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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 Delegate Conference on **June 11-12**. Along with this letter are the forms and other information you will need. The conference will begin with a worship service with Holy Communion at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, June 11. Plans are to conclude on Friday, June 12, by 3:00 p.m. A full agenda will be coming out in a second e-mailing.

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 is held at Evergreen Lutheran High School at 7306 Waller Rd. E. in Tacoma, WA.

This Year's Presentation—“What NT Believers Must Learn from OT Law”

We are pleased to have Prof. Jeff Schone from Martin Luther College come out to lead our presentation and discussion this year. He comments on his presentation:

The Apostle Paul is very clear when he tells us that we are no longer under the rule of OT ceremonial law. At the same time, however, the ceremonial law was vital to the believers during the years before Christ. With this in mind, we can ask about the import of the OT ceremonial law. How did God use it? What did he teach, show, and explain to his people? What can NT believers and congregations learn from the ceremonial law given to Israel? And finally, how should we understand and apply the truth that there are no NT ceremonial laws?

We look forward to Prof. Schone's time among us!

BORAM The “Book of Reports and Memorials” (BORAM) will soon be available from the synod. Please familiarize yourself with this material before our conference, so you are informed on what is might be discussed.

Lay Delegates

It is highly encouraged that you bring one male lay delegate from your congregation. If your congregation has a Synod Convention lay delegate for late summer, he really should attend this conference to be informed on all the synod issues and happenings coming up at that convention. Since this is not a “District Convention” (those are held in even years), no credentials are necessary for your lay delegate.

Conferences dues

Your dues help cover conference expenses and provide travel equalization subsidy. Conference dues for your congregation are calculated at the rate of \$1.50 per communicant member as of the end of the year 2014. Please use the attached form to calculate your dues and travel subsidy (if applicable to you). Submitting this to your treasurer and having him send this in ahead of time is highly encouraged. Please remember that convention dues need to be submitted whether or not your congregation is represented. Please make checks payable to **Pacific Northwest District—WELS**. Have them mailed to me at my address on the letterhead. You may bring a check in at the convention, if that's more convenient.

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 minus \$180. If you're requesting travel equalization subsidy, please complete the appropriate area of the attached form.

Lodging See the attached sheet.

Airport runs?

One question that's come up is whether it would be helpful to offer airport runs from SeaTac to a hotel, and/or back to the airport at the end of the convention. A nominal fee would be charged for this. If you would benefit from this, call the HTLC office (253-839-0731) and let the secretary know this is a need for you. If something materializes, we'll be in touch with those who have contacted us. No transportation is being planned for shuttling from hotels to ELHS.

Excused absences Called workers not able to attend, please excuse to me by June 4..

Materials for Conference Folders

All district materials for our reports will be done electronically. Please e-mail all reports in PDF format to the DP's secretary, Deb Arstein (secretary@cochoise.org), by one week before the conference (June 4). 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.

Pastoral Institute June 9-10: "EZEKIEL!" (MLC Prof. Doug Lange)

Finally, don't forget that a **Pastoral Institute** will be held on the two days prior to the District Delegate Conference. This is scheduled to be at Holy Trinity, as it's easier for me to coordinate it there. The PI will feature MLC Prof. Doug Lange leading a presentation and discussion on "**Ezekiel: God's Faithfulness in Troubled Times**." This will be a great continuing education opportunity in a dynamic OT book. A brochure with complete information has been emailed to the district. Let me know if you need another copy.

If you have questions, don't hesitate to email me or give a call. Blessings to you until we meet in June!

In Christ's service,



Pastor Mark H. Schewe
PNW District Secretary