

THE 61st ANNUAL CONFERENCE
of the
ASSOCIATION OF
FREE LUTHERAN CONGREGATIONS
June 14th - 17th, 2023

Host Site – Best Western Inn & Ramkota Conference Center
Sioux Falls, SD

“Victory in Christ”..... I Corinthians 15:57

(2023 Committee order for conference business committees #1, #2, #3, #4, #5)

All business sessions & evening services will be held in the
Grand Rushmore Hall.

All Conference meals will be served in the Exhibit Hall.

Mealtime meetings: proceed through meal line in
the Exhibit Hall & Annex building and dine in Conference Room Two.
To-go boxes available for easily transporting meals.

Breakfast meetings: if staying at the hotel, proceed through
complimentary breakfast line and bring food to your meeting space.

WEDNESDAY - JUNE 14TH, 2023

9:00 a.m. | Committee Meetings & WMF Day

- The conference committees meet for devotions, instructions, and room assignments.

NOON | Lunch & WMF Lunch

- WMF Day and Committee meetings continue after lunch.
- WMF lunch (Exhibit Hall, curtained section)
- Committee/Conference lunch (Exhibit Hall)

5:30 p.m. | Dinner

- Conference dinner (Exhibit Hall)

7:30 p.m. | Conference Opening & Ordination Service (Grand Rushmore Hall)

- Rev. Gary Jorgenson, Speaker

- AFLC President Micah Hjermstad will open the 2023 Annual conference.

- AFLC President Micah Hjermstad will appoint necessary committees for conference business.

THURSDAY - JUNE 15TH, 2023

8:30 - 8:45 a.m. | Conference Devotions (Grand Rushmore Hall)

8:45 a.m. | Session One (Grand Rushmore Hall)

- Credentials Committee Report

Adoption of the Conference Agenda

Adoption of the 2022 Conference Report

- Selection of Nominees for Corporation Positions (Home Missions, World Missions, Schools, ARC)

- Nominations to Committees for Corporation Meetings

Selection of Nominees to Committees for Corporation meetings:

<i>Board of Trustees</i>	<i>(1)</i>	<i>1 Lay Member</i>
<i>Board of Trustees</i>	<i>(1)</i>	<i>1 Pastor</i>
<i>World Missions</i>	<i>(2)</i>	<i>2 Lay Members</i>
<i>World Missions</i>	<i>(2)</i>	<i>2 Pastors</i>
<i>Home Missions</i>	<i>(2)</i>	<i>2 Lay Members</i>
<i>Home Missions</i>	<i>(1)</i>	<i>1 Pastor</i>
<i>FLAPS</i>	<i>(1)</i>	<i>1 Lay Member</i>
<i>Bay Broadcasting</i>	<i>(1)</i>	<i>1 Lay Member</i>
<i>ARC Board</i>	<i>(1)</i>	<i>1 Lay Member</i>

- AFLC President's Report - Rev. Micah Hjermstad, Plymouth, MN

Reports of AFLC Ministries (Com #1) General (6 minutes each)

Co-ordinating Com. Chairman – Mr. David Olson, Sioux Falls, SD

AFLC Director of Development – Rev. Tonnes Pollestad, Andover, MN

AFLC Foundation Chairman – Rev. Michael Brandt, Sioux Falls, SD

10:25 a.m. | Break (Coffee and refreshments served in the East Lobby)

10:50 a.m. | Session One, Continued (Grand Rushmore Hall)

Reports of AFLC Ministries (Com #1) General, Cont.

Director of Police & Fire Chaplaincy – Rev. Jon Benson, Newark, IL (3 min)

Director of Military Chaplaincy – Col. John Eidsmoe, Pike Road, AL (3 min)

Pastoral & Congregational Care Team - Rev. Jerry Nelson, La Crosse, WI

Director of the ARC - Mr. Kirk Rautio, Osceola, WI

Director of Business Management - Mrs. Katie Johnson, Plymouth, MN

Family Bible Camp Treasurers (3 minutes each)

Lake Bronson

Wilderness Camp

Bethany Family Camp

Budget Analysis Committee – Mr. Kirk Rautio, Osceola, WI (or other rep)

Reports of AFLC Ministries–AFLC Schools (Com #2)

FLBCS Report – Rev. Dr. Wade Mobley, Rev. Dr. James Molstre,

Rev. Adam Osier, & Mr. Phil Johnson

11:40 a.m. | Prayer Time (Grand Rushmore Hall)

NOON | Lunch, Builders' Fellowship Lunch

- Builder's Fellowship lunch (Conference Room Two)

- Conference lunch (Exhibit Hall)

1:15 p.m. | Department Electives

- 1:15 to 2:00 Electives (3 options)

Free Lutheran Bible College & Seminary (Grand Rushmore Hall)
AFLC Evangelism & Discipleship (Amphitheater One)

- 2:15 to 3:00 Electives (2 options)

Publications & Parish Education (Grand Rushmore Hall)
Coordinating Committee (Amphitheater One)

3:00 p.m. | Break (Coffee and refreshments served in East Lobby)

3:30 p.m. | Worship & Conference Devotions (Grand Rushmore Hall)

3:50 p.m. | Session Two (Grand Rushmore Hall)

Reports of AFLC Ministries – Missions (Com #3)

World Missions Com. Chair - Rev. Dr. Craig Johnson, Ferndale, WA
World Missions Director – Rev. Dr. Earl Korhonen, Plymouth, MN
Home Missions Com. Chair - Mr. Glenn Mork, Buffalo, MN
Home Missions Director - Rev. Andy Coyle, Rapid City, SD
F L A P S Executive Director – Dr. Kevin Lee, Beulah, ND
WMF President – Mrs. Lavonne West, Columbia Falls, MT

5:00 p.m. | Pastors & Wives Banquet

5 Oaks Venue (Off Site)

5:30 p.m. | Dinner

- Conference dinner (Exhibit Hall)

7:30 p.m. | Communion Service (Grand Rushmore Hall)

- Pastor Clayton Wilfer, speaker

FRIDAY - JUNE 16TH, 2023

7:30 a.m. | FLAPS Breakfast (If applicable, proceed through line for complimentary hotel breakfast and bring breakfast to your meeting space. Those staying off site, proceed directly to the meeting space.) (**Conference Room Two**)

8:30- 8:45 a.m. | Devotions (Grand Rushmore Hall)

8:45 a.m. | Session Three (Grand Rushmore Hall)

Reports of AFLC Ministries – Publications, Parish Edu & Youth (Com #4)

Publications & Parish Edu Chair – Rev. Dennis Norby, Valley City, ND
Publications & Parish Edu Director – Mrs. Marian Christopherson, McVie, ND
Youth Board Chair - Rev. Ryan Tonneson, Moorhead, MN
Free Lutheran Youth President – Rev. Gideon Johnson, Killdeer, ND

Reports of AFLC Ministries– Evangelism & Benefits (Com #5)

AFLC Evangelism & Discipleship Chair – Mr. Micah Johnson, Maple Grove, MN
Director of Evangelism – Rev. Randy Nelson, Brooklyn Park, MN
Benefits Board Chairman - Rev. Ron Smith, Brookings, SD

- **Election Procedures**
- **Election of Nominating Committee**
16 districts, 2 representatives from each

- **Committee #1 Resolutions & Elections**
Report of Nominating Committee
Selection of Nominees to the Co-ordinating Committee
Election of Committee #1 for the next Conference (5 names, majority lay)

10:25 a.m. | Break (Coffee and refreshments served in East Lobby)

10:50 a.m. | Session Three (Continued) (Grand Rushmore Hall)

- **Committee #1 Resolutions & Elections (Continued)**
- **Committee #2 Resolutions & Elections**
Report of Nominating Committee
(Nominees previously given to Corporation for Board of Trustees)
Election of Committee #2 for the next Conference (5 names, majority lay)

11:40 a.m. | Prayer Time (Grand Rushmore Hall)

NOON | Lunch, Chaplains' Lunch

- Chaplains lunch (Conference Room Two)
- Conference lunch (Exhibit Hall)

1:15 p.m. | Corporation Meetings & Lecture Series

- **Meetings of the ARC Corporation, Home Mission Corporation, World Mission Corporation, & Schools Corporation held**
ARC Corporation (Conference Room Three)
Home Mission Corporation (Amphitheater One)
World Mission Corporation (Amphitheater Two)
Schools Corporation (Crystal Room)

- **1:15 to 2:00 | Lecture Series, Part One (Grand Rushmore Hall)**
"Making the Shift from Traditional to Generational"
with Daniel Keinanen, FLY Convention Coordinator

- **2:15 to 3:00 | Lecture Series, Part Two (Grand Rushmore Hall)**
with John Eidsmoe and additional speakers

3:00 p.m. | Break (Coffee and refreshments served in East Lobby)

3:30 p.m. | Worship & Devotions (Grand Rushmore Hall)

3:50 p.m. | Session Four (Grand Rushmore Hall)

- **Election of AFLC Vice President & AFLC Secretary**
- **Committee #3 Resolutions & Elections**
Report of Nominating Committee
(Nominees previously given to Corporations for World Missions, Home Missions, & FLAPS Board)

Election of Committee #3 for the next Conference (5 names, majority lay)

- Committee #4 Resolutions & Elections

Report of Nominating Committee

Selection of Nominees to

Board of Publications & Parish Education

Youth Board

Election of Committee #4 for next Conference (5 names, majority lay)

5:30 p.m. | Dinner

- Conference dinner (Exhibit Hall)

7:30 p.m. | Missions Festival Service (Grand Rushmore Hall)

SATURDAY - JUNE 17TH, 2023

8:30- 8:45 a.m. | Devotions (Grand Rushmore Hall)

8:45 a.m. | Session Five (Grand Rushmore Hall)

- Committee #5 Resolutions & Elections

Report of Nominating Committee

Selection of Nominees to

Evangelism & Discipleship Board

Board of Benefits

Election of Committee #5 for next Conference (5 names, majority lay)

- Election of Special Committees

Colloquy Committee for next Conference (5 Pastors)

Budget Analysis Committee

10:25 a.m. | Break (Coffee and refreshments served in East Lobby)

10:50 a.m. | Session Five (Continued) (Grand Rushmore Hall)

11:40 a.m. | Prayer Time (Grand Rushmore Hall)

NOON | Lunch, FLBC Alumni Lunch

- Alumni lunch (Conference Room Two)

- Conference lunch (Exhibit Hall)

1:15 p.m. | Department Electives

- 1:15 to 2:00 Electives

World Missions (Grand Rushmore Hall)

Youth Ministries (Amphitheater One)

- 2:15 to 3:00 Electives

Home Missions (Grand Rushmore Hall)

Association Retreat Center (Amphitheater One)

3:00 p.m. | Break (Coffee and refreshments served in East Lobby)

3:30 p.m. | Worship & Devotions (Grand Rushmore Hall)

3:50 p.m. | Session Six (Grand Rushmore Hall)

- **Reports of Corporation Annual Meetings**
- **Committee #1 General Resolutions**
- **Remaining Conference Business**

2023

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

AFLC President, Rev. Micah Hjermstad

AFLC Secretary, Rev. Brett Boe

Head Teller:

Rev. Jon Benson, Newark, IL

Local Host Coordinators:

AFLC South Dakota District
Congregations and Pastors