

SYNOD TO MEET IN GIDDINGS

Convention of the Lutheran Church of the Synod of Missouri, Ohio, and Other States June 17 - 23.

A proposal to employ a full-time president will be considered by 275 delegates to the annual convention of the Texas District of the Lutheran Synod of Missouri, Ohio, and other States, to be held at the Immanuel Church, June 17 - 23.

The memorial requesting that in future the president of Texas churches be exempt from congregational duties follows the resignation of the Rev. C. M. Beyer of Wichita Falls, Texas, president for the past 13 years. All executive officers of the District are presently volunteer workers.

The meeting will be opened officially Tuesday night with a service in which Dr. F. E. Mayer of Concordia theological seminary at St. Louis will deliver the sermon. Credentials of delegates will be ratified at the conclusion of the service.

A doctrinal paper on "The Kingdom of God According to the New Testament" will be presented each day by the Rev. Dr. F. E. Mayer. He will also represent Dr. W. Behnken, president of the General Synod. In his report he will tell the convention that the foreign mission work of the Church has been restricted to war-time conditions, and that all mission stations in China have been closed following occupation of the area by Japanese forces.

Business before the convention includes: The amalgamation of church periodicals; the possible opening of new missions in defense areas; inclusion of special mission offerings in the annual budget; redistricting of visitor's circuits; and possible establishment of a League for Texas Lutheran women, the chief function of which is to be the support of the missionary program of the Church.

Among the principal speakers will be Rev. E. A. Heckmann, Riesel, who will read the president's report; Dr. H. Studtmann, Austin, who will report on the Lutheran Concordia College at Austin; Rev. W. H. Bewie, Austin, director of missions; Rev. George Beyer, Marlin, president of the Board for Young People's work; Rev. Oliver Harms, Houston, chairman of the lay delegate's executive committee; Rev. P. J.



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where Annual Convention of the Texas, District, Mo. Synod will be held June 17 - 23

Klenk, Olney, president of the Mission Board; Rev. Harry Plackemeier, Houston, will report on the 1943 budget; Mr. A. A. Kramer, Wichita Falls, treasurer of the Texas District; and Mr. Martin Daib, Chicago will report on the Lutheran Hour, an international radio broadcast sponsored by the Lutheran Laymen's League.

Special service will be held during the convention: A pastoral communion Friday night with Rev. W. J. Lotz, Houston, and Rev. Paul G. Birkmann, Hufsmith, as the speakers. Sunday morning, Rev. Carl A. Gaertner, Plainview, will deliver the mission sermon, and at night Rev. A. B. Wagner, Eden will speak on Education and Service by the Youth.