# The 22<sup>nd</sup> Biennial Convention of International Lutheran Deaf Association

Jesus is the Cornerstone



You also are like living stones. As you come to him you are being built into a house for worship. There you will be holy priests. You will offer spiritual sacrifices. God will accept them because of what Jesus Chist has done. 1 Peter 2:5 (NIRV)

## July 18-21, 2013

Hosted by Jesus Lutheran Church of the Deaf



# 2013 ILDA Convention Schedule

## Thursday, July 18

3:00 - 5:00 pm	Registration
5:30 - 6:30	Dinner
7:00 - 8:00	Opening Worship/Welcome
8:00 - 10:00	Reception at Rec. Center

### Friday, July 19

7:00 - 8:00 am	Breakfast
8:10 - 8:30	Opening Devotion/Introduction to Sessions
8:30 - 9:15	Mini Sessions
9:15 - 9:45	Break
9:45 - 10:30	Mini Sessions
10:30 - 11:30	Business Meeting
11:30 - 12:00 pm	Skits/Songs/Bible Study
12:00 - 1:00	Lunch
1:15 - 5:15	Business Meeting
5:30 - 6:30	Dinner
6:40 - 7:00	Evening Devotion
7:00 - 10:00	Movie and Social at Rec. Center

## Saturday, July 20

7:00 - 8:00 am	Breakfast	
8:10 - 8:30	Opening Devotion	
8:30 - 9:15	Main Session - Linsay Darnall	
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10:30 - 11:15	Mini Sessions	
11:30 - 12:00 pm	Skits/Songs/Bible Study	
12:00 - 1:00	Lunch	
1:00 - 6:00	TOUR	
6:00 - 10:00	Texas-Style Dinner and Party	

## Sunday, July 21

7:00 - 8:00 am	Breakfast
8:30 - 9:30	Bible Study
9:30 - 10:00	Fellowship
10:00 - 11:00	Worship with Communion
11:00 - 12:00 pm	Good-Byes

## ILDA President's Letter



International Lutheran Deaf Association

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

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Welcome to the 22<sup>nd</sup> biennial International Lutheran Deaf Association (ILDA) Convention held at Austin, Texas on July 18-21, 2003. Jesus Lutheran Church of the Deaf hosts the ILDA Convention second time in the history.

The convention theme – Jesus is the Cornerstone sounds fit since the host church happens to have the same name – **Jesus** Lutheran Church of the Deaf. Also, Jesus is our real cornerstone in our lives. The verse of this theme is based from 1 Peter 2:5a - "You also are like living stones. As you come to him you are being built into a house for worship."

This convention marks first time in the ILDA history to be held either at Concordia University campus or any LCMS property. The host city – Austin, Texas is home of the capital city in Texas, Texas School for the Deaf and University of Texas and their well known mascot – Longhorns!

We want to thank Jesus Lutheran Church of the Deaf for hosting this convention and their hard work to make it happen.

May the Lord be with you when you go home after the convention. We will look forward to see you again in 2015 ILDA convention and the site of the convention in 2015 will be announced.

Warmly and sincerely in Christian love,

Jeff Padon, 2009-2013 ILDA President

## Texas District President's Letter



June 24, 2013

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Greetings in the name of our risen and victorious Savior, Jesus Christ!

On behalf of the Texas District of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, welcome back to Austin, Texas and to the new campus of Concordia University Texas!

Texas continues to be one of the fast growing states in our country, ranking high not only in the number of incoming immigrants from around the world, but also people from other states of our country moving to Texas. Our metropolitan areas are ever expanding, overtaking and redefining communities that once were considered rural. Austin has become the 11<sup>th</sup> largest city in the United States! Our mission to reach those who don't know Christ is huge.

The time you spend here at the International Lutheran Deaf Association Convention will not only be a blessing for you, but also to those you serve. Your specialized ministry is so very valuable. Your approach to sharing God's love and demonstrating genuine concern for the well-being of the deaf communities around the world might be the only opportunity for some to know Jesus as their Savior.

I pray for God to show Himself mightily among you, and guide you in your deliberations and decisions. May you be "Living Stones" sharing with others the power of Christ's victorious work in your lives!

Your partner in mission,

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Rev. Ken Hennings President

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reach the lost | disciple the saved | care for people

The Texas District of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

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## LDMS Executive Director's Letter

# LUTHERAN DEAF MISSION SOCIETY

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#### Welcome

On behalf of the Lutheran Deaf Mission Society, it gives me great pleasure to extend warm greetings to the attendees of the 22<sup>nd</sup> biennial International Lutheran Deaf Association Convention being held on July 18-21, 2013 at Texas Concordia University.

The theme of this convention is "Jesus is the Cornerstone." This theme is beautiful and simple. "..You are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being **the cornerstone**, in whom the whole structure, being joined together grows into a holy temple in the Lord." (Ephesians 2:19b-21) ESV. Without Him, the I.L.D.A. would not exist. Can you imagine that? But we thank Him for His will to put His cornerstone into the I.L.D.A., our churches, and our lives, so we may serve Him by learning the truth, rejecting error, and loving one another.

I pray that the Lord of the church through the Holy Spirit would guide and bless you during these days of meeting, and help you to arrive at decisions that will be helpful to His Church, so that you can come to know the saving Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ, our true Cornerstone, and share the wonderful news to Deaf people in the United States and over the world.

God bless you! And, once again, welcome!

In His and your service,

Rev. Nennis Konkel

Rev. Dennis Konkel Executive Director

"SOME PEOPLE BROUGHT A DEAF MAN TO JESUS..." MARK 7:32

# 2013 ILDA Convention Host Committee

#### July, 2012

We welcome y'all to the 22<sup>nd</sup> biennial conference of International Lutheran Deaf Association at Concordia University Texas! We hosted the 1993 ILDA conference in Austin, TX and twenty years later, we are welcoming you again to our beautiful city and state!

The theme of this conference is 'Jesus is the Cornerstone'. Throughout the conference, we will learn how Jesus is the Cornerstone for our church and our ministry. We will have times of fellowship when we can share with each other. We will have devotions, Bible studies, prayer, and times for worship. We have planned exciting workshops for you so you can gain knowledge, get more tools, and be better equipped for serving the Lord at your church and in your community.

Thank you for coming to our conference!

In His Service and Love, ILDA 2013 Host Committee



### Jennifer Ceyanes



#### Susan Kallina







Jeffery McGuire



### Natalie Norton



### **Richard Norton**



### Carol Seeger



Rev. Mark Seeger

# 1993 ILDA Convention in Austin



### **Twenty Years Ago**

The convention was held at the Red Lion Hotel in Austin on July 1 to 3, 1993 with 300 people were attending. The convention theme was *"Jesus is the Lone Star"* (Rev. 22:16).

The population of Austin was 492,862 in 1993. Right now, the population is 842,750. The govenor in 1993 was Anne Richards. The current governor is Rick Perry.

## International Lutheran Deaf Association

#### **Our Mission**

ILDA is an organization committed to spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ among deaf and hard-of-hearing people through mission work in the U.S. and around the world. In our local congregations, we work together to tell the deaf people in our communities about the salvation we have in Jesus. Our main focus is to support Lutheran mission work with deaf people in other countries. We support them with our money, prayers, and people to do the work.

#### What is ILDA?

The International Lutheran Deaf Association is a fellowship of Christians who have joined together to encourage one another to grow in God's Word and to bring that Word to the world. Our members are primarily from Deaf congregations of the Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod, where we worship in American Sign Language. Also among us are Deaf members of hearing churches which provide access through ASL interpreters.

ILDA began its ministry in 1971, holding its first biennial convention in Chicago. Working in partnership with the Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod and the Lutheran Deaf Mission Society, we desire to be faithful people of God, led by Him and our blessed Savior, Jesus Christ, and inspired by His Word. We aspire to encourage faith and Christian service in our affiliated congregations and to promote the Gospel of Christ among the Deaf everywhere. We strive to enrich the lives of Deaf people through spiritual growth and to develop Christian leadership among all with whom we associate.

With over forty years of faithful service, the International Lutheran Deaf Association offers praise to the Lord of the Church for the many accomplishments it has been permitted toachieve and blessings upon its ministry.

#### What Is ILDA Doing?

With over \$350,000 in mission projects funded since its inception in 1971, both at home and abroad, ILDA continues its mission of Christian service. Every two years ILDA selects projects to support from the list of applicants. In past years we have supported Deaf education and leadership training in Ghana, India, and Macau, summer camp for Deaf children, youth service projects, education and rehabilitation for challenged Deaf adults, the Deaf Institute of Theology, and scholarships for individuals preparing for full time service in Lutheran Deaf ministry. Some of these projects continue to receive ongoing support through ILDA's mission program, while we are alert for new opportunities for service and outreach.

Working in partnership with congregations of the Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod and the Lutheran Deaf Mission Society, the International Lutheran Deaf Association endeavors to promote spiritual growth and Christian service among its membership. We also seek to give greater visibility to those outside the hearing church and demonstrate their ability to administer their own ministerial programs.

As the LCMS launches into her second century of bringing God's Word to Deaf people in their own language, the International Lutheran Deaf Association confidently faces the challenge of adding our support to the Church's mission.

Realizing that God opens doors of opportunity where we can be of service to Him, ILDA will continue its mission of outreach wherever such opportunities exist.

# 2011-2013 ILDA Officers



Jeff Padon President



Carol Seeger President-elect



Jennifer Ceyanes Secretary



Patrick Sell Treasurer



Rev. Mark Seeger Pastoral Advisor



Rev. Dennis Konkel LDMS Executive Director



Linda Desrosiers Mission Projects



Pam Kane Scholarships



Don Mowl Historian



Susan Konkel Right Hand Award

## Main Session

2hours

**Saturday, July 20** 8:30 – 10:30 am

### Deaf Christian Leadership – Linsay Darnall, Jr.

What does Deaf Christian Leadership mean? The difference between worldly and Christian leadership will be shown and you will learn how you can lead as a Christian. You can lead not only as a Christian, but as a Deaf Christian in the Deaf Community. The best example is Jesus Christ, who came to be a servant and to serve others, but called many to follow Him.

#### Linsay Darnall, Jr.

Linsay Darnall Jr., is a versatile individual whose experience ranges from chasing cattle in western Nebraska when he was young to serving the National Association of the Deaf as a board member. His reputation as an eloquent speaker and an expert advocate for Deaf people's rights is held in esteem across the nation.

Born to Deaf parents, Darnall grew up in Polk, Nebraska. He and his brother attended their parents' alma mater, Nebraska School for the Deaf in Omaha. He then attended Gallaudet University, where he studied government, before returning to Nebraska to continue his advocacy and community work.

Darnall has been heavily involved in the community for several decades. Among his experience is serving as vice-president of Nebraska Association of the Deaf for two years, president of Nebraska School for the Deaf Alumni Association for 17 years, and as National Association of the Deaf Region II board member for two years. He is serving on the Hands and Voices Board and Early Hearing Detection and Intervention Advisory Board. He also co-founded the Nebraska Deaf Heritage Museum and Cultural Center. His work with deaf youth and theatre was featured in the Omaha World-Herald. Darnall received the Outstanding use of American Sign Language award from the Gallaudet University Theater Department and The James Sowell Appreciation Award from Nebraska Association of the Deaf.



## Mini Sessions

### Friday, July 19

8:30 – 9:15 am 9:45 – 10:30 am

#### Saturday, July 20

10:30 - 11:15 am

### Outreach and Missions - Pastor Michael Newman

"Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into His harvest field." (Luke 10:2) Are you ready to do some outreach and missions within your community? What can you do? How can you do it? You will learn about reaching out to others and serving in God's harvest field.

## Using Technology and Media for Church - Richard Norton

Using technology and media for your church can be wonderful if they are used effectively and wisely. There are several ways to show Bible verses visually. You will learn about creating a simple, clear and effective presentation. We will discuss and learn more about using digital tools.

### God's Word in Your Hands - Jennifer Ceyanes

You will see how God's Word in your hands can become a wonderful visual tool for sharing the Gospel! Several videos that show Bible verses and stories signed in ASL will be shown. You will learn how to put God's Word in your hands for your church and your community. We will be using video and pictures.

THOUT

#### **Pastor Michael Newman**

Michael Newman has been a pastor, teacher, author, and speaker for over 20 years. He has served churches in Texas, Minnesota, and in the Chicago area, and continues to be active in writing and in a variety of speaking venues. His goal is to create practical and understandable resources that inspire and transform. Married to his wife Cindy since 1983, they have been blessed with two wonderful daughters. When not writing or speaking, you might catch him hanging out with his family, running a few miles on the Texas roads, risking his life doing yard work, or enjoying a good book.



#### **Richard Norton**

Richard Norton was a media specialist and media department supervisor at the Texas School for the Deaf for twenty years. Richard is currently a technology applications teacher at the TSD and has taught for over 10 years. He is an elder at Jesus Lutheran Church of the Deaf in Austin, Texas. He is involved in improving/ upgrading the media needs at the church. He enjoys computer, photography, and geocaching. He has been married to Natalie for over 30 years and they have two sons. One of them is currently studying at Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, IN.

#### Jennifer Ceyanes

Jennifer Ceyanes is currently a stay-at- home mom who does volunteer work for her church on several projects. She was a volunteer missionary to Macau, China where she worked at the deaf school. Doing missions is one of her passions as she wants others to know the blessed grace and mercy of our Lord. Jennifer believes in serving, doing, and showing love for others just as our Lord has loved us. She is actively involved in her church, Jesus Lutheran Church of the Deaf in Austin, TX. She has been involved with committees, bible studies, church council, and Vacation Bible School ever since joining the church family in 2001. Jennifer has been married to Aaron for 12 years and they have two young boys.

## **Peace Lutheran Church for the Deaf**

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Congratulation for host the 22nd Biennial International Lutheran Deaf Association Convention.

"Therefore, since we justified (made right) by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ."

Romans 5:1

Thank chairperson and committees of Jesus Lutheran Church of the Deaf.

Thank old and new ILDA officers.



Trinity Lutheran Women's Missionary League of the Deaf wishes you for a successful ILDA 2013 Convention with God's Blessings!



CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES FOR A SUCCESSFUL 2013 ILDA CONVENTION

From Prince of Peace Lutheran Church for the Deaf 7700 Monroe St. NE Spring Lake Park, MN 55432 Rev. Daryl D. Gehlbach, Pastor 612-386-4824 (v), 763-561-0767 (TTY) 612-424-4747 (VP) 9:15 a.m. Worship, 10:30 a.m. Bible Study

God's blessings to you all!

Greeting from Our Savior Deaf Lutheran, Madison, WI

Join us to watch live on Sundays 945am Worship and Tuesdays Bible Study at 11 am and 6pm. Go to usstream.tv/jesusdeaf

If you happen to be in Madison, WI area, be sure to stop by. Our address is 3110 Dairy Drive, Madison, 53708. We pray God will bless ILDA to reach out!

> Job 38:6 "What was it built on? Who laid its most important stone?"



## **Christ Deaf Online Academy**

Do you want to ...

- ☑ learn more about God's Word?
- $\square$  grow in faith?
- develop skills for ministry?

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Log-on and start your lessons today!

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Vancouver, British Columbia Trinity Lutheran Church of the Deaf wishes the royal priesthood of Jesus Lutheran Church of the Deaf a successful ILDA 2013 Convention!

Worship Services 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday at St. Luke Lutheran Church, 10167 – 148 Street, Surrey, BC 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday at Killarney Park Lutheran Church, 3022 E. 49<sup>th</sup> Ave, Vancouver, BC Further Information – <u>pastordsn@telus.net</u> God's Richest Blessings to You All! Greeting from Our Savior Deaf Lutheran, Madison, WI

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God's Richest Blessings to You All!

# ILDA Convention History

Year	Host	Host Location	Theme	Att.
2013	Jesus Lutheran Church of the Deaf	Concordia University –Texas	"Jesus is the Cornerstone"	
	Austin, Texas	Austin, Texas		
2011	Holy Cross Deaf Lutheran Church	Deer Creek State Park	"Come Closer to Our God"	70
	Columbus, Ohio	Mt. Sterling, Ohio		
2009	Alpha Lutheran Church of the Deaf	RIT Inn	"Set Your Minds on Things Above"	132
	Rochester, New York	Rochester, New York		
2007	Christ Lutheran Church of the Deaf	BWI Airport Marriott	"Encourage Each Other in Faith"	157
	Baltimore, Maryland	Baltimore, Maryland	i na ma	
2005	Trinity Lutheran Church of the Deaf	Hilton Vancouver Metrotown	"Let Us Praise the Lord from the Mountaintops"	188
	Vancouver, British of Columbia, Canada	Bumaby, British of Columbia, Canada		
2003	Prince of Peace Lutheran Church of the Deaf	Hilton Hotel	"Let Thy Holy Angels be With Us"	220
	Minneapolis, Minnesota	Minneapolis, Minnesota		
2001	Peace Lutheran Church of the Deaf	Indianapolis Marriott	"Choose This Day Whom You Will Serve"	205
	Indianapolis, Indiana	Indianapolis, Indiana		
1999	Christ Lutheran Church of the Deaf	Holiday Inn	"The Beginning and The End"	300
	Cleveland, Ohio	Independence, Ohio		
1997	Holy Cross Lutheran Church of the Deaf	Adam's Mark Hotel	"Jesus is The Way"	433
	St. Louis, Missouri	St. Louis, Missouri		
1995	Northern Illinois Lutheran Churches	Woodfield Hyatt Hotel	"Behold, I Shall Make Things New"	306
		Schaumburg, Illinois		
1993	Jesus Lutheran Church of the Deaf	Red Lion Hotel	"Jesus is The Lone Star"	300
	Austin, Texas	Austin, TX		
1991	Good Shepherd Lutheran of the Deaf	Holiday Inn	"God, You are My Shepherd, Teacher, Friend, Light and	300
	Toledo, Ohio	Toledo, Ohio	Rock"	
1989	Hope Lutheran Church of the Deaf	Red Lion Lloyd	"Be Alive"	341
	Portland, Oregon	Portland, Oregon		
1987	Calvary Lutheran Church of the Deaf	Stouffer Hotel	"A Time for Everything"	400
	Cedar Rapids, Iowa	Cedar Rapids, Iowa		
1985	Holy Cross Lutheran Church of the Deaf	Marc Plaza Hotel	"Come, Follow Me!"	303
1002	Delavan, Wisconsin	Milwaukee, Wisconsin		
1983	Holy Trinity Lutheran Church	Holiday Inn	"Celebrating, Power Presence & Promise Together"	373
1001	Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania	Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania		
1981	Pilgrim Lutheran Church of the Deaf	Holiday Inn	"Be Opened"	383
1979	Los Angeles, California Eternal Mercy Lutheran Church of the Deaf	Los Angeles, California		
19/9	Memphis, Tennessee	Holiday Inn	"Go and Tell"	300
1977		Memphis, Tennessee		
19//	Faith Lutheran Church of the Deaf	Ridpath Hotel	"Rise Shine, Give God Glory"	350
1975	Spokane, Washington Christ Lutheran Church of the Deaf	Spokane, Washington Stouffer's National Center	"New Life in Christ"	400
	Silver Spring, Maryland	Stouffer's National Center Washington, DC	New LITE IN CHIIST	400
1072	Redeemer Lutheran Church of the Deaf	Hotel Muehiebach	"Chaving With Christ"	250
1973	Kansas City, Missouri		"Sharing With Christ"	350
1971	Our Savior Lutheran Church of the Deaf	Kansas City, Missouri Regency Hyatt House	"Forward With Christ"	200
19/1	Chicago, Illinois	Chicago, Illinois		300



## Peace Lutheran Church for the Deaf - Deaf Ministries Fund Norman L. Wilson Jeffery and Carol McGuire Richard and Natalie Norton

## ILDA Convention Order of Business

- 1. Welcome (president, host chairman, honored guests, local Chamber of Commerce, etc.)
- 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 minutes of the previous convention. 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
- 14. The Deaf Lutheran publication report:
  - a. The editor
  - b. 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
- 18. Voting on any proposed changes
- 19. Introduction of Mission Projects:
  - a. Mission Projects Chairman's Report
  - b. Voting on mission projects
- 20. Other Committees' Reports
  - a. Previous convention committee chairman
  - b. Junior ILDA committee chairman
  - 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

