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Dear brothers in the Pacific Northwest,

Here is the information that you have been eagerly awaiting in regard to this year's PNW District Convention on June 12-13. Along with this letter are the forms and other information you will need. The convention will begin with a worship service with Holy Communion at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, June 12. Plans are to conclude on Wednesday, June 13, by 4:30 p.m. A tentative agenda is included.

Please read below, and then copy/share this information with all pastors, male teachers, lay delegates, and other interested individuals in your churches.

Location — Our District Convention will be held at Evergreen Lutheran High School at 7306 Waller Road East, Tacoma, WA 98443. www.ELHS.org

This Year's Presentation — "Silver Bullets for Successful Urban Cross-Cultural Gospel Outreach in the Booming Pacific Northwest." (The title really says it all, doesn't it?) E. Allen Sorum teaches New Testament, Pastoral Leadership, and Missiology at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary and is the director of our seminary's Pastoral Studies Institute. Sorum joined Holy Trinity Lutheran Church (Des Moines, WA) with his parents and siblings in 1973. "You can take the boy out of the Northwest but you cannot take the Northwest out of the boy."

RTTD — (Report to the Twelve Districts) Each congregation will receive one printed copy of the report by the first week in June. The report will not be mailed to individual called workers. A full electronic version is available online here: [2018 RTTD](#). Please review the online material before the convention, so you are informed on discussions that may take place at the convention.

Delegate Credentials — Because this is a biennial convention, each congregation may seat one male lay delegate to represent your church and to vote. We need to make an attempt to make sure that there is no confusion as to who is a voting delegate and who is a visitor. For that reason we ask that you would provide your delegate the proper materials and the credentials ([cf. this form](#).) from the congregation they represent. Non-voting observers are welcome to attend, but they will not be seated as voting delegates. Pastors, staff ministers and male teachers are voters by virtue of their call into the district. No additional credentials are required for them.

† **Bringing the Gospel of Jesus Christ to Alaska, British Columbia, Idaho, Oregon, and Washington** †

Conference dues

Your dues help cover conference expenses and provide travel equalization subsidy. Convention dues for your congregation are calculated at the rate of \$1.50 per communicant member as of the end of the year 2017. (cf. <https://mcg.welsrc.net/download-mcg/wels-statistical-report-2017>) This year, you'll find an invoice for your congregation with the dues already figured at our district website (<http://welspnw.weebly.com/2018-pnw-district-convention-dues-invoices.html>).

We hope that every congregation will have the opportunity to be represented at this convention. However, as a congregation of the PNW please remember that convention dues need to be submitted whether or not your congregation is represented.

Please make congregational checks payable to **"PNW District WELS"**. You may mail them to me in advance of June 10 at my address on the invoice.

Hotel Information

Hampton Inn and Suites in Puyallup (6 miles from ELHS). It has a complimentary hot breakfast, wifi, a fitness center, indoor pool, etc. Book by clicking this link will include the corporate discount code that you will need to book at the lowered rate. <http://tinyurl.com/pnwhotel>

Travel subsidy

Travel subsidy will again be provided to congregations sending delegates over long distances. Mileage will be reimbursed at \$0.50 per mile, less \$180 per qualified individual (delegate or called worker) traveling in your vehicle. Airfare is reimbursed at cost less \$180. If you are requesting travel equalization subsidy, please complete the request form.

Excused absences

Called workers who are unable to attend this year's convention may excuse by letter, phone or email. Please excuse to me and District President, John Steinbrenner, by June 6.

Materials for Convention Folders

All district materials for our reports will be done electronically. Please email all reports to me (pastorguenther@gmail.com) by one week before the conference (June 5). Reports will be shown on a video screen and will be able to be accessed by attendees on their devices. Please do not bring hard copies to the conference to be photocopied. Please bring your laptop, tablet, or smart phone to the conference.

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to email or call me.

Blessings to you in Christ Jesus until we meet in June!

In Him,

Pastor Rob Guenther