

# Spring 2022 Oklahoma District Professional Church Workers' Conference



CONFERENCE SCHEDULE  
Monday and Tuesday, March 21 and 22, 2022

Hosted by the Lawton Circuit

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*"The Great Sending – God's Heart For The World Beating Through You"*  
PRESENTER: President Greg Walton of the Florida-Georgia District

## *The Great Sending*

The disciples in the first century AD excelled in the multiplication and growth of the Word, as recorded in the Book of Acts. By contrast, the church in the twenty-first century appears to be evading Christ's sending, experiencing decline rather than growth. Today's church is short of breath, too weak to move out of its comfort zone of preoccupation with itself, and too complacent to venture into evangelical territory while continuing to strive for its purity of doctrine. Programs don't work. Old mindsets and habits prevail. The church as we know it today is dying missionally, drowning in indolence and apathy. It is therefore in urgent need of an intense and invasive treatment: a deep dive into God's Word for the *sending of God (Missio Dei)* into the world.

*The Great Sending* brings together 42 brief devotional Bible studies written by well-known and respected leaders in the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod (LCMS) to challenge and encourage Christians and Christian congregations everywhere to understand and participate in the *sending* nature and activity of God more fully.

*The Great Sending: God's Heart for the World Beating Through You* is an invitation to participate in an immersion of Christ's power, exercised through His *sending* Word, for a heart transformation, and to endorse *The Great Sending* initiative and movement as a reflection of your God transformed commitment to the *sending of God, the Missio Dei*.

Our presenter for this Professional Church Workers Conference will be the President of the Florida-Georgia District, the Rev. Dr. Greg Walton.

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*Social Distancing, mask wearing and other COVID precautions will be observed as needed*

## Agenda

Monday (March 21)

12:30 – 3:30 p.m.      Circuit Visitors' Meeting – St. John Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall

3:00 – 5:00 p.m.	Check-in at Conference site, St. John Lutheran Church, 102 SW 7 <sup>th</sup> St., Lawton
5:15 p.m.	Opening Worship at St. John Lutheran Church, 102 SW 7 <sup>th</sup> St., Lawton Offering for mission TBA
6:30 p.m.	Supper ( <i>for those registered &amp; paid</i> ) at St. John Lutheran Church, Lawton
7:30 p.m.	District Greetings/Introductions & Synod Presentation
9:00 p.m.	5-minute Closing Devotion & Prayer
9:15 p.m.	Hospitality at Holiday Inn Express – Jeff Maltz — LCEF

## Tuesday (March 22)

8:30 a.m.	5-minute Opening Devotion & Prayer
8:45 a.m.	Session I
9:45 a.m.	Break ( <i>snacks included in registration fee</i> )
10:00 a.m.	Session II
11:15 a.m.	District Business
12:00 p.m.	Lunch Prayer
Lunch ( <i>for those registered &amp; paid</i> ) at St. John Lutheran Church, Lawton	
1:00 p.m.	Session III
2:00 p.m.	Break ( <i>snacks included in registration fee</i> )
2:15 p.m.	Session IV along with Q & A time
3:20 p.m.	Conference Evaluations
3:25 p.m.	5-minute Closing Devotion & Prayer
3:30 p.m.	Depart for Home