

# Augustana District

Exists to Help Congregations

The Augustana District exists to serve congregations. This fundamental purpose is grounded in both theological and practical commitments.

Augustana believes what the Lutheran Confessions teach. The Church is the assembly of believers gathered around Word and Sacrament. The local congregation is a "full" expression of the Church. But we do not live in isolation. Congregations who band together with other congregations enhance and support the ministry of the Gospel in the local Church and beyond. Each congregation is linked to a broader, universal Church of our Lord Jesus Christ. The presence of the Word creates and unites the Church.

The energy and efforts of the District focuses on congregations and assists them in ministries of Word and Sacrament.

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The Augustana District is a non-geographic District in Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ (LCMC).

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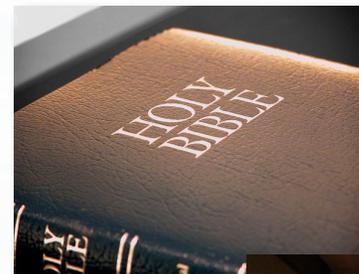
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*"But God who is rich in mercy...  
made us alive together with Christ  
- by grace you have been saved."*

~Ephesians 2:4-5

## A New Day

Who would have thought we would be in the situation we are in today? Only the Lord! We have been entrusted with circumstances that require all faithful Lutherans to take a position: “Here I stand; I can do no other!”

Entrusted to us - by God Almighty - is the biblical and confessed witness of our Lutheran heritage. Within the choir of the “one, holy Christian and apostolic Church” this is the voice without which the choir cannot be complete.

The Augustana District exists to sing the part, and to sing it joyfully and truly. We are anchored in a Statement of Faith that ground’s us in God’s Word and in the Lutheran Confessions. The importance of local Word and Sacraments ministries are always front and center, so the Augustana District has organized in a way that supports and enhances congregational life and ministry, providing support and oversight for pastors, and finding creative and effective ways to band together in missions and ministry. Augustana District is a fellowship and companionship of like minded Christians who have deep passion for the truth and purity of the Gospel and the joyous command of the Great Commission.

## Our Organic Structure

### **District Council**

Augustana’s business and affairs are conducted by the elected District Council. They verify that the District operates according to its constitution, bylaws, and Statement of Faith. They also oversee the boards and district staff; function as the Board of Trustees and are accountable for all fiscal matters, including the district budget, revenues, and expenditures. The District Council is elected at the Annual Augustana District Convention.

### **Board of Theology and Ministry (BTM)**

The members of the BTM are elected by the District Convention. This board has been given theological and professional oversight of Augustana’s pastors. They also plan the Annual Theological Conference.

### **Board of Christian Education (BCE)**

This board exists to encourage, support, and provide resources for the study of Scripture and Christian education within member congregations.

### **Board of World Missions (BWM)**

BWM’s task is really two-fold. First, it will sort and sift through numerous already existing international mission projects to identify those that are consistent with our theological emphasis and fiscally worthy of support. Secondly, BWM is responsible for administering and supervising any district-wide mission projects that the annual convention may establish.

### **Board of Congregational Mission (BCM)**

This board exists to provide specific services and support to congregations as requested.

## We Believe

Sinners are made right with God by grace alone through faith alone on account of Christ alone. This is the article of faith by which the church stands or falls.

The Word of God is Jesus Christ, the proclamation of Him and the Holy Scriptures. This Word functions as both Law and Gospel, which need to be distinguished, but not separated. The Law orders society and convicts us of sin, showing us our need for a Savior. The Gospel is the power of God that liberates us from sin, death, and the power of the devil, and brings us, by faith, from death to life.

God elects sinners for salvation through the proclamation of the Word by which the Holy Spirit gives faith.

“The Church is the assembly of saints in which the Gospel is taught purely and the sacraments are administered rightly. It is not necessary that human traditions or rites and ceremonies, instituted by men, should be alike everywhere.” (Augsburg Confession, VII) Churches band together in fellowship and mission to strengthen their ministries.