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Dear Pastors and Church Leaders:

As we approach the FLGA District Convention on June 22-24th, 2012, I want to inform you of vital information regarding both the nominations and overture process.

First, two deadlines to remember: February 29th and March 22nd.

February 29th

- Submission of Lay Delegate
- Submission of Alternate Lay Delegate
- Submission of Pastoral Delegate
- Submission of Alternate Pastoral Delegate (if necessary)
The lay delegates must be elected or appointed in alignment with your church's constitution and bylaws.

Keep in mind that the lay delegate who attends the district convention in June of 2012 becomes your church's lay voter for President of Synod in 2013. (All congregations will have a lay and pastoral vote for President of Synod.) To be eligible for that voting privilege the lay delegate must **attend** the district convention. If you do not have a lay delegate at the district convention, your church will not have a lay vote for President of Synod.

March 22nd

- Circuit Counselor Election
- Circuit approve overtures to the convention

You must submit all nominations by this date as well to the District Secretary and the District. *To clarify, all circuits are to meet prior to or on March 22nd to elect their circuit counselor. Also, all overtures must first be voted upon and passed by majority of votes at your circuit forum. Then they can be submitted for the district to consider. The latest convention of Synod passed these two changes with our structural reorganization.*

All forms are available on the district website www.flga-lcms.org. Please submit completed forms to johndavidroth@gmail.com and KKeene@flga-lcms.org.

Proposed District Restructuring

The FLGA District Board of Directors is proposing restructuring the District into five regions. Currently region one, Georgia and North Florida, has 79 congregations out of the 193 in the District. It is also geographically large. Thus, having five regions would equalize the size of the regions. In addition, the Board of Directors is proposing that we elect five vice-presidents, one for each region. The makeup of the Board of Directors would then be: Five vice-presidents (ordained); ten lay representatives (two per region); three commissioned ministers elected at large, and the District Secretary (ordained) elected at large. The lay representatives would be elected within their regional caucus at the convention. The vice-presidents would be elected by the convention at large.

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The five regions will be as follows:

- Region 1: Circuits 1, 2, 3 and 4
- Region 2: Circuits 5, 6, and 7
- Region 3: Circuits 8, 9, 10 and 11
- Region 4: Circuits 13, 14, 15, and 16
- Region 5: Circuits 12, 18, 19, 20 and 21.

The first items of business for the District Convention will be the voting upon these structural changes. Whether they pass will determine which of two paths we follow in elections.

TWO Processes for Nominations

Thus, the nominations process for the district convention will follow two paths. The first approach will be nominating for our current structure. The second approach will be nominating for the proposed structure. YOU WILL NEED TO MAKE SURE YOU USE THE APPROPRIATE FORMS FOR NOMINATIONS. EACH FORM WILL STATE AT THE TOP WHICH APPROACH APPLIES (Only the position of commissioned minister representatives, District Secretary, nomination committee members and District President [ordained] will be nominated the same under each nominations process. All other nominations must be made for one or the other process.)

FOR THE CURRENT STRUCTURE:

Congregations are able to nominate

- President from FLGA District
- **Vice-President from FLGA District**
- Secretary – from FLGA District
- 2 Lay Representatives from region
- **Pastoral Representative from region**
- Commissioned minister from FLGA District
- Nomination committee members – 2 ordained, 2 commissioned, 4 lay

FOR THE PROPOSED STRUCTURE:

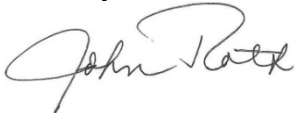
Congregations are able to nominate

- President from FLGA District
- **Vice President from their region**
- Secretary from FLGA District
- 2 lay Representatives from region
- Commissioned minister from FLGA District

The top three nominees for Vice-President will be placed upon the ballot for each region and the convention as a whole will elect the Vice-Presidents for the five regions. It does, therefore, matter how many nominations a person receives for this position. After all five are elected, the convention will then rank the vice-presidents, first through fifth, for the order of succession.

I ask that you please obtain the permission of everyone you nominate, that they are open to the position. Also you must submit the completed nomination form.

Sincerely in Christ,



Rev. John D. Roth,
FLGA District Secretary