## Convention Opens

The 18th regular tri-annual meeting of the New Jersey District of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod was called to order on Friday, June 1 at 10am by President Anthony J. Steinbronn. He announced the theme of the Convention, “A Wise Disciple: Trained for the Kingdom,” based on Matthew 7:24-27 and Matthew 13:52.

Rev. Rick Vossler led the convention in an opening devotion, using Responsive Prayer I (LSB 282-83) with a homily based on Matthew 7:24-27.

### RESOLUTIONS

I-02 Amended, then PASSED unanimously

I-03a PASSED unanimously

I-04 PASSED with 5 votes against and 1 abstention

*Remaining resolutions will be brought before the Convention on Saturday morning.*

### REPORTS

Mr. Chris Koerner, NJ District Treasurer shared the financial report.

Rev. Richard Serina presented a report from the NJ District Board of Directors, proposing different models for church organization and ministry.

*Additional reports will be shared with the Convention on Saturday morning.*

### ELECTION RESULTS

PRESIDENT - Rev. Dr. Anthony J. Steinbronn

VICE PRESIDENTS - 1st VP Rev. Steve Gewecke (Region 3), 2nd VP Rev. Deric Taylor (Region 1), 3rd VP Rev. Andrew Dinger (Region 2)

SECRETARY - Rev. Richard Serina

TREASURER - Christian Koerner

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## Report of the District President

Rev. Dr. Anthony J. Steinbronn presented and expanded upon the report included in the Convention Workbook.

He addressed the lack of biblical literacy in our congregations, and explained his retracted dissent to Walther's Church and Ministry, inviting response from fellow clergy.

He also addressed the question of ecclesiastical supervision, with respect to Resolution 2-01.

## Introduction of Guests, New Workers

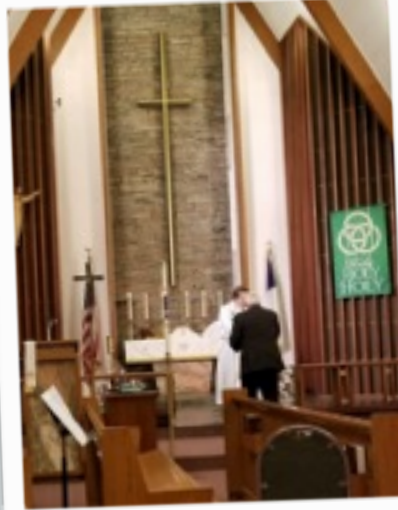
President Steinbronn introduced a number of guests to the Convention, including the Rev. Dr. Herb Mueller (1st Vice President of the LCMS), the Rev. Christopher Esget (6th Vice President of the LCMS and Regional VP for the NJ District).

Pres. Steinbronn also directed delegates to the list of new church workers, included in the Convention Workbook.

**Find all the convention news, written and video reports, and more — online at our webpage: [www.njdistrict.org/convention2018](http://www.njdistrict.org/convention2018)**

**Saturday's Convention News will be shared on the website and via *The Grapevine* e-Newsletter.**

## FRIDAY EVENING WORSHIP



\* Rev. Deric Taylor presided, and Rev. Robert Holsten served as liturgist at the convention worship service, held at Martin Luther Chapel in Pennsauken.

\* Rev. Dr. Herb Mueller preached on the Convention's assigned Scripture from Matthew 7.

\* Rev. Dr. Anthony J. Steinbronn was installed as President by Dr. Mueller during the service.

### ELECTION RESULTS, CONT.

BOD Circuit 1 Lay Rep - William Schmidt; Circuit 3 Lay Rep - Jason Kiefer; Circuit 5 Lay Rep - Norm Klesat

BOD Commissioned Minister - Allison Johnson

CHEF Trustee Region 1 - Shirley Carpenter

### REPORT ON REGISTRATION

Pastors	31
Delegates	36
Advisory	13
Congregations	41

## REPORT OF THE SYNOD PRESIDENT

Presented by the Rev. Dr. Herb Mueller, 1st Vice President of the LCMS

Dr. Mueller presented Part One of the Report of the Synod President. Part Two will be shared on Saturday morning.



During the report, VP Mueller stressed the joy of being Lutheran, and that Scriptural doctrine is a treasure.