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From the Pastoral Advisor Rev. Tyler Walworth



You Will Know the Truth

31 So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, 32 and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." John 8:31-32

These words are worth repeating in our time. Many think that there is no truth or if there is a truth no one has it all. But here Jesus gives a promise to all who believe in Him. We WILL know the truth and that truth WILL set us free.

First, Jesus promises that you will know the truth. This means you can have confidence about who God is, who you are, what he has done for you and what you should do now. God is Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Jesus proclaims this truth when He says, "Baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit." God is Father, Son and Holy Spirit who works to set us free from sin as Jesus says above. Jesus tells us we are slaves to sin because all who sin are slaves to sin. Do you sin? Then you are a slave and you will not remain in the house of God unless the Son sets you free. So Jesus tells you that He came to set you free from this sin that makes you a slave! That is what happens on the cross because Jesus takes all of your sins and the Father punishes Him for your sins.

Now Jesus can forgive you because He already took your punishment and gives you His righteousness. Finally Jesus tells us to continue in His Word, which will give you the truth and that truth will free you from sin to love others.

Second, Jesus promises that the truth will set you free. First we have confidence about who God is, who we are, what he has done for us and what we are to do now all through the knowledge of the truth. But now Jesus tells us that the truth will DO something to us. Here Jesus claims that His Word delivers freedom from sin by giving you the gift of forgiveness that He won on the cross through His crucifixion. If you want to find Jesus and you want Him to forgive you, then go to His Word. Every time you read the Word of God in the Bible, Jesus is setting you free. Every time you go to church and hear the Word of God proclaimed by the pastor, Jesus is setting you free. Every time you receive the Lord's Supper, Jesus is setting you free. Every time you talk about Jesus with your brothers and sisters in Christ, Jesus is setting you free. Free from what? Free from sin. If you are free from sin than you are free from death. If you are free from death than you are eternally alive! If you are free from sin you are united to the heavenly Father! All of this happens when you remain in the Word of Jesus found in the Bible and in the mouths of Pastors and in the mouths of Christians.

If you are a disciple of Jesus, you will know the truth and the truth

will set you free. So how do you know you are a disciple? You remain in the Word of Jesus. Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, the world does not know the truth because the Word of Jesus does not find a place in the world. Satan will continue to try and confuse us. He will persecute us and attack us. The world will hate us! But none of that changes that fact that we are Jesus' disciples when we remain in the word. We know the truth! We are free! Live in this freedom dear brothers and sisters in Christ, now and always.

2021 ILDA convention chair report by Janet Gehlbach



Enclosed in this issue are some forms for the 2021 ILDA convention. Other forms and information can be seen on the ILDA website:

www.deafjesus.org/ilda/2021 If you have any questions contact me via email or videophone: JGehlbach@aol.com or VP 612-424-4747.

Registration deadline is June 15, 2021. Please respect this deadline as no registrations will be accepted after this date.

Volunteers are needed for the 2021 convention. If you would like to help in any way, please contact me. A more detailed list of volunteer needs will be printed in future issues of the *Deaf Lutheran*.

FACT Sheet for the 2021 ILDA Convention July 22-25, 2021

Registration

Please note there are two choices for registration: ILDA members and non-members. ILDA members must put their 2020-2022 membership number on the registration form. Non-members will have to pay increased costs. All convention registration forms received will follow the postmark date on the envelope for the cost. If you wish to only attend the banquet, there is a separate line item for that. **No registrations accepted after June 15th due to food count total requirements by the hotel and possible post office delivery delays.**

The combo ticket includes a registration fee (\$20) and all meals (Thursday night reception to breakfast on Sunday).

There will be no money collected for ILDA membership dues on this 2021 convention registration form. You will need to fill out the separate ILDA membership form and send it with your payment to David Brown prior to the ILDA 2021 convention. The new ILDA membership year is 10/1/2020—9/30/2022.

Payment

You can pay your registration by personal check, bank cashier's check or money order. Send it to Carolyn Snyder-Mason's address on the bottom of the registration form.

Donations

Donations are accepted to help defray costs of the convention. Your donation will be acknowledged in the convention book unless you wish to remain anonymous. Send your donation to:

John Mason, 6721 Deep Run Parkway, Elkridge, MD 21075. Please make your check payable to "2021 ILDA Convention." In the memo area write "Donation." **All checks received are mobile deposited into the checking account so any other name written on the check will be rejected and returned to you to write a new check with the correct payable name on it. Thanks!**

Room cost

\$92 plus 13% tax (total \$103.96)

1 - 4 persons in a 2 Queen bed room

\$92 plus 13% tax (total \$103.96)

1 - 2 persons in a 1 King bed room

Deadline to reserve your room is **June 25, 2021**.

Call the Holiday Inn Phone #: 847-437-6010

Use group reservation code: **ILD**

If you have problems making your reservation please contact Vikkie vlain@firsthospitality.com You can also go to www.deafjesus.org/ilda/2021 and there will be a direct link to make your hotel reservations.

People with limited mobility issues are encouraged to bring their own wheelchair or scooter.

Childcare

If you plan to bring your child(ren) to the 2021 ILDA convention please contact Janet Gehlbach and let her know. VP (612) 424-4747 or email: JGehlbach@aol.com

Refund policy

No refunds after June 15, 2021 unless a doctor's note or copy of a death certificate is provided. On or prior to June 15 any cancellations will result in a \$50 cancellation fee that will be deducted from your registration cost. Please sign and date the registration form on the bottom section that you agree to this.

Tours

No tours are planned at this time. You can tour Chicago on your own before/after the convention.

Questions?

Contact Janet Gehlbach VP (612) 424-4747 or email: JGehlbach@aol.com

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International Lutheran Deaf Association

26th Biennial Convention
July 22-25, 2021
Holiday Inn
1000 Busse Rd.
Elk Grove Village, IL 60007

Remember - Celebrate - Proclaim



Psalm 89:15

"Blessed are the people who know the
festal shout, who walk, O Lord, in the
light of Your face."

2021 ILDA Convention Schedule

(tentative schedule—subject to change)

Thursday, July 22

1 pm - 5 pm	Registration
5 pm - 6:30 pm	Dinner on your own
7 pm	Opening Ceremony
7:30 pm	Banner/Choir/Skit Competition
8:30 pm	Reception

Friday, July 23

7 am - 8 am	Breakfast Buffet
8:30 am	Devotion
9 am - 9:15 am	Business Meeting Training
9:15 am - 10:15 am	Business Meeting
10:15 am - 10:30 am	Break
10:30 am - 11:30 am	Business Meeting
11:30 am - 12:30 pm	Lunch Buffet
1 pm - 2 pm	Business Meeting, if needed
2:15 pm - 2:30 pm	Break
3 pm - 4 pm	Session # 1
5 pm - 6 pm	Dinner Buffet
7 pm	Devotion
7:30 pm - 8:30 pm	Games
8:30 pm - 10 pm	Social time/snack

Saturday, July 24

7 am - 8 am	Breakfast buffet
8:30 am	Devotion
9 am - 10:15 am	Session # 2
10:15 am - 10:30 am	Break
10:30 am - 11:45 am	Session # 3
11:45 am - 12:45 pm	Lunch Buffet
1 pm - 2:15 pm	Session # 4
2:15 pm - 2:30 pm	Break
2:30 pm - 4 pm	Session # 5
5:45 pm	Doors open for Banquet
6:15 pm	Banquet Program begins
6:30 pm	Banquet food is served

Sunday, July 25

7 am - 8 am	Breakfast
8:30 am - 9:15 am	Bible Study/Sunday School
9:30 am - 11 am	Worship/Holy Communion
	Closing Ceremony
	2023 ILDA Banner hand-off

Have a safe trip home!

1:30 pm - 8 pm	Ephphatha Conference for Pastors and Church Workers
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Monday, July 26

9 am—12 Noon	Ephphatha conference
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Childcare is being planned, but at this time the schedule is yet to be determined. If you are bringing your child(ren) to ILDA next year please let Janet Gehlbach know. Thanks!
JGehlbach@aol.com or VP (612) 424-4747

Interpreted Ministry Conference (IMC) will be held at the same time as the ILDA convention. IMC schedule will be announced later.



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Advertising Contract

All ads for the 2021 ILDA convention book will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. **ONE FORM FOR EACH AD PLEASE!** Make sure ad is print ready or sent in a digital format (.jpeg, .pdf, etc.) If mailing your ad, make sure it is sent in a flat envelope with no staples or paper clips and mailed between thin sheets of cardboard or thick cardstock. **Your ad and payment must be received on or before May 15, 2021.** Thank you for your support for the 2021 ILDA convention book! Make checks payable to: "2021 ILDA Convention" and in the memo line put "ILDA advertising." Email digital copy or images to: presidentilda20152017@gmail.com Mail form and payment to: John Mason, ILDA Convention Treasurer, 6721 Deep Run Parkway, Elkridge, MD 21075.

<u>Advertising Rates</u>		
Back Cover (reserved for 2023 host)		\$ 150
Inside Front Cover (first come, first served)		\$ 150
Inside Back Cover (first come, first served)		\$ 150
Full Page —7.5" x 10"		\$ 150
1/2 Page —7.5" x 4.75"		\$ 80
1/4 Page —3.5" x 4.75"		\$ 45
1/8 Page —3.5" x 2.25" (business card size)		\$ 30
Design assistance		\$ 50

<u>Donors</u>		
Patron		\$ 1,000
Sponsor		\$ 500
Donor		\$ 250
Contributor		\$ 100
Friend		\$ 50
Supporting		\$ 25
Other		\$

All donors will be recognized in the convention book

Print clearly—only one name or organization/church per form:

Individual or Church Name: _____

Contact Person: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

VP # _____ Voice Phone: _____

Email address: _____

Total enclosed: \$ _____

<u>OFFICE USE ONLY</u>	Check #
Rcv'd:	Check date

ILDA Officers

International Officers (2019-21)

President – John Mason
 President-Elect – Gregory Werth
 Secretary pro tem – Janet Gehlbach
 Treasurer – David G. Brown
 Pr. Advisor – Rev. Tyler Walworth

Central Region (2018-20)

President – Albert Moore
 V. President – Mike Ford
 Secretary – Rebecca Catchpole
 Treasurer – Tim Kearney
 Pr. Advisor – Rev. Bud Palmer

Midwest Region (2018-20)

President – Sara Hale
 V. President – vacant
 Secretary – Nola Gray
 Treasurer – vacant
 Pr. Advisor – Rev. Daryl Gehlbach

Northwest Region (2016-18)

President – Richard Sharp
 President Elect – Patricia Jenkins
 Secretary – vacant
 Treasurer – vacant
 Pr. Advisor – Rev. David Nielsen

Great Lakes Region (2018-20)

President – Larry D. Ginter
 Pres. Elect – Nancy Bergstresser
 Secretary – JoAnna Rushton
 Treasurer – Karen Beiter

Nominations needed for the 2021 ILDA con- vention in Chicago:

President-elect
 Secretary
 Treasurer
 Pastoral Advisor

Please email names to Gregory
 Werth at:
 worthlesswiz@yahoo.com
 Deadline is May 1, 2021.



From the ILDA Treasurer

David G. Brown

ILDA Mission Projects needs \$19,421,17 to meet the 2019-2021 goal before the ILDA 2021 convention next summer. I am still accepting 2020-2022 ILDA membership dues.

Please see www.deafjesus.org/ilda for information and the membership form. You can pay by check, money order or Pay Pal. Thank you for your support for the ILDA Mission Projects.

In Memoriam



Rev. Waldemar (Wally) Neisch

B: 7/18/1930

D: 6/29/2020

Rev. Neisch served hearing and deaf congregations. He was a resident of Michigan at the time of his passing.



Russel Healey

B: 1/22/1928

D: 8/17/2020

Russel was a very active member of ILDA and was a resident of Florida at the time of his passing.

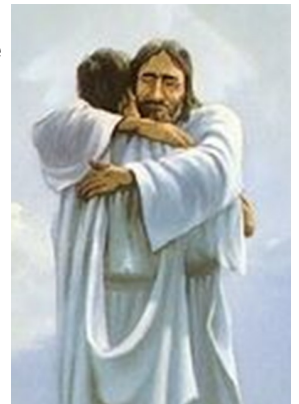


Richard Stelzer

B: 5/21/1925

D: 8/24/2020

Richard was a member of Holy Cross, Columbus, Ohio

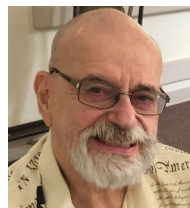


Rev. Robert (Bob) Bauer

B: 1/27/1930

D: 9/3/2020

Rev. Bauer was pastor emeritus of Cross of Christ Lutheran Church of the Deaf, Edmonton, Canada.



Robert Kane

B: 10/6/1950

D: 10/11/2020

Robert was the husband of former ILDA President, Pam Kane.

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Elkridge, MD 21075**

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Email _____

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From the Deaf Lutheran Editor

If you have any photos or articles of interest to print in the newsletter please let me know! Deadlines for the next issues are:

Winter issue...January 15, 2021

Spring issue...April 15, 2021

Summer issue...July 15, 2021

Fall issue...October 15, 2021

Please send photos or news articles to: JGehlbach@aol.com

or mail to:

Janet Gehlbach
305 Liberty St. NE
Fridley, MN 55432

Thanks so much!

Thank the Lord

Thank the Lord and sing His praise;

Tell everyone what He has done.

Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.

He recalls His promises and lead His people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, Alleluia.

(Lutheran Service Book, Divine Service Setting One, Page 164)



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ILDA Mission Projects for 2019-2021

1. Pittsburgh Lutheran Deaf Ministry (PLDM)	\$ 1,000	PLDM asked to forfeit the mission project funds due to COVID-19 as the funds could not be used for its original
2. LCMS Int'l Missions ELCG Ghana	\$ 2,000	PAID 8/7/2020
3. Deaf Youth Ministry of Texas	\$ 10,000	\$5,000 paid 8/31/2020
4. David and Barbara Bush—LCMS (Macau)	\$ 2,000	
5. Rev. Ryan McDermott—LCMS (Togo) *	\$ 2,000	*Subject to change as he is no longer serving Togo but is currently serving Madison, WI.
6. Rev. John Reinke—World Lutheran Deaf Outreach	\$ 10,000	
Total raised so far.....	\$6,366.83	TOTAL \$ 26,000

Donations for the ILDA 2019-2021 Mission Projects can be sent to: David G. Brown, ILDA Treasurer, 1467 Bradshire Drive, Columbus, OH 43220-2617. Make your check payable to "ILDA" and put "Mission Projects 2019-2021" in the memo line. Your prayers and donations help ILDA to continue our work in spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ in the U.S. and foreign countries.