Rev. Dr. John C. Wohlrabe Jr.
Second Vice-President
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The Rev. Dr. John C. Wohlrabe Jr. is second vice-president and a member of the Praesidium of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS), a position to which he was elected in 2010 and re-elected in 2013. He represents the church's Great Lakes Region.

He also serves as editor-in-chief for the *Concordia Historical Institute Quarterly* and as an adjunct instructor at Concordia University Wisconsin, Mequon, Wis., and Concordia University Chicago, River Forest, Ill.

Previously, Wohlrabe served as third vice-president of the LCMS (2007-2010). He also was regional chaplain for Naval District Washington (2007-2009). He retired with the rank of captain in May 2009, having served as an active duty U.S. Navy chaplain for 22 years. Prior to that, he was in the Naval Reserves and served as an enlisted sailor on active duty.

His tours of duty in the Navy included the USS John F. Kennedy (1973-1976); various Naval Reserve units (1976-1987); Naval Mobile Construction Battalion Forty (1987-1990); Naval Construction Battalion Center, Port Hueneme, Calif. (1990-1992); Naval Facility Brawdy, Wales, U.K. (1992-1995); Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Ill. (1995-1998); USS Blue Ridge and Commander Seventh Fleet (1998-2001); Naval Air Station, Brunswick, Maine (2001-2004); and First Naval Construction Division and Naval Construction Force (2005-2007). He has received numerous military awards.

In addition, Wohlrabe has served as pastor of Mount Calvary Lutheran Church, Fort Lupton, Colo. (1982-1984); guest instructor at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis (1984-1986); assistant director of Concordia Historical Institute in St. Louis (1986-1987); and pastor of Concordia Lutheran Church, Geneseo, Ill. (2009-2012).

A native of Mankato, Minn., Wohlrabe earned a bachelor's degree from Concordia College, Ann Arbor in 1978. He also received a Master of Divinity in 1981, a Master of Sacred Theology in 1982 and a Doctor of Theology in 1987, all from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. He

has published numerous articles for theological journals, church and military publications, and books, including *Ministry in Missouri until 1962* (1992) and *Soli Deo Gloria: Essays on C.F.W. Walther in Memory of August R. Suelflow* (2000).

Wohlrabe and his wife, Julie, live in St. Francis, Wis. They have three grown children: one daughter and two sons.