

The Convention From Overture to Action

In the summer of 2019, pastoral and lay delegates will converge on Tampa, Fla., for the 2019 LCMS convention. Together, they'll make important decisions regarding the business of the church. But how does it all come together? How is input provided? Follow the road of an overture to convention!



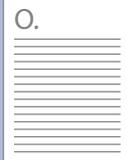
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This means you!

If you're a member of an LCMS church, your congregation can bring your ideas or concerns before the convention.



LCMS congregations, circuits and districts write and submit overtures to the president of the Synod.

overtures due: **March 2**

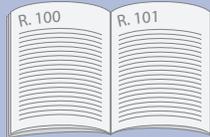
Overtures are reviewed by the president, accepted (or not) and assigned to a floor committee.



Floor committees determine content and priority of resolutions.

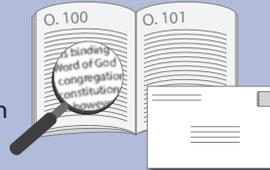


The proposed resolutions are made available in *Today's Business* on lcms.org.



Today's Business available by: **mid June**

Congregations, pastors and lay delegates, among others, express comments on overtures in the *Convention Workbook* to the Secretary of Synod.

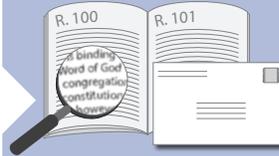


comments due: **May 18**

The LCMS Secretary publishes accepted overtures in the *Convention Workbook* on lcms.org.

Convention Workbook available by: **April 27**

Responses to the proposed resolutions may be submitted to the chairman of the appropriate floor committee.



responses on *Today's Business* due: **July 13**

Open hearings are held by floor committees to receive input on resolutions.



All are welcome to participate at the open hearings.

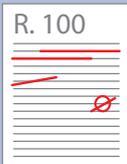
July 20, Tampa, Fla.

Convention delegates review, discuss, amend and vote to adopt or decline resolutions.



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 DECLINE



Floor committees finalize resolutions to be presented to the convention delegates for consideration.

during convention

Synod, districts, congregations and circuits implement and abide by resolutions.



In preparation for the 2016 Convention,

590 overtures were submitted to the president of the Synod.



Overture

A recommendation in the form of a proposed resolution requesting action on the part of the convention.



Resolution

A formal, written proposal that certain actions be taken or that a certain statement express the sense, opinion, desire or will of the assembly.

Floor Committees -

All reports and overtures accepted by the president shall be referred to floor committees appointed by the president.

Check out lcms.org/convention for more information and updates.