



South Central District

May 23, 2022

Brothers,

“All the brothers here send you greetings” (1 Corinthians 16:20).

The tradition of sending greetings reaches all the way back the first Christian congregations. Or, perhaps it would be better to simply say it reaches all the way back to the first Christians. It is intriguing to me that the Holy Spirit would inspire Paul to record that Quartus, in particular, sent greetings (Romans 16:23). Who? Good question. But, he was a real person, and perhaps the more significant insight was that his relationship with the Christians in Rome was real too.

Time and distance may keep us and the members of our districts from seeing one another, and many of us may never meet each other face to face. But, the gospel has created a relationship between us and our God that is stronger than any other. For that, we give thanks.

In the absence of being physically together with each other, we send our greetings to all of you. (Please forgive us if we refrain from also sending you a holy kiss.) However, you are welcome to hear about the gospel work that is taking place among us by visiting our convention website: www.sc.wels.net.

We will be meeting in person on June 6-7, 2022, at one of our new mission: Divine Savior Church & Academy in Liberty Hill, Texas. Retired seminary professor James Korthals is our guest speaker. His essay is entitled *Still Bound by the Scriptures: Beyond Worms to the Wartburg and Wittenberg*, and it will be available for you to read online.

May Christ be with you and bless the time you gather together at your conventions. As the world in which we live seems to be more fractured and polarized than ever, my prayer is that God would bless the proclamation of the gospel at our conventions to bring an ever stronger unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace that we share with each other through Jesus.

We are forgiven!

Caleb Schoeneck