

Media Advisory

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NORMAN PASTOR ELECTED PRESIDENT OF THE OKLAHOMA DISTRICT

LUTHERAN CHURCH – MISSOURI SYNOD

NORMAN, OKLAHOMA — Norman pastor, the Rev. David R. Nehrenz, was elected to his first term as president of the Oklahoma District Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod at the district's 50th convention held June 10-11 in Edmond. Rev. Nehrenz has served as pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church in Norman since 1988. Nehrenz formerly served as the district's first vice-president.

Also elected were:

- Rev. Christopher D. Hall of Tulsa, Okla., first vice-president;
- Rev. Mark R. Muenchow of Oklahoma City as second vice-president;
- Rev. Tim L. McCarty of Kingfisher, Okla., as third vice-president.

Among the resolutions adopted, delegates voted to reaffirm the sanctity of life in the face of overturning Roe v. Wade. The delegates wholeheartedly endorsed the ministry of Lutherans for Life and LCMS Life Ministry and resolved to take steps toward the organization and/or promotion of pro-life rallies in Oklahoma.

Delegates also adopted a resolution to raise awareness of Lutheran Church Charities K-9 Comfort Dog Ministry in Oklahoma. The ministry is a national human-care ministry embracing the unique, calming nature and skills of purebred Golden Retrievers. LCC K-9 Comfort Dogs are working animals, trained to interact with people of all ages and circumstances who are suffering and in need. Three comfort dogs are based in Oklahoma:

- Rufus at St. Mark Lutheran Church, Edmond;
- Persis at King of Kings Lutheran Church in Glenpool;
- Miriam at Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Kingfisher.

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The Oklahoma District of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod (LCMS) is one of 35 districts of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. Oklahoma became the 28th district of the LCMS in 1924. The LCMS has more than 6,000 congregations and 2 million members. Conventions are held every three years by each of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod's districts. For more information, visit www.oklahomalutherans.org.