

GREAT LAKES OF REGIONAL CONFERENCE Will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church of the Deaf 409 Swissvale Avenue Pittsburgh, Pa. 15221 August 24-26, 2007 All are welcome

Trinity Lutheran Church of the Deaf 409 Swissvale Avenue Pittsburgh, Pa. 15221 Worship and Bible Study.....10:30 a.m. Every Sunday –during the year round. All are welcome. Bring your friends Guest pastors & speakers are welcome.



Ceri-Jayne Hawley of South Africa serves with Deaf World ministries as full time Missionary in a variety of capacities, secretary, consultant on Deaf issues, teacher and ASL instructor for the ministry and pastor of a Deaf church, New Life Deaf church and leads night Bible Studies. The congregation of Trinity Lutheran Church of the Deaf, Pittsburgh, Pa. is happy to invite Deaf World Ministries to use Trinity Church as their place for worship in the hall at the present time.



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INTERNATIONAL LUTHERAN DEAF ASSOCIATION

19th Biennial Convention Marriott Hotel BWI Airport Baltimore, Maryland June 21-24, 2007 www.LCMSdeaf.org/ILDA





Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ. Our host church, Christ Lutheran Church of the Deaf in Silver Spring, Maryland extends to you a warmest welcome to the 19th Biennial Convention of the International Lutheran Deaf Association (ILDA) in Baltimore.

Our convention theme is "Encourage Each Other In Faith." This theme is about us coming together to encourage each other to live daily in Jesus Christ, to build and strengthen each other in our faith in Him and to let our heartfelt thankfulness in service for Christ and to people. The verse of this theme is based from Colossians 2:6-7.

We hope you will find a plenty of enjoyable sightseeing in Baltimore and Washington, DC. For the Baltimore tour, you will able to see the Baltimore's best attraction in Inner Harbor that includes shopping, dining and entertainment. Also, you will see some historic sites on the Ducks tour. For the Washington DC tour, you will see the US Capitol building, the Washington Monument, White House, the Lincoln Memorial and some monuments and historic sites. Also, you will see Gallaudet University campus, home of world's only deaf liberal arts college in the world.

Our host committee has worked tirelessly to make your attendance here memorable. We want to thank our host committee for devoting their time to serve for our Lord, and we also thank you for your great enthusiasm in coming here. We hope that you will be truly blessed from the workshops and meetings, so you will able to share what you have learned with your home church.

May the Lord be with you when you leave here and have a safe trip back home. We will look forward to see you again in Rochester, New York in 2009. We extend our support to the 2009 Host Committee for their successful planning.

Warmly and sincerely, in Christian love,

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Jeff Padon Chairperson of 2007 Host ILDA Convention

19th Biennial ILDA Convention

Convention Schedule -- June 21-24, 2007

Thursday, June 21

1:00 - 5:00 pm and 7:00 - 9:00 pm ::: Registration

5:00 - 7:00 pm ::: Dinner - on your own

7:00 - 9:00 pm ::: Opening Devotion

:: Skit/Choir/Banner Competitions

9:00 pm ::: Ice Cream Sundae Bar

Friday, June 22

7:00 - 8:00 am ::: Breakfast buffet 7:30 - 10:30 am ::: Registration

8:00 - 8:30 am ::: Opening Devotion

8:30 - 11:00 am ::: 1st Business Meeting

Baltimore Tour

11:45 am ::: Buses leave from hotel
12:15 - 1:30 pm ::: Lunch on your own at Inner Harbor
1:30 - 3:00 pm ::: The Ducks Harbor tour
3:00 - 6:00 pm ::: Sight seeing & dinner on your own
6:30 pm ::: Back to hotel

Washington DC tour

11:30 am ::: Leave from hotel with box lunch on bus
12:15 - 4:30 pm ::: DC sightseeing tour
5:30 pm ::: Return to hotel
5:30 - 7:00 pm ::: Dinner on your own

Servant Project

11:30 - 1:00 ::: Lunch on your own 1:00 - 1:15 pm ::: Orientation (at hotel) 1:20 - 4:30 pm ::: Service project 5:00 pm ::: Return to hotel 5:00 -7:00 pm ::: Dinner on your own

Friday night at the hotel

7:00 - 8:15 pm ::: Workshop #1

Saturday, June 23

7:00 - 8:00 am ::: Breakfast buffet

8:00 - 8:30 am ::: Opening Devotion

8:30 - 9:45 am ::: Workshop #2

9:45 - 10:15 am ::: Break

10:15 - Noon ::: Second Business Meeting

Noon - 1:00 pm ::: God's 1000 Club Luncheon (or on your own)

1:00 - 2:15 pm ::: Workshop #3

2:15 - 2:45 pm ::: Break

2:45 - 4:00 pm ::: Workshop #4

- 4:00 6:00 pm ::: Free Time
- 6:00 10:00 pm ::: Banquet & programs

Sunday, June 24

- 7:00 9:00 am ::: Breakfast Buffet
- 9:00 10:00 am ::: Morning Bible Study
- 10:15 noon ::: Worship Service

Installation of Officers

2009 ILDA Preview

ILDA banner given to 2009 Host



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"And looking up to heaven, He sighed, and saith unto him, Eph-pha-tha, that is, be opened." - St. Mark 7:34



Welcome to the 19th biennial International Lutheran Deaf Association Convention beginning held at Baltimore, Maryland. June 21-24.

Nothing in all the world is more important than to Encourage Each Other In Faith. Wow a fitting theme! Truly I say to you we all need to support each other in our faith and go out and tell the good news that Jesus is risen indeed.

We are truly excite about being here to greeting old friends and making new friends, seeing the beautiful Baltimore Harbor or the Washington DC and especially the Servant Project. It going to be an spirituality uplifting weekend with several Bible Study workshops.

I want to thank Christ Lutheran Church of the Deaf for hosting this convention, you and your committees have worked hard and did an excellent job. ILDA thank you very much.

May the peace and joy of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

Pamela Kane ILDA President 2005-2007

ILDA CONVENTION == ORDER of BUSINESS

July 22 - 23, 2007

- 1. Welcome (president, host chairman, honored guests)
- 2. Necrology
- 3. Invocation or devotion service
- 4. Call to order: The president shall introduce the agenda for adoption.
- 5. Introduction of the
 - a. Parliamentarian
 - b. Assistant to the Secretary
 - c. Tellers
 - d. Other Committees
- 6. Introduction of interpreters
- 7. Resolutions Committee
 - a. Introduction of committee members
 - b. Deadline for handing in resolutions
- 8. Nominating Committee's Report
 - a. Introduction of candidates for offices
 - b. Election of new officers and pastoral advisor
- 9. Minutes of the previous convention: the secretary will give out copies of these minutes The minutes must be accepted by the proper motions before going into the records
- 10. Treasurer's Report
 - a. Given at the first business session of the convention. The treasurer will distribute copies of the financial report from the last convention, including status of previous mission projects.
 - b. The treasurer will name the auditors of the report
 - c. The report of the auditors
 - d. The treasurer's report must be accepted by the proper motions before going into the records
- 11. President's Report
- 12. Pastoral Advisor's Report
- 13. Synodical Representative's Report (This will be presented as Workshop 1, Friday evening.)
- 14. The Deaf Lutheran publication reports: the editor; the business manager
- 15. The Finance Committee's Report
- 16. The adoption of the new budget. Presented to the convention by the treasurer.
- 17. The Law Committee's Report a. Voting on any proposed changes
- Introduction to Mission Projects

 a. Mission Projects Chairperson's Report
 b. Voting on mission projects
- 20. Other Committee's Reports

 a. Previous convention committee chairperson
 b. Junior ILDA committee chairperson
 c. Special committee reports
- 21. The ILDA convention bids presented by future host congregations.
- 22. Introduction of pastors and church workers in attendance
- 23. Resolution Committee's Report
- 24. Unfinished business. Secretary reports on any pending business
- 25. New Business
- 26. Voting on resolutions
- 27. Announcements
- 28. Adjournment

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Welcome to another exciting ILDA Convention. I'm glad you are all here to "Encourage Each Other in Faith!" and I pray that you will be spiritually blessed by being here. We all need to be encouraged once in a while, and it's important for us to encourage others. One of the responsibilities we have as Christians is to support and encourage each other, so it's good that we are here to be encouraged and learn how we can encourage others.

The members of Christ Lutheran Church for the Deaf have been working very hard for a long time to present a great convention to us and we should take advantage of the great sessions and workshops they are offering.

Learn as much as you can, meet as many new people as you can, rekindle as many old friendships as you can, see as many sights as you can, worship Our Savior as often as you can and Encourage Each Other in Faith!

I look forward to seeing all you in Rochester in two years!

In Christ,

Pastor Mark Seeger ILDA Pastoral Advisor

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WHAT IS THE ILDA ?

The **International Lutheran Deaf Association (ILDA)** was founded in Chicago during the first biennial convention in 1971. The purpose, according to the revised constitution, is "to coordinate and strengthen the religious activities and services in our congregations; to help promote their growth to the highest possible level in service to their Lord and Savior; to promote the Christian faith and life of Lutheran Deaf people, all deaf individuals, and others with whom we associate; and to carry on our ministry throughout the world."

The ILDA shall communicate and convey to the deaf members, the programs, plans and goals of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. It shall support lay-leadership among deaf Lutherans in all areas of faith and life.

In 1975, the members voted to ratify the constitution. This historic document will help develop the ILDA. image and facilitate the operation and administration of the association. The members also supported the goal of recruiting as many lay people as possible and getting them actively involved in ILDA affairs.

In 1987 it was recognized that the aim of ILDA is to carry out the objectives of serving the Lord in His church and to obtain the financial support that will lead to self-sufficiency. It is hoped that many programs and projects for the ministry and mission of the ILDA will become a reality.

Membership in the ILDA is open to all deaf people and is divided into three categories: ACTIVE, ASSOCIATE, and SUSTAINING.

The ILDA relies upon its official publication, **THE DEAF LUTHERAN**, to convey information about its activities and services to deaf Lutherans.

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GOD'S 1,000 CLUB

God's 1,000 Club was established by the ILDA. Board of Directors and it aims to continue to grow.

The name "God's 1,000 Club" was chosen because, first of all, the work of the ILDA is to get the Good News of God's Son to the deaf everywhere. 1,000 represented the number of donors or club members, we hope to enlist.

People who become members in God's 1,000 Club are asked to contribute \$20.00 each year thereafter. This is not part of the regular ILDA dues and it does not pay for a subscription to THE DEAF LUTHERAN. Any donations given to God's 1,000 Club can only be used to help pay the expenses of ILDA board meetings.

See the ILDA Treasurer for details.

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A MESSAGE FROM GOVERNOR MARTIN O'MALLEY

Dear Friends:

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the 2007 International Lutheran Deaf Association Convention.

Since its inception in 1971, the International Lutheran Deaf Association has spread its ministry to those who are deaf and hard of hearing through acts of service. Today they continue to inspire many around the world to spread a message of love and faith. With locations all over the U.S., including our great state, the IDLA has reached out to our neighbors throughout the world as far as Ghana and India.

Our greatest strength as a State lies in men and women of faith willing to risk action on the understanding that one person can make a difference and each of us must try.

On behalf of our One Maryland, I would like to commend you for your commitment to our neighbors, understanding that there is more that unites us than divides us.

Please accept my best wishes for a successful, unifying event.

Sincerely,

Martin O'Malley Governor



SHEILA DIXON Mayor 250 City Hall Baltimore, Maryland 21202

June 21, 2007

Dear Friends:

It is my great pleasure to extend greetings to the members, friends, and supporters of the Christ Lutheran Church of the Deaf, on the occasion of their 2007 International Lutheran Deaf Association Convention.

For years the International Lutheran Deaf Association encouraged spiritual growth, fellowship, and Christian service among its members and community. I am honored to have your convention in the City of Baltimore, and encourage you to continue upon your mission around the world.

Best wishes for an enjoyable 2007 International Lutheran Deaf Association Convention, and I wish each of you success in your future endeavors.

Sincerely,

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Office of the President The Reverend Dr. Gerald B Kieschnick President of the Synod

May 31, 2007

International Lutheran Deaf Association 19th Biennial Convention Marriott Hotel BWI Airport Baltimore, Maryland

Dear Friends in Christ,

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

It is my privilege to offer you this letter of greeting on behalf of The Lutheran Church— Missouri Synod. As you gather for the 19th Biennial Convention of the International Lutheran Deaf Association, it is my prayer that you will be encouraged by the Lord's presence in your midst. May He also grant you spiritual growth and equip you for ever good work as you serve, support, and encourage one another in accord with His Word.

I thank God for His faithfulness toward you and for the work of ministry He daily accomplishes through you with those who are deaf and hearing impaired in the church and world. As you are well aware there are many without the ability to hear the sounds of this world who have also not heard the voice of Jesus Christ that comes to us by His grace through faith. The voice of God that has called us and made us His children continues to call all to repentance. Our Lord remains faithful in His work of reconciling the world to Himself in Christ. I pray that you will likewise remain faithful in your task of sharing the gospel, which is the "power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes."

May God richly bless your time together. May his Spirit rest upon you, inspire you, and propel you forward in the ONE Mission of reaching the lost for Christ with the ONE Message that Jesus Christ alone is Savior of the world, as ONE People driving side by side for the faith of the gospel.

Warmly and sincerely, in Christian love,

Dr. Gerald B. Kieschnick, President The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod



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April 5, 2007

International Lutheran Deaf Association C/O The Rev. Ronald E. Friedrich Christ Lutheran Church/Deaf 9545 Georgia Avenue Silver Spring, MD 20910

Dear Rev. Friedrich:

Easter greetings to everyone attending at the 2007 International Lutheran Deaf Association Convention in Baltimore, MD, from your sisters and brothers in the Southeastern District!

Our 2006 District Convention, held in Norfolk, VA, proved to be a very enthusiastic and uplifting gathering. Delegates left for home "with their tanks full," ready to set their congregations "Ablaze for God's Mission."

In my view, this occurred because we took a page out of your book. We gave prime time to celebrative worship that was well supported by Bible study and prayer time for District mission starts and workers.

For this reason, the resolutions of the Convention were missional and forward-looking. Delegates voted to adopt **Ablaze!** goals of raising up 3,000 mission prayer partners, reaching 2.5 million people with the good news of Jesus Christ, starting at least 100 new missions, conducting regular witnessing workshops, and training 60 Outreach Ministry Teams by October 31, 2017.

I look forward to meeting with you at the 2007 International Lutheran Deaf Association Convention, so I may tell you more about the exciting mission challenges we are committed to taking up in our District.

As you gather, please give our District the best of your prayers. For this will make all the difference in the world!

May God bless with an enthusiastic and uplifting Convention!

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Dr. Jon Diefenthaler, President Southeastern District, LCMS

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To Our Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Welcome to the beautiful state of Maryland, and to Baltimore, the birthplace of Babe Ruth.

Enjoy yourself and feel comfortable at the Marriott Hotel near the BWI airport.

We are here for this time of celebration only because of the grace of our beloved God who has called and chosen us, deaf and hearing Lutherans, as his servants and his witnesses in Christ Jesus.



Hats off to our ILDA Chairperson, Jeff Padon and his fine, hard-working Committee members who will make this conference a big success.

Be sure you get a taste of our fabulous "Maryland crab cakes" which are made from thousands of blue crabs coming from the bay near Baltimore, and from the mighty Chesapeake Bay.

Have fun and learn a lot of God's Love and his mercy.

Gerald Ahrens

Gerald Ahrens President of Christ Lutheran Church of the Deaf





The theme of the 2007 ILDA convention -- "Encourage Each Other in Faith" -- expresses one of the central purposes of the International Lutheran Deaf Association.

As old friends meet again, making new friends and seeing new sights, we are remember the one thing that bonds us together is our mutual love for Jesus Christ and His love for us.

God shows us His love every day in many ways. And one of those ways is the acts of kindness and encouragement that we receive from one another. The Bible says that we are the body of Christ on earth today, and it is through us that Christ continues to show His love and mercy to the world.

The members of Christ Lutheran Church of the Deaf in Silver Spring, Maryland, pray that you come ready bless your Brothers and Sisters in faith, and that you will also receive a blessing from your time of fellowship and service here.

RE Friedrich

Pastor Ron Friedrich

ILDA 2007 Host Committee

Christ Lutheran Church of the Deaf Silver Spring, Maryland



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History of the Christ Lutheran Church of the Deaf Congregation

In 1995, the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod celebrated 100 years of service to the deaf. The first service was in Chicago in 1897 and spread all over the country. The Washington Metro area was served sporadically by visiting pastors (Rev. Possehl was one of them) from New York or Philadelphia during the 1930's. The first permanent pastor was the Reverend **Walter Westermann**, who came to the area in 1947. We count 1947 as our Founding Year. Rev. Westermann served St. Mark's Church in Baltimore and the students at Gallaudet College as well as Christ / Deaf. Christ Lutheran Church on 16th Street and Colorado Avenue in the District of Columbia offered us the use of their small original chapel (Wenchel Chapel). This chapel was used until we moved to our present location at Calvary Lutheran Church on Georgia Avenue. In the early years, the Wenchel chapel was used as a nursery school just before our services and we had to fold up these tiny chairs and set up our own chairs. Apparently we took our name from where we originally worshipped.

In 1960, the Reverend **Harry Hoemann** came from Pittsburgh and took over. Until 1966, all deaf missions were supported by the Missouri Synod's Deaf Ministry. At that time they were transferred to the local districts. Our district is the Southeastern District and spreads from South Carolina to Maryland. Subsidization gradually shifted from St. Louis to the Southeastern District. Under Rev. Hoemann, we developed into a well-organized congregation, with a constitution and officers who managed our affairs very well. In 1964 we became a full-fledged congregation under the District, with the right to call our own pastor and handling our own finances.

In 1966, Rev. Hoemann decided to pursue a doctorate at Catholic University. We were served by the Reverend Louis Jasper of New York as a vacancy pastor until the Reverend **Daniel Pokorny** was called in 1967. Rev. Pokorny was a true innovator. Among other things, he created the Rock Gospel (a quartet of signers/singers) and Isaiah 29 (an outreach ministry for the Southeastern District). As this and his work at Gallaudet University grew, it was decided that he should do this full time. He stopped being our pastor in 1971, but remained in the Washington area, until 1980.

In 1971, the Reverend **Robert Muller** was called and served Christ/Deaf and St. Mark's in Baltimore. In 1978, Rev. Muller left us to go to Fort Wayne.

The Reverend **George Natonick** was called in 1978 and became our pastor in 1979. In 1980, when Reverend Pokorny accepted a post at the Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, Rev. Natonick took over his Gallaudet ministry. This, together with the Baltimore ministry and service at the Maryland School for the Deaf, proved to be too much, and we convinced the District to split the field. We called Rev. Natonick to become pastor to Christ / Deaf and Gallaudet University. The Reverend **Kenneth Schnepp** was called by the St. Mark's in Baltimore to become their pastor and also serve the Maryland School for the Deaf.

For health reasons, Rev. Natonick needed to resign in 1999. Laymen gave the sermons and guest pastors preached occasionally. There was no pastor until 2001, when the Reverend **Ronald Friedrich** was called. He continues to serve to this day.

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