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PRESIDENT'S LETTER - JUNE 07

One of the remarkable byproducts of our fellowship is a history of feeling able to freely express one's thoughts, questions, and confusion without the fear of being personally attacked or labeled a false prophet. Many of the smaller Lutheran church bodies that came out of the turmoil in the LC-MS at the same time as the CLC have destroyed themselves with internal struggles and fights.

I would pray that we would continue to listen to one another without a judgmental condescending attitude. Several passages have come to my attention during this past Easter season.

(James 1:19-20) So then, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath; {20} for the wrath of man does not produce the righteousness of God.

(1 Timothy 4:12) Let no one despise your youth, but be an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity.

Remember that many who were involved in the formation of the CLC were not the "elders" but the younger pastors. Everyone has something to offer.

(Galatians 5:13-15) For you, brethren, have been called to liberty; only do not use liberty as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. {14} For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." {15} But if you bite and devour one another, beware lest you be consumed by one another!

(Galatians 5:25-26) If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. {26} Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.

Feel free to express yourselves to your fellow pastors. We come together to be strengthened by each other. We need to cultivate a spirit of trust and mutual help as we continue steadfast in the apostles' doctrine, fellowship, the breaking of bread, and prayer.

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Schierenbeck".

John Schierenbeck

AGENDA 2007 Pastoral Conference
June 19-21, 2007

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE - TUESDAY

- 10:00 Opening Devotion
- 10:30 Roll Call and Announcements
- 11:00 Discussion of revised "Statement of Faith and Purpose"
- 12:00 Noon Meal
- 1:30 Board of Trustees - Update and discussion of possible changes to CLC retirement plan (self-directed investment)
- 3:00 Break
- 3:30 A Review of Scriptural Principles concerning man and woman's role in the home, church, and society – Michael Roehl
- 5:30 End of Session
- 6:01 Faster Pastor Run

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE - WEDNESDAY

- 8:30 NTX – 1 Thessalonians 2: -- John Klatt
- 10:00 Break
- 10:30 A Study of Available Worship Resources - Professor John Reim
- 12:00 Noon Break
- 1:30 The Shepherd Leads His Flock – Leadership Skills in Public Ministry -- Karl Stewart
- 3:00 Break
- 3:30 Preaching Sanctification – dealing with such texts in a well balanced way -- Prof. Paul Schaller
- 5:00 End of session
- 7:00 Communion Service

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE - THURSDAY

- 8:30 OTX – Joel 2:12ff -- Paul Naumann
- 10:00 Break
- 10:30 Helping our Members maintain a Christian Worldview in a secular society-- Ted Barthels
- 12:00 End of Conference
- Fit-in Excommunication and ByLaw 6 - Group Discussion